

Sweetgrass Basket by Jery Taylor



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## PENN CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008

*Mission: To preserve and promote the history and culture of the Sea Islands.*

### January

- 1     **Emancipation Day (Closed)**
- 2     **Exhibit: “Work & Play: Celebrating Christmas & Beyond in the Lowcountry” (ends Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>)**  
York W. Bailey Museum; 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; adults \$5, seniors \$4, youth \$2.
- 20    **Community Sing – A Tribute to the Life & Legacy of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.,**  
**Featuring Eugene Washington performing the last public speech given by Dr. King.**  
7:30 p.m.                 -     **Darrah Hall Community House**

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### February

### *Black History Month*



- 4     **“Zinga - The Beauty of Life” Art Exhibition – Featuring Lowcountry Emerging Artists**  
York W. Bailey Museum; exhibit closes February 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 11-15 **Gullah Film Series (daily) –York W. Bailey Museum**

- 17 **Community Sing - Black History Month Celebration**  
Premier of the newly released documentary “The History of Penn School”, produced by SC ETV of the Lowcountry; music by Bethesda Christian Temple and performances by PACE Youth Program  
7:00 p.m. - Darrah Hall (Penn Center); open to the public.
- 5 **“Profiles in Courage: Three African American Women in South Carolina” – Dramatical performance by Natalie Daise; 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

### *Women’s History Month*

- 8 **Art Exhibit by Diane Dunham - “Beauty for Ashes: A Tribute to Womanhood”**  
(Opening reception – 6:00 p.m. )  
York W. Bailey Museum – (843) 838-2474. 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) 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)

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## May

- 10 **Art Exhibit by Hank Herring (Opening reception) 6:00 p.m.; York W. Bailey Museum - (843) 838-2474. Exhibit closes May 30**
  
- 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 (Penn Center); \$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**

**11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – York W. Bailey Museum (Penn Center); \$2 per person. Call to book (843) 838-2474.**

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## July

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

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## August

Countdown to Heritage Days

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## September

- 1 Labor Day on the Green  
11:00 a.m. – Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, St. Helena Island
  - 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
  - 27 – Thanksgiving Day (Closed)
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## December

- 21 Nativity Scene  
7:30 p.m. – Frissell Community House
- 24 Christmas Eve (Closed)



**25 Christmas Day (Closed)**

**31 New Year's Eve – Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation (local churches)**

