

Travel Directions to St. Helena Island, SC

26th Annual Penn Center Heritage Days Celebration

Twenty-Sixth Annual PENN CENTER Heritage Days Celebration

November 6, 7, 8 2008



“Promoting Tolerance in a Changing World”

Come join us for a down-home celebration showcasing the history of Penn School and the rich cultural legacy of the Gullah people of the Sea Islands. For the 26th year, Penn will host the Heritage Days Celebration to showcase Gullah culture featuring entertainers, performers, historians, artists, and craft persons. Witness the Africanisms of basketry, storytelling, net-making, hair braiding, and bateau making that are part of a cultural legacy rooted in West Africa.

By Air: St. Helena Island is accessible from two International airports, Savannah, GA, & Charleston, SC. Major airlines include, Delta, US Air, Air Tran, United Express, COM air/Delta Connection & American. All flights are met by ground transportation companies.

Rental Car: Major companies

By Train: Amtrak service is available to & from Savannah, GA. Charleston, SC and Yemassee, SC.

By Car: From I-95 take exit 33 onto Hwy 17 North to Hwy 21 South through the city of Beaufort. Proceed through Lady’s Island to St. Helena. Continue to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Make a right. Travel 1/2 mile to the Historic Penn Center District.

Designated a National Historic Landmark District since 1974, Penn School was the first school in the South for formerly enslaved Africans, and came to be an international model for rural education. Today, Penn is one of the premier centers for the study of Gullah culture and remains at the heart of a community of history and achievement since 1862.

Penn Center’s mission is to promote and preserve Sea Island history and culture. The 26th Annual Penn Center Heritage Days Celebration will feature an Old Fashion Prayer Service, an art exhibition, traditional Gullah cuisine, a cultural symposium, community education seminars, a fish fry, oyster roast, blues performance, and an Old Fashion Craft Fair. See inside for more details on a fun-filled Gullah experience enriched by the historical significance of Penn Center.

“Come jine we!”

For More Information

For additional information on Heritage Days Celebration 2008, events, dates, & times, please call the Penn Center at 843-838-2432 or visit our web site at www.penncenter.com. For accommodations in Beaufort, call the **Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce** at 843-986-1102, and the **Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce** at 843-524-3163.

* Parking Fee: (Saturday Only)

Personal Autos/ Trucks— \$5.00 RVs— \$15.00

Chartered Buses— \$25.00

Penn Center, Inc.

P. O. Box 126

St. Helena Island, SC 29920

**26th Annual
Heritage Days
Celebration**



“De Coastal Island Day” by Amiri Farris

THEME:

*“Promoting Tolerance
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Penn Center Historic District

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16 Penn Center Circle West

St. Helena Island, SC 29920

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Thursday, November 6th

York W. Bailey Museum Self-Guided Tours (Daily Schedule)

11:00 AM-5:00 PM

Adults \$5/ Youth \$2 (6 years old and under)

Penn School Founders Memorial Service

3:00 PM– 4:00 PM

Brick Baptist Church Cemetery

26th Annual Heritage Days Celebration Opening Ceremony

Flags of the Gullah People Processional & Presentation

4:00 PM—5:30 PM

Center Stage

Exhibition Opening and Gallery Walk

Featured Artist—Amiri Farris

Gallery Talk & Reception

5:30 PM-7:30 PM

York W. Bailey Museum

“The Road of Remembrance”

(Youth theatrical production of Eras of Penn School)

6:00 PM– 7:00 PM

Frissell Hall

Adults \$5/ Students \$3 (6 years old and under)

Old Fashion Prayer Service

7:30 PM– 9:00 PM

Bethesda Temple of St. Joseph Baptist Church

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Brick Baptist Church

Free Will Offering

Friday, November 7th

Heritage Symposium & Sea Island Breakfast

8:00 AM—12:30 PM

St. Helena Elementary School Gymnasium

Symposium

9:00 AM-12:30 PM

The Heritage Symposium will explore the ways our ancestry and culture link back to Africa, featuring a new exhibit on Bunce Island and expert panelists

Adults \$25/Students \$15

“Kid’s Day”

Student Talent/Step Show

Storytellers, dancers, poets, musicians, African drummers

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Center Stage

All Outdoor Campus Events / Ticket: \$6

“Nyam em op”

(Gullah for “Let’s eat”)

12:00 Noon-4:00 PM

Smell the aroma of baked sweet potato pie, collard greens,

Lowcountry Boil, seafood and other local favorites

Visit Penn Center Dining Hall (East)

\$8-\$10 per person

Center Stage Entertainment

2:30 PM– 5:30 PM

Penn Center Grounds

Free

Fish Fry, Oyster Roast, Crab Crack & Blues

6:00 PM– Midnight

Penn Center Grounds

\$10-\$15

Saturday, November 8th

26th Annual Heritage Days Parade

(Visitors should be in place by 8:00 am to avoid traffic delays)

9:00 AM– 10:30 AM

St. Helena Elementary School to

Penn School Historic District

Old Fashion Craft Fair

9:00 AM– 5:00 PM

Crafts, exhibits, food and merchandise vendors

Center Stage Entertainment

11:00 AM-5:00 PM

Gullah Storytellers, Singers, African Drummers,

Dancers, Gospel Singers

Penn Center Grounds

Gullah Roots Village

Demonstrations of the West African/ Gullah cultural connection, including bateau making, quilting, basket making, and net making

Penn Center Grounds

De Rice Shack

Live demonstrations of rice production in an authentic Rice Shack

Penn Center Grounds

Fun fuh De Chillun

Games, activities, storytelling, and entertainment just fuh de chillun.

Darrah Hall

Sunday, November 9th

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Local Churches

(Bethesda Christian Fellowship , Brick, Ebenezer & Faith Memorial Baptist Churches)



Heritage Days Parade

Thursday-Sunday

Ongoing Activities

Visit the *York W. Bailey Museum*, established in 1971. The museum interprets the history of Penn School and the cultural legacy of the Gullah People.

Daily Gullah film series

Adults \$5/ Seniors \$4/Youth \$2

Tour the Gullah communities of:

St. Helena Is./Gullah Mahn Tours (843) 838-7516

Hilton Head Is./Gullah Heritage Tours (843) 681-7066

Or email: tourinfo@gullahheritage.com