

# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration

## Schedule of Events

### February 2009

### First Glance

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>1</b> *Opening of De Aarts Ob We People Exhibition & Sale: 4:00-6:00 p.m.	<b>2</b> Film Festival :  <b>2 SHOWINGS</b> 6-7:30 P.M. & 8:00-9:30 Coligny Theater Plaza	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>OPEN</b>	<b>7</b> <b>8-9 a.m. Walk a thon</b> 9 -11a.m. De Gullah Breakfast <b>11 a.m. -2:30 p.m. *Freedom Day Program.</b>  All events will be held at <b>St. James Baptist Church. 208 Dillon Road</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>8</b> Celebration of Lowcountry Authors; Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn, 70 Honey Horn Drive	<b>9</b> Film Festival:  <b>2 Showings</b> 6-7:30 P.M. & 8:00-9:30 Coligny Theater Plaza	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>De Gullah Playhouse</b> <b>"WATCH NIGHT"</b> Before the Bridge to Hilton Head Queen's Chapel AME 114 Beach City Road 7:00 p.m.	<b>Arts, Crafts, Food Expo;</b> <b>Noon—5:00 Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn, 70 Honey Horn Drive</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Arts, Crafts, Food Expo;</b> <b>Noon—5:00 p.m. Coastal Discovery Museum at 70 Honey Horn Drive.</b>	<b>16</b> Film Festival:  <b>2 Showings</b> 6-7:30 P.M. & 8:00-9:30 Coligny Theater Plaza	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Traditional Gospel Praise and Shout Central Oak Grove Baptist Church. 7:00 p.m.	<b>21</b> <b>Taste of Gullah</b> The Art Center of Coastal Carolina Noon – 4:00 p.m.
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>22 NEW</b> Marsh Tacky Horse Race; 11a.m. -3p.m. 120 Mitchelville Beach Road	<b>23</b> Film Festival :  <b>2 Showings</b> 6-7:30 P.M. & 8:00-9:30 Coligny Theater Plaza	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>			<b>28 NEW</b> De Gullah Youth Musical: <b>"CROSSROADS, The Settlement of Mitchelville"</b> 7:00 p.m. Performing Arts Center, Hilton Head High School Performing Arts Center.

**2009 Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration**  
**February 1 – 28, 2009**  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**De Aarts Ob We People XI Art Exhibition and Sale**

**Sunday, February 1, 2009, 4-6 p.m. - Opening Reception with Live Auction - \$10 Donation**

**Regular Exhibit Hours, Feb. 2 – Feb. 28, Mon. – Sat., 10 a.m., - 4 pm./Admission Free**

**Walter Greer Gallery, Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, 14 Shelter Cove Lane**

This month long art exhibit kicks off the Celebration with an opening reception featuring a live auction and boasts a diverse display of original paintings, woodcarvings, burnt woodcraft, sweet grass baskets and sculpture by contemporary and emerging artists from the Low Country. Previous exhibitors have included Jonathan Green, Jery B.Taylor, Cassandra Gillens, James St. Clair, Mary Tressel, Natalie Daise, Dianne Britton-Dunham, Allen Fireall, and others.

**De Gullah Film Fest Series Hosted by Dr. Emory S. Campbell**

**Monday, February 2, 2009 /Admission - \$5.00 Donation**

**6-7:30 p.m. –First Showing**

**8-9:30 p.m.- Second Showing**

**Coligny Theater, Coligny Plaza**

**De Island Fitness Walk/Run with Free Health Screenings. Registration- \$10.00**

**Saturday, February 7, 2009; 8:00-9:00 a.m.**

**St. James Baptist Church**

**Ol' Fashioned Gullah Breakfast**

**Saturday, February 7, 2009 9 a.m. – 11 a.m./Admission - \$10.00**

**St. James Baptist Church (Est. 1886) Annex, 208 Beach City Road**

Good home cooked food is a Gullah tradition. Prepared by Native Islanders' this breakfast will featured stewed oysters, shrimp and grits, fried fish, homemade biscuits and beverages.

**National Freedom Day**

**Saturday, February 7, 2009 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m./Admission – Donation Requested**

**St. James Baptist Church (Est. 1886), 209 Beach City Road**

Established in 1948 by President Truman in remembrance of February 1, 1965 - the day President Lincoln signed the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which outlawed slavery, the Gullah Celebration will present a full day of activities, including a keynote address by Dr. Herman Blake, a leading educator, workshop/seminar for youth, a presentation of island artifact, and a health screening.

**A Celebration of African American Authors**

**Sunday, February 8, 2009 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. /Admission – Donation Requested**

**Sea Island Room at the Discovery House Historic Honey Horn, 100 William Hilton Parkway  
(intersection of Cross Island Parkway and Highway 278)**

**De Gullah Film Fest Series Hosted by Dr. Emory S. Campbell**

**Monday, February 9, 2009 /Admission - \$5.00 Donation**

**6-7:30 p.m. –First Showing**

**8-9:30 p.m. - Second Showing**

**Coligny Theater, Coligny Plaza**

**De Gullah Playhouse Featuring World Premiere of “Watch Night”**

**Friday, February 13, 2009 7 p.m./Admission \$15 Adults/\$5 Students**

**Queens Chapel AME, 11 Beach City Road**

An original play written by native islanders Ruth Germany and Louise Cohen, entitled Watch Night will share some of the Gullah people's custom as they The individually true and unique stories will be complemented by natural music and imagery.

### **Arts, Crafts & Food Expo**

**Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Historic Honey Horn, 100 William Hilton Parkway (intersection of Cross Island Parkway and Highway 278)**

The two-day Arts, Crafts and Food Expo offers cultural demonstrations, i.e., sweet grass basket weaving, indigo dyeing and fishnet weaving, authentic Gullah and African crafts, as well as an offering of traditional Gullah foods and musical entertainment. There are also more than 50 vendors on hand selling authentic Gullah crafts and food, activities for children and staged performances every half hour. This year's performances will include McIntosh County Shouter, Willie Cohen, Bill Dupont, Ayolema African Dance Theater, Louise Cohen, Barbara Patterson, and The Voices of El Shaddai.

### **De Gullah Film Fest Series Hosted by Dr. Emory S. Campbell**

**Monday, February 16, 2009 /Admission - \$5.00 Donation**

**6-7:30 p.m. –First Showing**

**8-9:30 p.m. - Second Showing**

**Coligny Theater, Coligny Plaza**

### **A Traditional Gospel Praise and Shout Concert**

**Friday, February 20, 2009 7:30 p.m./Admission - Donation**

**Central Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church (Rev. Louis Johnson, Pastor), 161 Mathews Drive**

This event celebrates popular and historical and homegrown gospel music, as well s traditional spirituals.

This year we are pleased to present Rev. Charles Hamilton and Gods Messengers and the legendary Gospel Keys

### **A Taste of Gullah – Food & Entertainment**

**Saturday, February 21, 2009; Noon – 4 p.m., Admission – Free**

**Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, 14 Shelter Cove Lane**

This daylong feast features authentic Gullah dishes such as gumbo and conch stews, as well as classic barbecue, fish and more. Noon entertainment will feature live performances by the ADANDE African Dance Company, an authentic group of African drummers and dancers who explore elements of history using the beat and magic of the African chant and drum, Louise Cohen, authentic Gullah storyteller and Hilton Head Island Native.

### **NEW\*\* Marsh Tacky Horse Run**

**Sunday, February 22, 2009; 11am-3pm., Admission: \$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 children**

**Mitchelville Park/Beach,**

The Gullah Celebration Committee is thrilled to present another chapter in our cultural heritage. We are proud to announce the addition of "THE MARSH TACKY RUN," to our calendar of events. This event will highlight the significant role the Marsh Tacky Horses played in the life of the Gullah Community.

### **NEW\*\* De Gullah Youth Musical**

**Friday, February 28, 2009 7 p.m./Admission - \$5**

**Visual and Performing Arts Center, Hilton Head High School, 70 Wilborn Road**

"CROSSROADS" is a Gullah Story depicting the lifestyle of the Gullah people around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Youngsters from the Native Island Community will express this story through music, singing, dialogue, dancing and acting. Children of all ages will enjoy.

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