

**York W. Bailey Museum
At
Historic Penn Center**



Tucked in the heart of the South Carolina Sea Islands between marshes and deep water, nestled beneath the moss draped limbs of massive live oaks, you will find the Penn Center—the site of one of the country's first schools for freed slaves and one of the most significant African American historical and cultural institutions in existence today.

Located on St. Helena Island, Penn Center sits at the heart of Gullah Culture, on a 50 acre campus designated a National Historic Landmark in 1974.



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**Penn Center, Inc.
Established 1862**

**Cultural Lessons,
Lectures &
Demonstrations**



The History & Culture program maintains Penn Center's historic collection. This program also arranges cultural services, lessons and demonstrations for groups visiting Penn's campus.

Please call to schedule a special lesson or demonstration during your visit to Historic Penn Center.

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Lessons & Demonstrations



Charlotte Forten
First African-American
Teacher at Penn School

The York W. Bailey museum is named for a Penn School graduate and the first African American medical doctor to serve on St. Helena and the neighboring islands. The museum is housed in the historic Cope Industrial Building and is comprised of four galleries and a gift shop. The permanent exhibit, "Education for Freedom" showcases some of the oldest

professional photographs of African American people, the original 1863 school bell and artifacts related to Sea Island and African American history and culture.

Penn School was established during the Civil War as part of the "Port Royal Experiment", which focused on teaching self-sufficiency during the transition from slavery to freedom.

Groups visiting the museum may schedule cultural lessons, lectures and demonstrations by contacting the museum at least two weeks prior to the date of visit.

The museum is open to the public Monday through Saturday, 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Admission is \$ 5.00 for adults, \$ 4.00 for senior citizens and \$3.00 for youth.

Penn School & Port Royal Experiment

A lecture about the outbreak of the Civil War, the Union governments experiment with freedom and the Gullah people of the Sea Islands. \$ 300.

The Diary of Laura Towne

Share the determination of Ms. Towne to achieve and make a difference in the lives of the freedman, her love of St. Helena Island and its people, the founding of Penn school and the mission of Penn School which she made her life's quest. \$ 300.

Family Across the Sea

Learn the historical connections of the Gullah people of the Sea Islands to the people of Sierra Leone, West Africa. Explore the similarities in language, customs and arts that have bridged the connection slavery almost erased. \$ 300.

Casting the Net

Still used today, cast nets were very important for gathering food. Students watch as a master net maker creates a net and shares in the history of net making in the past and present. \$ 300.

Spirituals

Spirituals are a tradition in Black history, rooted deep from the fields of slavery. Listen to a spiritual-sing songs based in that history. \$ 300.

Underground Railroad for Children

Learn how the North Star, Harriet Tubman, and others helped thousands of slaves to find freedom via the Underground Railroad. \$ 175.



The Net maker
Photo courtesy
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Sea Island Sweet Grass Baskets

Artistry and tradition are combined in the coils of sweet grass baskets. Originating from the coast of West Africa, the art of basket weaving has been handed down from generation to generation creating a link for descendants of African slaves to their African American heritage. Find out what sweet grass is, and where it grows.

Demonstration and Lecture-1 hour \$ 500.

Museum Scavenger Hunt

Discover the York W. Bailey Museum and its wonderful artifacts. Following a brief lecture of Penn School history, students discover, identify and collect items on a scavenger hunt \$ 175.

"Who Dat Gullah"?

Who is Gullah? What is Gullah? Where did it come from? Where are the Gullah people? Is Gullah a language? Does Gullah still exist? What are the African connections? The answers to these questions and more. \$ 300.

Civil Rights Movement for Children

Children will discover how young people and religious leaders worked together to demand the protection of civil rights for black Americans. \$ 175.

The Patchwork Quilt for Children

Children learn the history of the patchwork quilt and participate in creating the history of their own quilt. Includes hands on activity. \$ 175.

Story Teller

Listen and learn from Gullah stories that have their roots in the slave culture. These stories have been passed down through the generations. A professional storyteller delights audiences young and old. Varies

Guided Walking Tour

Enjoy a guided tour of the Penn Center grounds and learn the history of the buildings that make up the Penn School Historic District. \$100.

Emory S. Campbell Executive Director, Emeritus of Penn Center, historian and author. Through his Gullah heritage he has influenced cultural and environmental preservation & education. \$500.