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The historic Penn Center's York W. Bailey Museum presents The Art of Cassandra M. Gillens—a spectacular collection of art depicting Lowcountry living at its best and the Gullah lifestyle. The collection will be on exhibit November 7th through the end of December. Cassandra Gillens was chosen to be the 31st Heritage Days Celebration Featured Artist and was commissioned to create a work of art depicting the Penn School story and the rich heritage of the Gullah people. She created "Teaching the Trade," beautiful rendition of the Penn School era. Penn Center cordially invites the public to attend this free art event opening—a meet the artist wine and cheese reception from 8-10 pm on Thursday, November 7th.

Cassandra M. Gillens is a self-taught artist residing in Beaufort. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Cassandra was always creative and artistic. Her earliest memories of drawing with colored chalks in Roxbury, Massachusetts remained a part of her when she began to paint pictures depicting her early childhood years. Cassandra is a member of Beaufort Art Association. Her art can be found in all parts of the Lowcountry, and various states throughout America. She has been featured in dozens of newspapers and magazines such as Southern Living. Cassandra won the accolades of United Airlines, and was proudly featured in the magazine's February 2007 edition. The artist had the honor of having her paintings featured in the movie *Nights in Rodanthe*, starring Richard Gere and Diane Lang, and most recently HGTV featured her artwork in the 2013 Dream Home. Her participation in Piccolo Spoleto resulted in a sellout.

Cassandra's fondest memories of her visits to South Carolina moved her to paint these visions of The

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