

**Original Gullah Festival of Beaufort, SC**  
**Gullah Festival 2023 Workshop Descriptions (WORKSHOP AREA A)**

**Sweetgrass Basket Weaving Workshop**

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

**Session1: 11:00am to 12:00pm**

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

**Session 2: 11:00am to 12:00pm**

**Facilitator: Mary Graham Grant**  
**Weavers Nook, Columbia, SC**

Sweetgrass basket sewing is a craft that originated in Sierra Leone, West Africa and was brought to the Lowcountry of South Carolina by enslaved African people. Basketry was first used for the harvesting of rice, fruits, and vegetables on the plantations of the Lowcountry, and later used for decorative purposes.

Workshop participants will learn the techniques of Gullah sweetgrass basket weaving. Additionally, each participant will have the opportunity for a hands-on experience of creating their very own keepsake sweetgrass project.



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**Percussion (Drum) Making**

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

**Session1: 12:30pm to 1:30pm**

**Saturday, May 27 2023**

**Session 2: 12:30pm to 1:30pm**

**Facilitator: Attorney Thomas E. Mosley AKA Baba Ngoma**

**Cultural Anthropologist of the Drum  
Columbia, SC**

During Mr. Mosley's lecture and demonstration workshop at the 2023 Original Gullah Festival, he will use locally obtained gourds, bamboo and other available materials to make percussive musical instruments. All of the materials he uses during his workshop are both for sale and to further others to learn innate being and ability to make something valuable out of what exists around us. Each workshop participant will experience making an item that is theirs to keep.



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## **Gullah She`ke`re` Musical Instrument Workshop**

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

**Session 1. 2:00pm-3:00pm**

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

**Session 2. 2:00pm-3:00pm**

### **Facilitator: Mary Ann Moore Anderson**

The She`ke`re` (from Yoruba Se`Ke`Re`) is a West African percussion instrument consisting of a dried gourd with beads or cowries woven into a net covering the gourd. The She`ke`re` originated in a tribe in Nigeria called Yoruba. The She`ke`re` instrument is shaken and/or hit against the hands to make its unique percussion sound.

Participants will learn the art of crafting their very own She`ke`re instrument, which is theirs to keep and show off throughout the festival and for years to come.

Mary A. Moore Anderson, AKA the “Gourd Lady” of MaNa’s Art, Etc. of Winnsboro, SC., is a 3-dimensional artist who uses gourds, glass and hand-crafted paper-pulp. Her crafting skills have enabled her to build the most unique 1 of a kind gourd items, jewelry, dolls and glass work. Mary is an extraordinary self-taught artist, using her knowledge and talent to create her art, which includes She`Ke`Res, dolls and paper wall tapestry.



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**Original Gullah Festival of Beaufort, SC**  
**Gullah Festival 2023 Workshop (WORKSHOP AREA B)**

**Gullah Art Embellishment Workshop**

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

**Session1: 11:00am to 12:00pm**

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

**Session 2: 11:00am to 12:00pm**

**Facilitators: Hank D. Herring** Website: [www.greenherringart.com](http://www.greenherringart.com)

Participants will have the choice of selecting from an assortment of hand pulled prints for embellishing. The prints are on an 11X14 sheet of art board. The art board is a standard size for framing and supports multiple art mediums. Paints and a selection of other media will be provided for an artistic experience. Local artist and gallery owner, Hank D. Herring, will assist and guide participants through this creative and fun event.

Hank D. Herring

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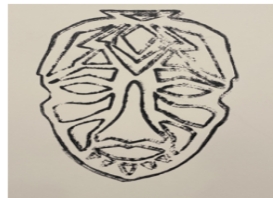
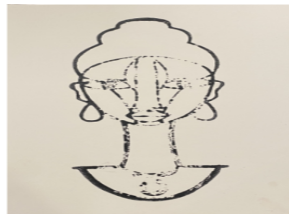
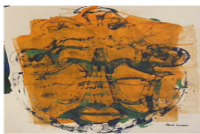
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**Gullah Art Embellishment  
with Hank D. Herring**



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## **Original Gullah Festival of Beaufort**

### **Gullah-Geechee /African American Quilt Making Workshop (AREA B)**

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

**Session 1: 12:30pm to 1:30pm**

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

**Session 2: 12:30pm to 1:30pm**

**Facilitator: Ms. Sarah DeWeever**

African American quilting is almost as old as the history of America. African enslaved women were needed for spinning, weaving, sewing and quilting on plantations and in other wealthy households.

For enslaved people, quilts were made for everyday use out of necessity. Scraps, discarded clothing and feed sacks were the materials used to fashion quilts. In making "string quilts," strips of various fabrics were sewn together. The sections were then cut into blocks and made into bed size quilts.

Attend this unique Gullah-Geechee Quilting Workshop and experience the art of basic quilt-making. Partakers will use hand quilting needles to create straight stitches for their projects. Participants will learn basic quilt-making skills, and depart with the beginning of their personal Gullah-Geechee Quilt. Hopefully, to later complete your quilt at home and proudly display your keepsake.