

FORT SUMTER

34 Fort Sumter National Monument

Site of the first shelling of the Civil War, April 12, 1861. Also the site of the daring and brave exploits of the Black coastal pilot, Robert Smalls. Smalls sailed the Confederate ship "Planter" from Fort Sumter and delivered it to the Union forces. He served several terms as a Congressman for South Carolina.

1214 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482 (Charleston Harbor)

Texas AUSTIN

35 George Washington Carver Museum

A collection of artifacts and photographs as well as contemporary art exhibits by Black artists. The museum specializes in Black Texas history and has a George Washington Carver corner. They also present concerts by Black performers.

1165 Angelina Street, Austin, TX 78702, (512) 472-4809

Washington DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

36 Afro American Resource Center, Founders Library, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University Gallery of Art

All on the Howard University Campus, these buildings have plenty to see and discover.

2400 6th Street NW, Washington, DC 20059 (202) 636-7242

37 Bethune Museum & Archives, Inc.

A special and interesting exhibit on the history and achievements of Black Women and memorabilia of the famous educator and civic leader Mary McLeod Bethune, the first Black person to have a four year accredited institution named after her.

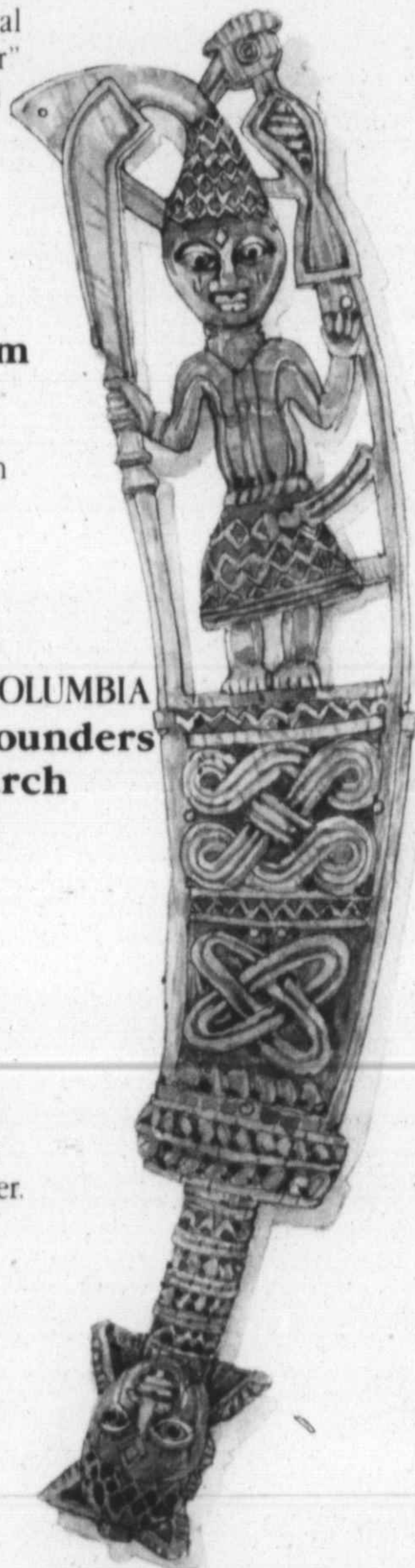
1318 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 332-1233

38 Smithsonian Institution

The Smithsonian includes both the SMITH BLACK AIRMEN ARCHIVES (in the Air and Space Museum) and the NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART.

ARCHIVES: 6th & Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20560, (202) 357-1552

AFRICAN MUSEUM: 950 Independence Ave., SW, (202) 357-4600



Owo ceremonial sword,
National Museum
of African Art

Planning ahead

Make every minute of your trip count by planning ahead. Block out an itinerary and pencil in your daily activities on a calendar. If the sites are in one city, use a map to make out your routes so that you can cover as much ground as possible. Take advantage of free information from motor clubs and state and city visitor's bureaus. Contact tourist bureaus and convention centers to find out what events may be taking place in the cities you intend to visit. Be sure to call ahead to verify addresses and directions, visitor's hours and prices of admission.

What and how to pack

Call ahead to check on the weather of the places you intend to visit. Then be sure to pack as lightly as possible. Soft luggage and a rolled packing method should cut down on bulk. Don't forget a portable luggage cart—porters and bellmen may not exist everywhere you go.

Read and research

Get books from the library so you and your kids can read up on the places you intend to see. Encourage them to use this information as the subject of papers for school. The more involved they are, the more fun your trip will be.

When you return

Make a permanent souvenir of your trip that can serve as a lasting memory. Be sure to keep a journal to illustrate good and bad points and to help you plan for future trips. Take plenty of pictures and get postcards and information from places you've visited. Remember, these bits and pieces are adding to a scrapbook of your history.

