

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

XX ARTS OB WE PEOPLE: ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION AND SALE - LARGEST JURIED PRESENTATION OF GULLAH ART IN THE WORLD

Time: 10am – 4pm Monday - Saturday
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 XX Arts Ob We People: Annual Art Exhibition and Sale is a display 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.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 GULLAH CELEBRATION - OPENING PARTY

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: FREE

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



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 GULLAH MUSIC SERIES FEATURING MODERN GOSPEL

Time: 7pm
Venue: First Zion Missionary Baptist Church - 10 Robertson St., Bluffton, SC 29910
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 cappella performances.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 OL' FASHIONED GULLAH BREAKFAST

Time: 8am to Noon
Venue: Historic Cherry Hill School - 209 Dillon Rd., 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 4 FREEDOM DAY: EXPLORE MITCHELLEVILLE AN INTERACTIVE TOUR EXPERIENCE

Time: 11am - 2pm
Venue: Begins at the Historic Cherry Hill School - 209 Dillon Rd., Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Cost: Free Will Offering

In 1862, shortly after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed – while most of the African-American slave population was still trying to adjust to the idea of their new post-war freedom – the people of Mitchellville were busy creating a completely new, self-governed culture that would be the blueprint for generations to follow. Take a guided journey through historic Mitchellville to learn more about the people and their methods, by bike or on foot.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 GULLAH MUSIC SERIES FEATURING GOSPEL CLASSICS

Time: 7pm
Venue: Historic 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 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 songs of jubilation.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 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, Corned 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 from several local artists including traditional dancers, musicians and storytellers.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 SWEETHEART BALL WITH DEAS GUYZ

Time: 7pm to 11pm
Venue: Westin Hilton Head Resort & Spa - Two Grassiawn Avenue, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Cost: \$65.00 per person or \$600.00 for table (seating of 10) - includes dinner buffet

Are you ready to dance? This event is sure to keep you dancing all evening long with the featured band Deas Guyz, a renowned Hilton Head Island favorite. With the purchase of your ticket you can enjoy a delicious buffet of Lowcountry foods and a cash bar.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 GULLAH MUSIC SERIES FEATURING GOSPEL CHOIRS

Time: 7pm
Venue: Historic 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 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 up on your feet and soul stirring musical experience.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 ARTS, CRAFT & FOOD EXPO AT THE GULLAH MARKETPLACE

Time: 11am to 5pm
Venue: Hilton Head Middle School - 55 Wilborn Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
Cost: \$10 General Admission, \$5 Youth (4- 17) and FREE for Children (Under 4)

This is your chance to experience all aspects of Gullah culture. The annual Gullah Market offers cultural demonstrations, authentic Gullah and African crafts and food, as well as an offering of traditional storytelling and music. This community event is meant to be shared with family and friends or a chance for you to make new ones. There will be a FREE play area for children. You're encouraged to bring your own chairs, but no coolers.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 DA' GULLAH JAZZ AND HERITAGE PARTY

Time: 11am - 5pm
Venue: Hilton Head Middle School - 55 Wilborn Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
Cost: \$20 General Admission includes one (1) meal ticket, \$5 Youth (4-17) and FREE for Children (Under 4)

A one-of-a-kind food and music experience that celebrates the influence of Gullah in American crafts and music. You can expect on stage entertainment from the acclaimed Voices of El Shaddai and the legendary Earl Williams Jazz Band; your choice of lowcountry favorites like Shrimp and Grits, Savannah Red Rice and She Crab Soup; and local art and craft vendors featuring traditional and modern reflections of Gullah culture. You're encouraged to bring your own chairs, but no coolers.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 GULLAH INSTITUTE PRESENTS GULLAH HERITAGE INFLUENCE IN AMERICAN JAZZ AND EUROPEAN MUSIC

Time: 11am - 1pm
Venue: First Presbyterian Church - 540 William Hilton Pkwy, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Cost: \$20, includes an Authentic Gullah Lunch

Maestro John Morris Russel of the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra and music legend Lavon Stevens will discuss the influence of Gullah culture in American and European music.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 GULLAH MUSIC SERIES FEATURING GOSPEL QUARTETS

Time: 7pm
Venue: Historic 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 final event of our four-part music series features acclaimed Gospel quartets of the lowcountry. Expect to hear powerful spirituals and gospel music that soothes your soul.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS

Time: 2pm to 4pm
Venue: Custom Audio Video - 48 Pennington Drive Unit B, Bluffton, SC 29910
Cost: \$10 General Admission, includes Gullah Food Tasting

Learn from published authors about the inspiration for their latest books or get tips from a publishing coach for your upcoming book. Books by these featured writers will be available for sale.



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21st 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 21st annual Gullah Celebration events include the 20th 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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