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David Ramey: Gainsboro Road and Beyond

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The Harrison Museum of African American Culture and the [Taubman Museum of Art](#) take great pride in jointly presenting the drawings and stories of Roanoke artist David Ramey (1939-2017) in the exhibition Gainsboro Road and Beyond.

On view at each museum are approximately 100 drawings with 75 accompanying stories that record the artist's youthful memories of Roanoke's thriving Black communities of Gainsboro and Northeast from the mid-1940's through the late 1960's.

The Taubman and Harrison museums each provide unique selections of the artist's work, and visitors are encouraged to spend time at both museums.

On view at the Harrison Museum are drawings and stories from the illustrated book that the artist self-published in 2012, *The Times and Life on Henry Street*, as well as a collection of drawings and stories intended for the as-yet-unpublished book *Gainsboro Road and Beyond*. A second complete (and possibly earlier) version of this proposed book is presented at the Taubman Museum, along with never-before-seen drawings and yet-to-be-transcribed writings entitled *Gainsboro Going into North East*.

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It is a tribute to David Ramey and the power of his artistic genius that this exhibition provides an opportunity to explore and learn about both the glories and the challenges of the past, as well as a forum to work together toward a more promising and just future.