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22nd Annual Hilton Head Island GULLAH CELEBRATION

Today, the descendants of West Africans that were brought to the coastal islands of South Carolina and Georgia in bondage are striving to preserve a way of life. Gullah is more than simply the language and name of a people. It encompasses the essence of struggle, spirituality, perseverance and tradition. The Sea Island Gullah People adhere to the custom of their ancestors through the sewing of sweet grass baskets, the weaving of casting nets and preparation of traditional Gullah food.

NIBCAA hosts the Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration which showcases the rich cultural heritage of the Gullah people from their release from bondage through reconstruction and eventual independence in the sea island. The 22nd Gullah Celebration events include the Arts Ob We People Annual Art Exhibition and Sale, the Gullah Institute, Arts, Crafts and Food Expo, Gullah Gospel Music Series, a Celebration of African American Authors and the Sweetheart Ball featuring Deas Guyz and more! We invite you to come and celebrate Gullah where your soul will be transformed by the spirit of the Gullah Culture.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 GULLAH CELEBRATION OPENING PARTY

Time: 6pm - 8pm
Venue: Art League of Hilton Head Gallery at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
14 Shelter Cove Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Cost: FREE

The Opening Party is the first opportunity for patrons and visitors to see the display of original work by emerging and leading artists at the Arts Ob We People Annual Art Exhibition and Sale. This is open to the public.

FEBRUARY 2 – FEBRUARY 25 ARTS OB WE PEOPLE ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION AND SALE – A JURIED PRESENTATION OF GULLAH HERITAGE ART IN THE WORLD

Time: Monday - Saturday (10am - 4pm & 6pm - 8pm); Sunday (2pm - 5pm)
Venue: Art League of Hilton Head Gallery at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
14 Shelter Cove Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Cost: FREE

The Arts Ob We People Annual Art Exhibition and Sale is one of the largest displays of original work by emerging and leading artists that represents the life of Gullah people on Hilton Head Island and the surrounding community. Artists will be onsite at various times throughout the exhibit, check for exact schedules at gullahcelebration.com. Private and group tours are available by request.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 GULLAH HERITAGE MUSIC SERIES FEATURING CHOIRS AND A CAPELLA PERFORMANCES

Time: 7pm
Venue: Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
382 Squire Pope Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
Cost: Free Will Offering

Celebrate and honor the spiritual thread that binds the African ancestors and the Gullah of today. This kickoff to the Gullah Celebration's annual music series celebrates the African American oral tradition. Expect to hear choirs and a capella performances.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 TASTE OF GULLAH

Time: 12noon to 3pm
Venue: Art Center of Coastal Carolina
14 Shelter Cove Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Cost: \$12.00 per plate

This one-of-kind event is an afternoon filled with authentic Gullah dishes such as Okra Gumbo, Conch Stew, fried shrimp dusted in traditional Gullah seasonings and classic barbecue favorites like char-grilled chicken and ribs. While you eat, you can enjoy the entertainment of several local artists including traditional dancers, musicians and storytellers. This event is in partnership with the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 THE GULLAH INSTITUTE PRESENTS THE PEOPLE ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND DURING RECONSTRUCTION

Time: 3pm - 5pm
Venue: Historic First African Baptist Church
70 Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
Cost: Free Will Offering

Meet us at the Historic First African Baptist Church for a presentation on the deposition papers of people who lived on Hilton Head Island during Reconstruction. Hear first-hand from the descendants of the papers and learn about ancestral ties between First African Baptist Church and the Island, while enjoying spiritual songs from Lavon Stevens. This event is in partnership with the Heritage Library.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 GULLAH MUSIC SERIES FEATURING THE VOICES OF EL SHADDAI

Time: 7pm
Venue: Queen Chapel AME Church
114 Beach City Road., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
Cost: Free Will Offering

Celebrate and honor the spiritual thread that binds the African ancestors and the Gullah of today. This second installation in the Gullah Celebration's annual music series celebrates the origin of gospel music dating back more than 200 years. Expect to hear hymns, spirituals and jubilee songs.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 OL' FASHIONED GULLAH BREAKFAST

Time: 8am - 11am
Venue: Historic Cherry Hill School
209 Dillon Road., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
Cost: \$12.00 per plate

Home cooking that shows some, and reminds others of, a traditional Gullah breakfast: featuring your choice of stewed oysters, shrimp in a savory lowcountry gravy, fried fresh catch fish paired with hot buttered grits and fresh biscuits. Meals are prepared by people from the local Gullah community coordinated by Ooman Chef Louise Cohen.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 THE FREEDOM EXPERIENCE AT MITCHELVILLE

Time: 11am - 1pm
Venue: Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park (formerly Fish Haul Creek Park)
226 Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
Rain Location: St. James Baptist Church,
209 Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
Cost: Free Will Offering

Don't miss this chance to take a journey through historic Mitchelville and meet the influential men who were there; General Ormsby Mitchel, who the town was named after and Rev. Murchinson, the first pastor. Each of these important figures will share with you how America's first self-governed town of freedmen was established. This event is in partnership with the Mitchelville Preservation Project.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 SWEETHEART BALL WITH DEAS GUYZ

Time: 6pm to 10pm
Venue: Sea Pines Country Club
30 Governors Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Cost: \$75.00 per person or \$650.00 for table (seating of 10) - includes dinner

The Sweetheart Ball is sure to be a special night with dancing all night long to the soulful sounds of Deas Guyz, a renowned Hilton Head Island favorite band. A cash bar will be available. Included in the night's festivities is the inaugural presentation of awards to Hilton Head's outstanding community leaders.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 ANNUAL FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY AT HISTORIC FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Time: 7pm
Venue: Historic First African Baptist Church
70 Beach City Road., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Join the Historic First African Baptist Church for the annual Family Night Program. The program will focus on Traditional and Contemporary Gullah Songs followed by a reception with samples of Gullah Food.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 & WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 PAINT AND SIP

Time: 6pm
Venue: Art League of Hilton Head Gallery at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
14 Shelter Cove Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Cost: \$30

Bring your friends or significant other along with your favorite bottle of wine (white wine only) to one of our two-hour classes and create memories that will last a lifetime. A local artist will guide you with stroke-by-stroke instructions to ensure you paint your own unique masterpiece.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 GULLAH HERITAGE MUSIC SERIES FEATURING GOSPEL CHOIRS

Time: 7pm
Venue: Historic First African Baptist Church
70 Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
Cost: Free Will Offering

Celebrate and honor the spiritual thread that binds the African ancestors and the Gullah of today. This third installation in the Gullah Celebration's annual music series celebrates the influence of Gospel Choirs in the African American musical experience. Expect to have a hand-clapping, stand on your feet and soul stirring musical experience.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 25TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Time: 9am Shot Gun Start
Venue: Golden Bear Golf Club
72 Golden Bear Way, Hilton Head, SC 29926
Cost: \$100 entry fee, 3 Man Scramble

Call 843-290-5943 to register or to get more information.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 THE GULLAH MARKET: ARTS, FOOD AND CRAFTS EXPO

Time: 11am - 5pm
Venue: Shelter Cove Park
39 Shelter Cove Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Cost: \$10.00/General Admission, \$5.00/Youth (5-12) and FREE for Youth (4-under)

An all access experience to Gullah culture! The annual Gullah Market offers cultural demonstrations, authentic Gullah and African crafts and food for sale, as well as an offering of traditional storytelling and music entertainment. An event to be shared with family and friends or for you to make new friends! Bag chairs are encouraged. Entertainment features the Gullah Geechee Ring Shouters, Heritage Storyteller Louise Cohen, Cora Miller as Harriett Tubman, Stee and the Ear Candy Band, Deas Guyz and much more!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 GULLAH MUSIC SERIES FEATURING GOSPEL QUARTETS

Time: 7pm
Venue: St. James Baptist Church
209 Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
Cost: Free Will Offering

Celebrate and honor the spiritual thread that binds the African ancestors and the Gullah of today. This closing event of our four-part music series features acclaimed Gospel quartets of the lowcountry. Expect to hear hymn singing, jubilee songs, spirituals and gospel that soothes your soul.



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