

## Events at the Ships of the Sea Museum

We are in the process of scheduling Museum events for 2012 and beyond. Watch for announcements of events in *Connect, Do, The Savannah Tribune*, on Georgia Public Radio and at [www.shipsofthesea.org/pages/calendar](http://www.shipsofthesea.org/pages/calendar) or call 912 232 1511 for information on any of the events listed below.

**Ongoing though 2012 The Quest of the Girl Scout Mariners (exhibit included w/admission)** Ships of the Sea's exhibition highlighting the development of this unique Girl Scout program features Mariner artifacts from 1917 through 1963. *Interested groups (10 or more) may call to schedule a tour and Sea Chest program at \$10. per person.*

**Feb. 21 Black Heritage Festival Open Mic with Sistah "V"**  
**6:30 pm free** A celebration of our "Journeys, Passages and Transitions" through the spoken and printed word. Under the tent in our garden. [www.savannahblackheritagefestival.com](http://www.savannahblackheritagefestival.com)

**Feb. 25 Brokers, Bankers and Bay Lane: The Savannah Slave Trade and Business Model—1860-1865** **2:00 pm free**  
A book launch and signing by Barry Sheehy and Vaughnette Goode-Walker on this second of the four volume series *Savannah—Immortal City*. This will be the inaugural presentation of this book in Savannah.

**March 8, 9, 10 Savannah Stopover Concerts Admission charged**  
Three nights and one day of concerts under the tent in the garden by well over a dozen innovative indie bands. Purchase tickets at [www.savannahstopover.com](http://www.savannahstopover.com)

**April 18 – 25 Spring Break Sailors** **all day**  
Up to two children receive free admission with a paying adult.

**Late April into June Bertha Husband (incl. w/admission)**  
We are proud to announce our first Museum art exhibition, presenting in our lower atrium a selection of work by Bertha Husband, presently of Savannah. Bertha's enigmatic work draws upon maritime themes, cartography, instrumentation and the relationship of sea and land.

**April 29 Three Generations of Pleasant Art 2:00 pm**  
David and Jalal Pleasant provide an intimate portrait of the work of their grandfather and their father, the acclaimed artist William Pleasant, Jr. The sons will present art and the Pleasant legacy, and award-winning percussionist and composer David will perform. In the North Garden Assembly Room. *Co-sponsored with The Book Lady.*

**May 4, 5, 6 Tall Ships Festival free**  
Ships of the Sea will be presenting a free knot-tying activity on River Street during the three days of the Festival. Watch for details.

**May 22 National Maritime Day all day**  
Free admission to Ships of the Sea Museum.

**June 3 Brian Lockett in Concert (time tbd) free**  
This year as part of our ongoing free concerts featuring outstanding Savannah musicians, we shall be presenting **Brian Lockett**, an accomplished classical guitarist formerly of Emory University, in a solo Sunday afternoon North Garden concert.

**June 22 David Pleasant free**  
Continuing our collaboration with the Telfair Museum and the City of Savannah's celebration of Juneteenth, we shall host a musical performance and presentation by accomplished musician David Pleasant, who draws upon his local and Gullah/Geechee roots in a compelling and enlightening musical program. In the Assembly Room.

**September Savannah Ocean Exchange Festival Events**  
Events are still to be determined. Watch our website for details.

**November 10 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Museum in the Moonlight 7-9pm**  
Wander through *both* gardens and the Museum on a fall night, while enjoying refreshments and live performance in the North Garden. To celebrate the inclusion of the North Garden in this event, we are pleased to present The Assembly Dancers of North Carolina in a demonstration and workshop of period dance and costume from the era of the heyday of the Scarbrough House. As always, the most romantic free event in the city.

*Please note that some of these dates may be subject to change. Call the Museum for confirmation...*

## Call for Volunteers

The Museum is planning on utilizing new workshop facilities in the North Garden by expanding its successful available-material instrument making program and developing a regional small-craft boatbuilding program. We are looking for people with woodworking and boatbuilding abilities (or access to a woodworking shop) to help in designing and building small craft, and in producing both boat and musical instrument kits to be used in Museum programs. Volunteers would commit to specific tasks for specific projects at specifically scheduled times to utilize their time most efficiently and respectfully. A number of woodworkers and boat builders have already expressed interest in what could become an important community program. If you are interested, please sign onto the sheet being circulated today, or contact Tony at the Museum (email address above.) We plan on having an organizational meeting in the late winter. We are also soliciting volunteers for a possible model boat building program. Please be specific in your communication.

*As an experiment for 2012, the Museum will be open on MLK Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and the day after Thanksgiving.*

## Planned (but not-yet-scheduled) Events

Our new **North Garden Expansion** is due to be completed in March 2012, and will include an annuals garden, a trident maple grove, public wi-fi space and a large events facility for concerts, presentations and wedding, corporate and non-profit rentals as well as press conferences and photo shoots. The garden will be free and open to the public each day that the Museum is open (including Mondays when the Museum itself is closed.) Watch for announcements of the opening on our website, **Facebook** and **Twitter** and the local media.

The Museum will once again co-sponsor with the Savannah Folk Music Society the **Fifth (and final) Gretsch Foundation Banjo Assembly Workshop** in the North Garden Assembly Room. For a very modest cost, assemble your own 5-string banjo from parts supplied by the Gretsch Company. Watch for announcements on our website, sign onto our music email list or contact [tonypizzo@shipsofthesea.org](mailto:tonypizzo@shipsofthesea.org). This workshop is *tentatively* planned for this spring or summer and usually fills up quickly. (The waiting list is already almost filled, in fact.)

Plans are underway to hold our **Second Annual Cigar Box Guitar Building Workshop**. For a very modest cost, build a resonant, playable three string cigar box guitar from kits provided by the Museum. Dates are still to be finalized, but this workshop will again be preceded by a **Cigar Box Guitar Concert** featuring local slide guitar players riffing on Museum cbg's. Call Tony Pizzo at the Museum to be placed on the (already sizeable) waiting list, as this will book up early.

# Super Museum Sunday at Ships of the Sea Museum Feb. 5, 2012

*Welcome to the Ships of the Sea Museum! We hope that you will have a pleasant visit. Please help yourself to refreshments in the garden pavilion and take a few moments to view our displays describing Museum events. You may want to keep this flyer as a guide to our yearly activities.*

## Museum News

The Museum **website**, [www.shipsofthesea.org](http://www.shipsofthesea.org) includes a calendar of events page with printable descriptive broadsides (and a broadside archive), a virtual tour of the Museum and garden, a faux marbling video, banjo and akonting instructional videos, complete garden rental information, an updated garden floor plan and annuals list, a presentation on the slave ship *Wanderer* and an educational activities section already on line. Presently in process are an expanded links section and information on the history of the West Broad Street School. Our secure **online store** is up and running! Look for a careful selection of books for adults and children, signature gifts, cd's and dvd's, and prints and posters illuminating maritime history and the architecture and history of the Old South.

If you'd like to be added to our **mailing list** for Museum News and Events, please send a request email to: [contact@shipsofthesea.org](mailto:contact@shipsofthesea.org) or sign our registry book. You may also sign onto our **music and construction-related activities** news and update list by sending an email to: [tonypizzo@shipsofthesea.org](mailto:tonypizzo@shipsofthesea.org) or signing our registry book.

We still have a few **dates available for garden rentals** this year. Call 912 232 1511 and ask for Michelle Riley or email [michelleriley@shipsofthesea.org](mailto:michelleriley@shipsofthesea.org). The new North Garden facility is also available for rental. (*Details on page 4.*)

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Like us on Facebook**

*We are grateful to Mr. John McEllen for designing the Museum's garden with such elegance and caring for it with such diligence. John's plan will soon extend into our new North Garden.*

