

# Sam Doyle Celebration in Beaufort, SC

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don W. Bailey, "Fashioned his uniquely-styled personal portraits and tributes with evangelical enthusiasm, blending ancestral Gullah lore and his devout Baptist faith into a rich multicultural impasto."

In the 1960s, Doyle's outdoor history lesson evolved into the "St. Helena Out Door Art Gallery." The artist filled his property with portraits of people important to his community, such as Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., First Black Midwife, Penn Drummer and many more icons. Local personalities, like Food Stamp, He/She, Mr. Fool, Mrs. Fool, and root doctors were included. He also created two important series: "Penn" (school) which paid tribute to people associated with the historic center and "First" (achievements) which commemorated special events such as the first football game played on St. Helena Island.

In 1982 the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. selected Doyle to be a part of the seminal exhibition Black Folk Art in America 1930-1980. His work is now highly sought after and his achievement is celebrated by his community.

On Sunday, Sept. 22, from 2-5pm, ARTworks offers an exclusive opening reception. Special guests will share their first hand stories of the folk artist, Victoria Smalls will present an informative talk, and everyone will enjoy a buffet at the "Wellcome Table," inspired by one of the artist's paintings. Explains Gordon W. Bailey, a noted expert on Doyle's work: "He left little room for speculation in this poignant work, emphasizing with unambiguous clarity his hope that all races will one day join each other at "well" tables." The \$25 tickets benefit ARTworks, the arts council of Beaufort, Port Royal and the Sea Islands. For ticket info call 843/379-2787.

To continue his legacy, the Sam Doyle Celebration committee will distribute original lesson plans and copies of "Haints and Saints" a definitive look at Doyle by Bailey (*Raw Vision Magazine*, 2007) to local educators in the late artist's own community.

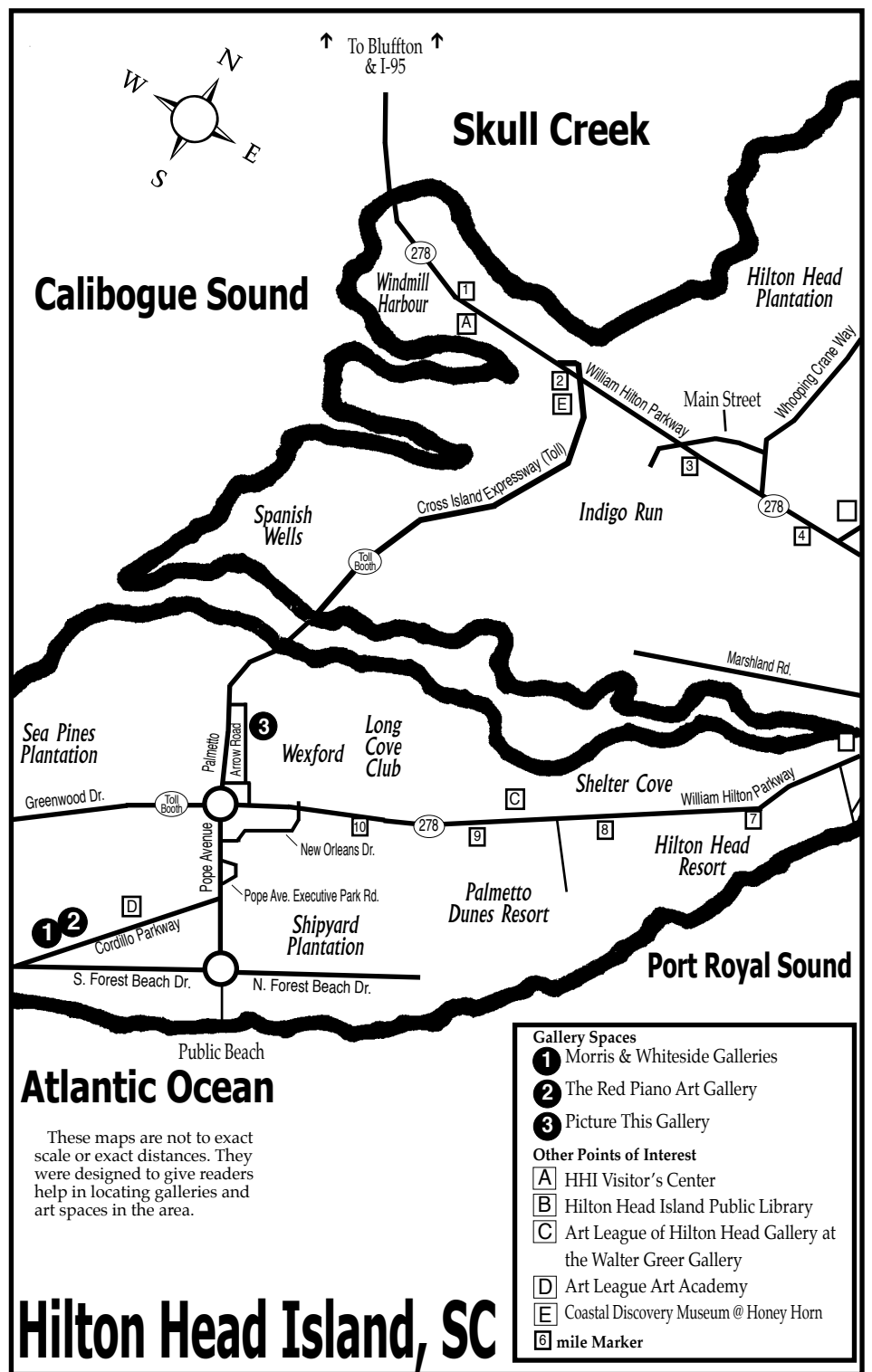


Sam Doyle's "Penn Drummer" 37.5 x 24 inches, house paint on tin, Collection of Gordon W. Bailey

"I have been intrigued by his art, and the man, since I moved to Beaufort twenty years ago," said Claudette Humphrey, a board member for ARTworks. "It's time that we have a Sam Doyle Celebration so the rest of the community can be inspired by his unique art style and talent. The children and the community need to be enriched by his creativity and the diversity of Gullah art." Penn Center will continue the celebration with their own collection and the children's component.

ARTworks is the community arts center in Beaufort, the coolest arts council in the Carolinas, and it applies the many creative tools of The Arts to strengthen artists, and enrich audiences, collectors, and visitors through high quality arts experiences and arts education programs 365 days a year.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the arts council at 843-379-2787 or visit ([www.artworksinbeaufort.org](http://www.artworksinbeaufort.org)).



## 9th Annual Bluffton (SC) Arts & Seafood Festival Takes Place - Oct. 13 - 20, 2013

The Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival is back for the ninth year – and still growing. What started as a one-day event in 2005, has quickly become a week of festivities in historic Bluffton, SC, showcasing the arts and locally harvested seafood. Festival events are scheduled Sunday, Oct. 13 through Sunday, Oct. 20, 2013.

The traditional opening ceremony, the Blessing of the Fleet and Boat Parade on the May River, will again kick off this week of festivities at 4pm on Sunday, Oct. 13, preceded by a Showcase of Local Art, an outdoor art exhibit from 11am – 4pm in the heart of Old Town Bluffton, and finishing the day with the first Oyster Roast



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of the season at Bluffton Oyster Park.

On Monday evening at 5:30pm a Tour of the Waddell Mariculture Center along

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with Crab Pickin' and Oyster Shuckin' demonstrations will take place with Dr. Al Stokes on the bluff of the Colleton River. Wednesday offers Author Night "CELEBRATE THE LOW COUNTRY" with *New York Times* bestselling author Patti Callahan Henry and critically acclaimed author, Susan Rebecca White, 5:30 – 8pm at the Rotary Community Center in Oscar Frazier Park.

Other favorite returning events include daily May River kayak and boat tours, Friday's Family Night, the Saturday morning revamped 5K run, and children's fishing tournament. New this year to the festival is the 10K run on Saturday along with paddleboard and kayak races on Sunday, Oct. 20.

The highlight of the week again is the outdoor Street Fest, Saturday, Oct. 19 – Sunday, Oct. 20, which features the juried Artist Showcase and Market on Calhoun Street with over 100 artists from 10 different states. These artists will be displaying their fine art; local restaurants and caterers will be serving up delicious seafood dish-



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es and Low Country Cuisine; musicians will be performing; and area environmentalists will be highlighting our natural resources and the necessary conservation practices to ensure their continuance.

Please join us for a true celebration of fine art and the bounty of the sea!

For more details and the full schedule of events visit

([www.blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.com](http://www.blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.com)) or call 843/757-2583.

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