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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
embraces 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.

For additional info regarding events, group
tickets sales and travel information
CALL: 843-255-7303
or email: info@gullahcelebration.com

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A NIBCAA INITIATIVE

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1
GULLAH CELEBRATION OPENING PARTY
Time: 6pm - 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: Free Will Offering
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 - 6pm)
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 Will Offering
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 on site 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 CHORUS & A CAPPELLA PERFORMANCES
Time: 7pm
Venues: Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
382 Square Peg 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-a-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 Art Center of Coastal Carolina.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
THE GULLAH INSTITUTE PRESENTS THE PEOPLE ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND DURING RECONSTRUCTION
Time: 3pm - 5pm
Venue: Historic 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 people and learn about ancestral ties between First African Baptist Church and the island, while enjoying spiritual songs from Rev. Leon Stevens. This event is in partnership with the Heritage Library.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
THE FREEDOM EXPERIENCE AT MITCHEVELLE
Time: 11am – 1pm
Venue: Mitchelleville Freedom Park (formerly Fish Hatchery Creek Park)
615 Highway 278, 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 Mitchelleville and meet the influential men who were there: General Orimoby Mitchell, who the town was named after and Rev. Mayor, who was the Village Pastor. Each of these important figures will share with you how America’s first self-governed town of freedmen was founded. This event is in partnership with the Mitchelleville 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 $65.00 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 15
AN EVENING OF 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
Cost: Free Will Offering
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 Aris 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 beverage (white wine only) to one of our two three classes and create memories that will last a lifetime. A local artist will guide you step-by-step through 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 installment in the Gullah Heritage Music Series celebrates the Gullah musical traditions of Gospel Choirs in the African American musical experience. Expect to have a hand-clapping, stand on your feet and shout, stirring musical experience.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
25TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC
Time: Sam Shoal Gun Start
Venue: Golden Bear Golf Club
72 Colleton Club Way, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Cost: $100 entry fee, 3 Man Scramble
Call 843-290-5643 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: $5.00 per vehicle admission, $5.00/Youth (5-12) and FREE for Youth (under 4)
An all access experience to Gullah culture! The annual Gullah Market offers cultural demonstrations, authentic Gullah and African关闭, 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! Big chairs are encouraged. Entertainment features the Gullah Geechee Ring Shouters, Heritage Storyteller Louise Cohen, Cort Miller, and Kirkpatkirk Tubman, Stew and the Earl 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.

BUT TICKETS ONLINE AT www.GULLAHCELEBRATION.COM
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