



*Sweetgrass Basket by Jery Taylor*

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**2008**

## **PENN CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

York W. Bailey Museum  
16 Penn Center Circle West  
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*Mission: To preserve and promote the history and culture of the Sea Islands.*

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## February

## *Black History Month*



**4 – 29th** “Zinga – The Beauty and Diversity of Lowcountry Art” featuring **12 Emerging Artists**; York W. Bailey Museum; 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; adults \$5, seniors \$4, youth \$2 (exhibit closes February 29<sup>th</sup>)

**11-15 Gullah Film Series (daily) – York W. Bailey Museum at Penn Center.**

**17 Community Sing - Black History Month Celebration**

Premier of the newly released documentary “**Penn Center: Legacy of Change**”, produced by SC ETV of the Lowcountry; and performances by PACE Youth Program; 7:30 p.m. - Darrah Hall (Penn Center); open to the public.

**21 “Profiles in Courage: Three African American Women in South Carolina: Charlotte Forten, Harriet Tubman & Eartha Kitt”** – Dramatic performance by Natalie Daise (actress, artist, tv star); 10:00 a.m.; Darrah Hall; admission (\$6)

- 1-28 Port Royal Experiment – Exhibition on the history of Penn School**  
York W. Bailey Museum; 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; adults \$5, seniors \$4, youth \$2.

(School groups may call for special presentations and demonstrations)

## March

### *Celebrating National Women's History Month*

- 8 “Beauty from Ashes: A Tribute to Women in the Arts”** featuring Diane Dunham Britton (painter), Judy Mooney (sculptor) and Jery Bennett-Taylor (sweetgrass basket maker and painter).  
Opening Reception / jazz / light refreshments from 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
York W. Bailey Museum at Penn Center (Exhibit closes April 30)
- 16 Agnes Sherman Award – “African American Women Making History”**  
Community Sing; 7:30 p.m. - Frissell Community House (Penn Center); open to the public.

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## April

- 12 Art Show & Spring Tour of Historic Penn Center Cottages**  
Visit the classrooms and dormitories of the former Penn School, founded in 1862; display of historic photographs from 19<sup>th</sup> century Penn School; and art sale.  
Tickets: \$10 adults; children free. Call to reserve tickets (843) 838-2474.

- 20 Community Sing – Penn School Founders Celebration**  
7:30 p.m. - Frissell Community House (Penn Center); open to the public.
- 26 African American Authors' Lecture & Booksigning**  
12-3:00 p.m. – York W. Bailey Museum (Penn Center); \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$2 youth;  
hours: 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Call for group reservations: (843) 838-2474.

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## May

- 3 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 1862 Circle Gala- “Celebrating Gullah Culture Through Art and Giving”;** The Lyceum on Parris Island, SC; 6:00 (reception); tickets: \$100 per person. Featuring award-winning author, Pat Conroy; honorees are: Jonathan Green (renowned Southern artist) and the Penn Club, Inc. (supporters & alumni of Penn School). For reservations, call (843) 838-2432.
- 9 Art Exhibit by Hank Herring** - the public is invited to the Opening Reception from 5:00-8:00 p.m.; Exhibit closes May 30. Daily schedule: York W. Bailey Museum; 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; adults \$5, seniors \$4, youth \$2.
- 18 Community Sing**  
7:30 p.m. – Frissell Community House (Penn Center)
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## June

- 7 **Art Exhibition Opening – “*The Connection: Barbados and the South Carolina Connection*”;** 44 artists from S.C. and Barbados present sculpture, paintings, baskets, and ceramics. Presented by the S.C. National Heritage Corridor. Exhibit runs through August 1<sup>st</sup>. York W. Bailey Museum – \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$2 youth; hours: 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Call for group reservations: (843) 838-2474.
- 7, 14, 21, 28 **Saturday Museum Safari - Family Fun Activities** (art workshops, cooking, crafts, videos, etc.) 1:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – York W. Bailey Museum (Penn Center); \$2 per person. Call to book (843) 838-2474.

## July

- 14-26 **4<sup>th</sup> Gullah Studies Summer Institute – “*Teaching African American History: the Gullah People of the Sea Islands*”;** 2-week institute provides a unique educational experience on Gullah culture (from slavery to Reconstruction) with related workshops on Gullah folklife traditions and field trips in the community. Register for credit or audit any class (visit our website at [www.penncenter.com](http://www.penncenter.com) for course descriptions). Call (843) 838-2432 for more information.

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## August

**Countdown to Heritage Days**

## September

- 1 **Labor Day on the Green** – Local island traditions will be shared, music and delicious food. 11:00 a.m. – Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, St. Helena Island (open to the public).

21 Community Sing - 7:30 p.m. – Frissell Community House

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## October

Countdown to Heritage

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## November

6-8 **26<sup>th</sup> Annual HERITAGE DAYS CELEBRATION**  
(Visit our website [www.penncenter.com](http://www.penncenter.com) for complete itinerary of events)



27 – Thanksgiving Day (Closed)

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## December

- 21 **Live Nativity Scene**, a musical performed by residents of the community; based on the original “Mystery Play”. Frissell Community House; 7:30 p.m.; open to the public.
  - 24 **Christmas Eve (Closed)**
  - 25 **Christmas Day (Closed)**
  - 31 **New Year’s Eve – Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation (local churches)**
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