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## *Premier of Bermuda*



There's nothing quite like the unique and exciting occasion that is Bermuda Day, and I am very pleased to join you in celebrating it this year.

A key aim of Heritage Month is to promote and preserve Bermuda's cultural legacy.

We truly are fortunate to live in such a paradise like Bermuda, and this year's theme, Bermuda: An Atlantic Garden, is quite fitting, as our Island is surrounded by incredible visions of oceanic beauty and wonderment.

This year's Heritage Month theme affords us an opportunity to celebrate not only our coral reefs, but the importance of Bermuda's long and proud maritime history.

Today serves as a wonderful occasion when we get to see the interpretation of that theme come to life with the spectacular floats and other entries which will be on display in the Bermuda Day parade.

The preservation and sustainability of Bermuda's history, is vital to all of us knowing and appreciating our cultural heritage and traditions.

And we must thank the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs for all of their efforts in promoting our cultural heritage.

In that regard, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for all that they do, and most particularly in making Heritage Month and the Bermuda Day Parade so successful.

On behalf of the Government, Happy Bermuda Day everyone, and enjoy this special holiday!

Sincerely,

*Michael Dunkley*

Premier of Bermuda  
The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley, J.P., M.P.



## *Office of the Opposition Leader*



April 20, 2015

Bermudians are a people of unique character and strength with a special talent for innovation and success in the face of adversity. Despite this, the national dialogue surrounding Bermudians, our character and culture, is often hateful and disparaging.

Heritage Month represents a starting point and a building block towards dialing back the stereotypes and negative perceptions we have about ourselves. As we become more educated about who we are, our history and our shared cultural roots, we are less likely to believe, express or tolerate such negativity. Furthermore, we will be more likely to see the value in each other and that while we may have many differences, there are many things that we have in common.

Let us carry the spirit of Heritage Month throughout the year; continue to educate ourselves about our island and our people and begin the process of changing how we look at and treat each other.

Hon. Marc A. R. Bean, JP, MP

Leader of the Opposition



## *Government of Bermuda*

Ministry of Community, Cultural and Sports  
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER



Greetings and Happy Bermuda Day 2015

Today is really one of our most festive holidays and a time when we can reflect with pride our shared heritage and love for Bermuda.

The Heritage Month and Bermuda Day theme for 2015 is **Bermuda: An Atlantic Garden**. This theme encourages us to celebrate Bermuda's beautiful surrounding ocean and coral reefs and our beautiful environment which includes the flora and fauna that we take pride in caring for, cultivating and protecting.

Bermuda Day 2015 is a time for us to remember how our shared values make us a stronger country. We are very proud and resilient people and have shared values of pride in our beautiful island home; commitment to caring for our land and the sea that surrounds us; love for family and friends and concern for our neighbors. Bermuda Day is our day to celebrate each other and our beloved country.

However you choose to enjoy the 'official first day of summer' take time to reflect and remember how blessed we are to live in – Bermuda, an Atlantic Garden.

Enjoy your day!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia Gordon-Pamplin".

The Hon. Patricia Gordon-Pamplin, JP, MP  
Minister of Community, Culture and Sports



## A Message from the City of Hamilton

May 24, 2015

The City of Hamilton is proud to welcome residents and visitors alike to the City streets as our island paradise celebrates its rich heritage, colourful culture and timeless traditions on Bermuda Day.

This year's theme, "Bermuda: An Atlantic Garden", lends the perfect opportunity to pause and reflect, perhaps take a walk or a picnic in one of the island's lovely parks or nature reserves. Hamilton is proud to be home to seven beautifully manicured parks, all with something to offer and benches to warm! Our beaches are at their best at this time of year and there are always more treasured inlets, coves and underwater gardens to discover.

The City looks forward to hosting our Marathon Derby runners as well as the Bermuda Day Parade – a showcase of local flower-filled floats and majorettes, bands and of course, our Gombeyes!

The City of Hamilton and its staff extend heartfelt well wishes for a very enjoyable and family-filled Bermuda Day to all celebrants; and we hope our visitors embrace all that our little piece of paradise has to offer and we thank you for choosing Bermuda!

*The City of Hamilton*

Quinell Francis J.P.  
Mayor



Town Hall  
St. George  
Bermuda

Message from the Mayor of St. George

Good Day Bermuda,

Greetings to my fellow Bermudians and visitors to our fine shores. The theme of this year's Heritage Month is "Bermuda: An Atlantic Garden".

Since Bermuda was settled over 400 years ago in 1615, different species of trees, shrubs and flowers have been brought to our shores by sailing ships from all over the world. These new additions have resulted in a vast diversity of species in our gardens and parks. This will undoubtedly enhance the quality of the floats again this year.

The wonderful floats and displays are only possible due to the hard work of our many talented individuals and organizations who devote their time and effort mostly on a volunteer basis and should therefore be commended.

In closing I wish everyone a Happy Bermuda Day and hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

Sincerely,

Mayor



Town of St. George World Heritage Site



# Brief History of Bermuda Day

Bermuda Day (or Heritage Day) evolved from what was originally known as Empire Day. Empire Day was first celebrated as a public holiday on 24 May 1902 to commemorate the birthday of Queen Victoria and to unite countries of the British Empire under a common cause. As more colonies exercised their right to independence, Empire Day became a day for Commonwealth countries to celebrate their own national identity.

The first Bermuda Day Parade took place in 1979 under the direction of then Community Affairs Heritage Coordinator, Reginald Ming. It was recommended by the Pitt Report that the Minister of Community Affairs institute an annual festival whose focus was Bermudian heritage and culture. The annual marathon has particular significance as it was seen, after the riots of 1977, as an example of unity and camaraderie amongst Bermuda's then racially divided community.

The marathon, followed by the parade, led the way to the tradition in which Bermudians mark their 'spots' with tape or string and take a picnic lunch to the City of Hamilton to enjoy the half marathon in the morning and parade in the afternoon. The annual parade comprises a variety of entries such as traditional and modern dance groups, majorettes, the gombeyes, marching bands, pageant queens, community groups and floats.

The intricately designed floats (which depict the Heritage Month and Bermuda Day theme) are a highly anticipated aspect of the parade; and was inspired by the Bermuda Floral Pageant or the Easter Parade as it came to be known, which was celebrated from 1930-1968. Float makers spend days perfecting their masterpieces which are decorated with various types of vegetation and natural produce such as rice, kidney beans, bark and leaves. The floats compete for prizes in a variety of categories which are named after Bermudians who have contributed significantly to Bermuda's cultural development.

Bermuda Day has become the culminating point of Heritage Month; and has grown in significance and popularity as the most celebrated holiday in Bermuda, other than Cup Match. It is a day when Bermudians demonstrate their pride in and appreciation for the beauty of our island home. We engage in a variety of activities; whether it is participation in the parade, the marathon, having picnics on the beach, going for our first swim, gathering and participating in the first of the season's fitted dinghy races or simply soaking in the sun and the natural beauty of our waters and land.

Everyone is invited to join in the celebrations.

Happy Bermuda Day to all!

## Judges

Mr. Neville Richardson  
Dr. Nikki O'Leary  
Mrs. Nell Johnston, MBE  
*Coordinator*

## Awards

Premier's Award (Best Float)  
Minister's Award (Most Original)  
Reggie Ming Award (Most Beautiful)  
Ruth Thomas, MBE, JP Award (Heritage Award)  
Dr. Kenneth E. Robinson Award (Best Primary School)  
D. J. Williams Award (Best School (Middle))  
Dr. Marjorie Bean Award (Best School (Senior))  
L.C.C.A. Award (Best Charity Organization)  
Best Community /Volunteer/Political Award  
Chamber of Commerce Award (Best Commercial)  
Best Government Department Award  
Mrs. J. J. Outerbridge Award (Best Individual)  
Best Dressed/Performance Majorettes  
Best Dance/Performance Group

## Lead Parade Marshals

Mr. Jonathan Eve  
Mr. Khari Sharieff  
Lisa Rivas  
Alfred Eve

## Heritage Advisory Committee Members

Ms. Clyde-A-Mae Tucker  
*Acting Chairperson – Acting Cultural Affairs Programme Manager*  
Mr. Andrew Baylay  
Mrs. Nell Johnston, MBE  
Mr. Milton Raposo  
Mrs. Betty Christopher  
Mr. St. Clair Tucker  
Ms. Ami Zanders  
Mrs. Heather Whalen  
*Director – Community and Cultural Affairs*  
Mrs. Louise Tannock,  
*Former Chairperson – Cultural Affairs Programme Manager*

# Bermuda Day 2015

## Bermuda Schedule of Event

### Morning

8:50 a.m. Sinclair Packwood Memorial Cycle Race

Start: St. George's

Finish: Cedar Avenue

9:00 a.m. Annual Marathon

Start: St. George's

Finish: Bernard Park

9:45 a.m. Heritage Junior Classic Race

Start: in front of Docksidiers, Front Street

Finish: Bernard Park

### Afternoon

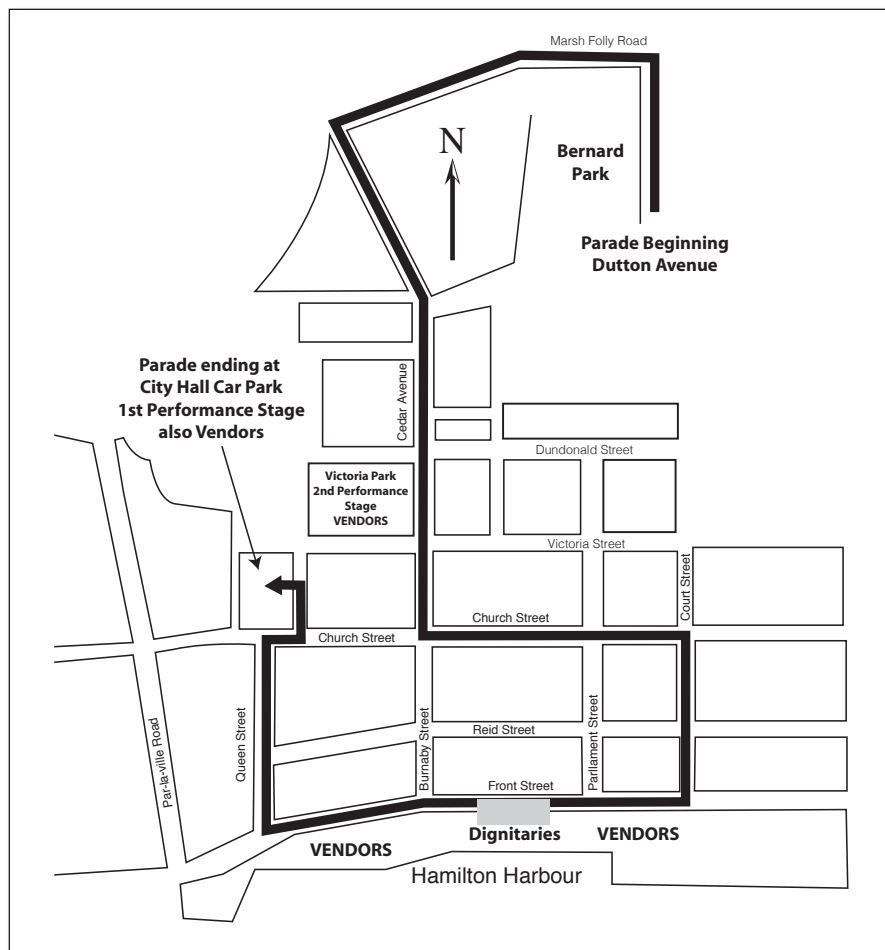
1:30 p.m. Bermuda Day Heritage Parade

Start: Marsh Folly Road

Finish: City Hall Car Park, Hamilton



# Bermuda Day Parade Route 2015



The 2015 Bermuda Day Parade will begin 1:30 p.m. It will move along Marsh Folly Road; and continue right through to the top of Cedar Avenue. A left turn will then be made on to Church Street, followed by a right turn on to Court Street. The parade will move through Front Street and up Queen Street with dispersals following final performances at the City Hall Car Park.

For the safety of the public, as the parade gets to the top of Queen Street, the floats will make a right turn on to Church Street, park in front of City Hall and remain there on display throughout the afternoon. The dance trucks, however, must make a slight left turn and then proceed along Wesley Street, unload the dancers at the performance site and move on to the back of the City via Park Road.

# Grand Marshals

## ROSE DOUGLAS



Rose Patricia Douglas was raised in a family who believed strongly in helping others. She grew up in a close-knit neighbourhood on Suffering Lane in St. George's, and remembers her parents regularly taking food to neighbouring families. Whenever she asked why, she was told the food would spoil soon if they didn't give it away. It was before the days of a lot of refrigeration so it made sense. She and her brother also spent many hours grating cassava as a chore. It was years before she understood that her parents were actually giving away the food and cassava to help their less fortunate neighbours. "My parents believed in sharing," she said. Her grandparents were also passionate about helping the community and would often take in children in need.

Early on Rose decided to become a teacher. She trained at Ottawa Teachers College where she received a thorough preparation in teaching. She also did a psychology degree at Queen's University. After university she taught at St. John's Preschool, the Heard Chapel Preschool, at East End Primary and at St. George's Secondary School. She found teaching to be a wonderful experience. She loved encouraging children to exceed the expectations they had set for themselves. There were times Rose had been criticized for demanding too much from her students; but many of the students themselves were grateful. She still sees many of her former students today. She retired from teaching at age 60.

Today, she continues to carry out her family's sense of responsibility to the community. She regularly volunteers her time with Project Action, a local charity that provides transportation to senior citizens and the physically handicapped. She handles the pick-up scheduling and also regularly gives presentations about the organization to help raise money and awareness. The presentations are something she has learned to like over the years as she had a fear of public speaking. She also helps with organizing of fundraising events. For a recent grand tea, she and other volunteers worked through the night and into the morning to get everything ready. She also volunteers with a feeding programme at Ebenezer Methodist Church. They serve meals to people in need on the second Thursday of every month. Rose coordinated the programme for a year to get it off the ground.

## Ernest Roy Richardson



Ernest Roy Richardson, commonly known as "Leroy Tubby Richardson", a well renowned cricketer, was born June 30th 1921. He is the son of the late Robert James Richardson and Alberta Olive Ellen Richardson. He was married to the late Olive Eleanor Millicent Steede; and father to Leroy, Calvin, Randy, Lynette and Tracey Richardson.

In 1938, he became a member of the St. George's Colts Sports Club; both cricket and football teams - the Bolton Wanderers. Also in 1939, became a member of the very first Colts Cup Match team that played against the Somerset Colts in which

St. George's Colts were victorious. From this he became a life time member of the St. George's Cricket Club with the "B" team and periodically with the "A" team. He was chosen to represent the "A" team against a strong Trinidadian team captained by Ben Sealy. Prior Jones was a very fast West Indies Test Team bowler and he scored 30 runs out of the teams 225, unfortunately they lost by 25 runs.

In 1941, he was the first member to play in the Annual Cup Match. During this game he captured his very first wicket from Bermuda cricketer Alma Champ Hunt. Before he was called to bowl the score was 129 for 7 and last man was 104. By the end of the first day of the match Somerset won by 31 runs.

To his credit, he played in a total of 11 Cup Matches, capturing 14 wickets and taking 10 catches. In 1945, he scored 35 runs in 2 hours and 25 minutes which was a match saving performance. His best year as captain was in 1951, bowling 22 overs, 6 maidens and 9 wickets for 56 runs.

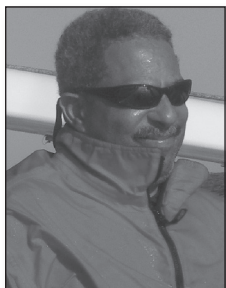
During his 50 year cricket career, he played against a large number of both local and foreign teams with 93 runs being his highest single innings score.

On May 4th 1942; he was recruited to serve in the Bermuda Militia Artillery which was stationed at the St. David's Battery. While in the Bermuda Militia Artillery, he became a regular member of the Battery cricket and football teams. He had the good fortune to be selected as a member of the Governor's Cup competition for both the football and cricket teams which were strictly military and naval.

In 1943, he then became a life time member of the Royal Artillery Association, Bermuda Branch. In addition to cricket, he was later elected president from 1962 - 1969. He was then re-elected in 1974 and served a total of 15 years.

He later joined the Bermuda Prison Services on August 1st 1950 and remained there for 21 years and was later promoted to Chief Officer. In 1970 he received the award for Long Service, Good Conduct and Efficiency by His Excellency, The Governor Lord Martonmere.

## Glenn Astwood



As a child, Glenn's father would always take him to watch the Edward Cross Long Distance Comet Race on the Queen's Birthday holiday in June. He always admired Howard Lee in High Yella and was a great fan of his. When he was about 13 his friend Larry Ingham took him out sailing in one of the boats that his father had built. During summer holidays, he would sail from Somerset Bridge to town and back. That inspired him to build a sail boat in his woodwork class in high school.

As a teenager in school in New York, Glenn went to see the movie Jaws with his brother. Glenn was fascinated by the catamarans that the kids were sailing in the movie. When he returned to Bermuda, he bought a second hand Tornado and started racing in the Tornado class. He took part in the races week after week. Slowly, with persistence, he started to get better and better; until he finally started winning regattas.

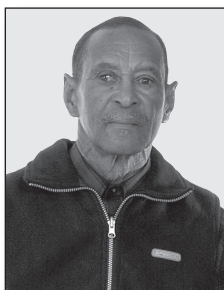
Glenn went to the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles as an alternate to Alan Burland and Chris Nash. He later teamed up with Eddie Bardgett and they set their sights on

qualifying for the 1988 Seoul Olympics. With this motivation, and financial assistance from Duncan McBeath and Fritz Reiter, they achieved their goal.

Glenn's advice to young kids is to be passionate — be willing to listen to any advice you receive. Hone your skills; enjoy your sailing and be willing to help others, as you never know what opportunities may come as a result.

According to Mr. Astwood, these are exciting times in Bermuda with the America's Cup at our doorstep; and he is sure there will be great opportunities for Bermuda's young sailors.

## George Llewellyn Hollis



George Llewellyn Hollis, a third generation fisherman, has become well known for his adventures at sea. His love of the ocean began in his earliest years when his grandmother babysat him. She would keep him in a punt while she searched the shoreline for mussels, which she later sold to markets. When his family moved to Spanish Point, he became acquainted with older fisherman. He enjoyed learning about their work and hearing their tall tales. Eventually, he was able to go out with them on fishing trips; and later blow the conch shell around the neighbourhood to sell the catch. During those early days, Mr. Hollis took up scuba diving, bottle collecting, and participated in powerboat racing. Today, he is the oldest living racer from that era.

Sometime in the 1970s, Mr. Hollis began commercial fishing. Being an engineer by trade gave him an edge in fishing. He combined his knowledge of technology with his fishing and developed many successful techniques.

He has had the honour of assisting in the rescue of countless vessels over the years. And of course like any seaman, he has a treasury of stories to tell. He often recounts his adventures as a fisherman and an ocean rescuer. These informal talks led to his being invited to the world-renowned Smithsonian Folklife Festival held on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in 2001. In that year the Smithsonian hosted its 35th Annual Folklife Festival, where Bermuda's culture and folklife were impressively displayed.

Mr. Hollis was chosen to serve on the Government's Historic Wrecks Authority when it first came into operation. He still serves on other marine-related boards. Mr. Hollis has also been honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Bermuda Arts Council in 2009 and served as a Tradition Bearer in the Folklife Apprenticeship Programme also in 2009. Mr. Hollis was featured in the Bermuda Folklife Documentary *Llewellyn Hollis: Fisherman* launched on 19 June 2014.

His delightfully entertaining stories convey not only the noteworthy practices of the past, but also the wisdom and creative thinking upon which they were founded. With each enthusiastic re-telling of history, he is generating well-deserved respect and honour for the past and those associated with it.



Department of Community and Cultural Affairs  
**Bermuda Day Parade Order 2015**  
 Heritage Month Theme  
**“BERMUDA: AN ATLANTIC GARDEN”**

<b>Bermuda Longriders Motor Cycle Club</b>	3. The Berkeley Institute Marching Band
<b>St. John Ambulance Bermuda</b>	4. Anointed Steps Dance Ministry School
<b>Classic Car - Roger Francis</b>	4a. Party Zone
<b>Classic Motorcycle 150cc - Gerald L. Young</b>	5. Friends of the House of Azores Bermuda Float
<b>Bermuda Regiment</b>	6. The Ex-Artillery Elite Majorettes
<b><u>GRAND MARSHALS</u></b>	6a. Bermuda Squad Entertainers
Ms. Rose Douglas	7. Danji Productions Band
Mr. Ernest Roy Richardson	8. Bermuda Cancer Health Centre Float
Mr. Glenn Astwood	9. Dynamic Revolution Dance Crew
Mr. Llewellyn Hollis	10. Up With People
<b>The First Lady Grand Marshal</b>	10a. Department of Corrections Float
<b>of Carnival - Mrs. Norma Nottingham</b>	11. Gombey Warriors
<b>Miss Bermuda 2014 – Lillian Lightbourn</b>	12. Bermuda Regiment Float
	12a. United Dance Productions
<b>Somerset Brigade Band</b>	13. Boundary Breakers
<b>Miss Hospitality – Cami Bean-Caines</b>	14. Global Link Dance Group
<b>Little Miss Paradise – Sedona-Sky</b>	15. Sandy's Secondary Middle School Float
<b>Kathleen Duffy</b>	16. Bermuda Donquili African Dance
<b>Olde Towne Bicycle Rentals</b>	17. FACE - Ellen Douglas and Samuel Lynch Float
<b>Ed Christopher</b>	18. Gladwyn Vinton Smith Float
<b>Hamilton Town Crier &amp; Junior Criers</b>	19. Richardson's Gombey's
1. Bermuda Rifle & Drill Team	20. Fusion Fitness
2. Aerie's Adventures Nursery and Preschool Float	



21. Sui Generis Dance Team
22. Age Concern Bermuda Float
23. For God's Purpose,  
Bermuda Liturgical Dancers
24. Rated 'E' Dance Group
25. Places New Generation Gombey's
26. Big Papa's Surprise Improv Group
27. Pembroke Hamilton Club Majorettes  
and Drum Corp
28. Vasco DaGama Club Float
29. Calypso Queen Eileen and Dancers
30. Touch D Deck Band
31. The Kiwanis Club Bermuda – Float
32. The Motivated Old School Dancers
33. Ikaz Dance Group
34. H and H Gombey's
35. Department of Community  
and Cultural Affairs Float
36. St. George's Original Dancerettes
37. The Chewstick Foundation
38. Gombey Evolution
39. The Bermuda Carnival Revelers
40. Passion Bermuda









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