

# **PENN CENTER, INC.**

**NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DISTRICT**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

# **2010**

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## January *Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration*

- 1            **New Year's Day – York W. Bailey Museum closed**
- 17           **Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration – Community Sing**  
**6:30 p.m. – Frissell Community House**
- 18           **Martin L. King, Jr. Day – (Beaufort events)**

## February *Black History Month*

- 1-28           **On Exhibit – “The Life & Legacy of Congressman Robert Smalls and the SS Planter”**a photo exhibit of the descendants of Robert Smalls from the Helen Moore Collection; including the model of the Planter Steamship by Dennis Cannady; on loan from Historic Beaufort Foundation.  
**Reg. admission fees: 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Mon-Sat)**  
**Admission: \$5-Adults; \$4-Seniors; \$2-Youth**
- 1-28           **York W. Bailey Museum – 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Mon-Sat)**  
▶ **Daily Self-guided Museum Tours: “The Port Royal Experiment and the History of Penn School.”**  
▶ **Friday Film Series – (*The Will to Survive; Daughters of the Dust; Family Across the Sea; Robert Smalls: Civil War Hero*);**
- 21           **Black History Month Celebration – Community Sing**  
**6:30 p.m. – Frissell Community House; open to the public**
- 26           **School Groups Day -- “African Americans in the Civil War & First Firing on Fort Sumter.”**  
**An interactive educational experience designed to help students understand and experience the events of the Civil War. Meet troops from the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment and the Union battallion; and learn about Robert Smalls and the escape of the Planter. Schedule: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Call for prices and reservations (843) 838-2474.**



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## March

## *Women's History Month*

6 10:00 a.m. --“Robert Smalls and the Planter Steamship” – lecture by Dennis Cannady, historian and model ship builder. His model of the SS Planter will be on the display in the York W. Bailey Museum. Mr. Cannady also created a model of the Planter for the traveling exhibit by the S.C. State Museum on “*The Life and Times of Congressman Robert Smalls.*”

On Exhibit – “The Life & Legacy of Congressman Robert Smalls and the SS Planter”; including a reproduction of a uniform of the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment, courtesy of Parris Island Museum. Planter model on loan courtesy of Historic Beaufort Foundation. York W. Bailey Museum; 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Mon-Sat) Tickets: \$5-Adults; \$4-Seniors; \$2-Youth. Closes today.

13-31 “Rosenwald Schools: Reflection and Revival”; a traveling panel exhibit by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, funded in part by the S.C. Humanities Council. Over 5,000 Rosenwald Schools were built in the early 1900s to educate African American children across the segregated South. The Penn Center has preserved an original Rosenwald School on its campus, which is used today as the Dennis and Catherine Green Childhood Development Center.

13 11:00 a.m. –“Preserving the Rosenwald Schools” -- Speaker & tour of only existing Rosenwald School owned by Penn on St. Helena Island.

► York W. Bailey Museum (Penn Center); 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Admission: \$5-Adults, \$4-Seniors, \$2- Youth Exhibit closes April 16<sup>th</sup>.

► **MARCH MADNESS BOOK SALE** – Get a free bookmark with every \$25 purchase or free book with \$50 purchase. (Admission not included) Limited offer during March.

## April

- 15      **Lecture by Dale Rosengarten, author of Grass Roots: African Origins of an American Art and Row upon Row: Sea Grass Baskets of the South Carolina Lowcountry; sponsored by Beaufort County Historic Society. Frissell Community House; 10:00 a.m.; open to the public.**
- 17      **Spring Art Show & Tour of Historic Penn Center Cottages – 11:00 am– 3:00 pm - Docent-led tours; cultural demonstrations; and art exhibition. Penn Center will host guided tours of dormitories, teachers' residences, and Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. house; meet Penn School graduates; includes current museum exhibit. Call to reserve- 838-2474: \$10–Adults; \$5-Youth Exhibit closes June 30<sup>th</sup>**
- 18      **Community Sing – Penn School Founders Celebration 6:30 p.m. - Frissell Community House**
- 18      **Interpretive Writing Workshop – April 19-24<sup>th</sup> Retreat at Penn Center led by a Master Writer. Register: [www.greenfire.com](http://www.greenfire.com)**

## May

## 1862 Circle Gala

- 1**                    **1862 CIRCLE GALA & AWARDS BANQUET**  
**The Lyceum, Parris Island, SC**  
Honorees: Phylicia Rashad, award winning actress &  
Mary Mack, art gallery owner  
6 pm – Reception / 7 pm – Dinner; silent auction; & live  
music.    Reservations: \$100 pp. Call for corporate  
sponsorship and reservations: (843) 838-2432
- Laura Towne Birthday Celebration – Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship of Beaufort (call for schedule)
- 29**                    **Private Collectors Art Show –19 artists; new works;**  
**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**York W. Bailey Museum; Admission: \$5-All; children-free**
- 16**                    **Community Sing - Celebrating Our Senior Citizens**  
**6:30 p.m. – Frissell Community House; open to the public**
- 22**                    **Oral History Workshop – Sponsored by S.C. Historical**  
**Society and Clemson Oral History Project; 10 am – 3 pm**  
**Beaufort County Library, 311 Scott St., Downtown Beaufort;**  
**open to the public.**

## June

- 5-30**                    **“Out of the Vault”- Art Sale to the Public**  
**from Private Collectors**  
Artwork from Private Art Collections (watercolor, acrylics,  
mixed media, pencil, textiles, fiber art, ceramics, and more)  
from across the state will be on sale to the public; a sell-out  
event. Opening Wine & Cheese Reception- June 5<sup>th</sup>;  
2:00 p.m.  
▶ York W. Bailey Museum (Penn Center); 11:00 a.m.-4:00  
p.m.; Admission: \$5- adults/seniors; \$2 - youth

**July**

**6<sup>th</sup> GULLAH STUDIES SUMMER INSTITUTE**

**JULY 3**

**Closed for Independence Day (Saturday)**

**12-23**

**Gullah Studies Summer Institute**

**“Teaching African American History:**

**Gullah People of the Sea Islands (1862-1960);**

**2-week residential summer institute provides a unique educational experience on Gullah culture with arts-related workshops, lectures and field trips. Distinguished university professors, cultural experts and artists. Register for graduate credit or audit any class (visit our website at [www.penncenter.com](http://www.penncenter.com) for course descriptions).**

**In partnership with S.C. State University and the University of NC-Chapel Hill.**

**Call (843) 838-2474 for more information**

**York W. Bailey Museum- Mon-Sat; 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Admission: \$5-adults/seniors; \$2-youth**

**August**

**Count-down to Heritage Days**

**York W. Bailey Museum – 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**► Daily Self-guided Tours: “The Port Royal Experiment and the History of Penn School.”**

**► Daily Films: “God’s Gonna Trouble the Water” and “Penn Center: A Legacy of Change”**

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## September

3-4 **LANDS END RIVER FESTIVAL—ST. HELENA ISLAND, SC**  
For information, visit website: [www.landsendwoodland.com](http://www.landsendwoodland.com)

6 **Labor Day Program on the Green; enjoy a relaxing day with family; music, guest speaker, old fashion ice-cream, fried fish dinners on sale; open to the public - York W. Bailey Museum**  
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## October Countdown to Heritage Days

JOIN "FRIENDS OF PENN CENTER"

\$101-\$10,000

*Free museum admission; 10% discount-gift shop*

*Go to website: [www.penncenter.com](http://www.penncenter.com)*

## November HERITAGE DAYS CELEBRATION

11-13 **28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HERITAGE DAYS CELEBRATION**  
▶ **Artist of the Year Art Exhibition; Flags of the Gullah People; Fish Fry & Blues Night; Old Fashion Prayer Service; Heritage Days Symposium; Saturday Parade; Old Fashion Craft Fair; & Center Stage Entertainment**  
▶ **Schedule of events on website: [www.penncenter.com](http://www.penncenter.com)**

**25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday – Museum Closed**

## **December**

**1-22 Museum Tours**  
▶ York W. Bailey Museum; 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Admission: \$5-  
adults, \$4-seniors, \$2- youth.

**19 The Nativity Scene – Musical Performance by local  
choirs – 6:30 p.m. Darrah Hall; open to the public**

**23-31 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Closed**

**Jan 1 NEW YEAR'S EVE/DAY – Closed**

**Watch Night Service – Local Churches 10 pm-12 am  
Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation**