

A TAPESTRY OF CULTURES

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Premier of Bermuda



Happy Bermuda Day everyone!

This truly is one of the most exciting times of the year for us. It's a day full of nonstop activities starting with the Bermuda half marathon, fitted dinghy boat races and culminating with the Bermuda Day Parade.

Celebrating our unique heritage with family, friends and the special people we meet throughout the day are all part of the memorable experience that is Bermuda Day.

Bermuda truly is a rich mosaic of people, arts, cultures, and traditions. And this year's theme: A Tapestry of Cultures couldn't be more fitting.

We have very strong roots and influences hailing from the Caribbean and Africa... the Azores and Portugal... the UK and Europe and other areas around the globe.

This broad spectrum of diversity has contributed to who we are today. Yet while our influences are varied, our heritage is uniquely Bermudian.

And on Bermuda Day, we have so much to be proud of and so much to celebrate. It's an occasion to showcase those signature traditions which are distinctly Bermudian – our colourful and energetic Gombeyes, our one-of-a-kind Bermudian cuisine and of course our unique and vibrant people.

So today as Bermudians let's embrace our national pride, embrace one another and embrace all the qualities which make us special. Today on Bermuda Day, no matter our differences, our shared experiences as Bermudians are what bind us together.

I wish to extend special thanks to the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs who have once again put in tremendous work, effort and coordination into making this year's Bermuda Day celebrations a memorable one.

To all of you celebrating your Bermuda Day – whether you're watching the parade, running in the half marathon, going for your first swim of the year, attending the dinghy races, or dancing with the Gombeyes – however you're spending it, on behalf the Government I extend my best wishes for a safe and wonderful holiday!

Michael Dunkley

The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley JP, MP
Premier of Bermuda

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Office of the Opposition Leader



On behalf of my colleagues, Executive and Members, I extend our warmest Bermuda Day greetings to you and your family. This year's Heritage Month theme, "A Tapestry of Cultures," reflects the pressing need for us to celebrate our diversity and continue to press for a fairer, more inclusive and more just Bermuda.

Over the past few months Bermudians have been divided over immigration, race and fairness. We have disagreed and often in that disagreement, we have been disagreeable. As such this brief pause and respite from our ideological, philosophical and racial differences provided by Bermuda Day is an opportunity for reflection and growth.

In Jamaica they say, "Out of Many, One People." Meanwhile in Bermuda, we say "Whither the fates carry us." It will not be the fates that bring us together and move us ahead. It will take a shared vision of a Bermuda that is more fair, more just and more inclusive combined with the will and strength of Bermudians willing to struggle, work and sacrifice to make it a reality. It begins by extending our celebration of our rich tapestry of cultures beyond Heritage Month, and into the way we interact with each other, conduct our business and teach our children, on a daily basis.

As we celebrate Bermuda and all things Bermudian on this Bermuda Day 2016, I wish you and your family a safe, happy and truly "Bermudaful" Bermuda Day.

E. David Burt, JP, MP
Acting Leader of the Opposition



Greetings and Happy Bermuda Day!

Bermuda Day is one of our most anticipated and festive holidays that reflects our shared pride and love for Bermuda. It is a holiday filled with celebration for our beloved Bermuda, our history and our people.

This year, the theme for Heritage Month is "*A Tapestry of Cultures*". The 2016 Heritage Month theme reflects on the interconnection of influences that make up the dynamic tapestry of Bermuda's people.

This Heritage Month we have celebrated the diversity of Bermuda, with cultural influences spanning the globe including British, African, Caribbean, Native American, Portuguese, Scottish, Filipino, Latino, and many others. As Bermudians we remain fiercely proud of our roots while welcoming other nationalities into our cultural mosaic with signature Bermudian hospitality. This diversity helps shape an ever-evolving national identity that is created of many disparate influences but remains distinctly Bermudian.

I wish to thank the Heritage Month Advisory Committee and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs who have organized a wonderful month of activities and worked tirelessly on executing the events, especially of course, the Bermuda Day Parade.

Today traditionally marks the beginning of summer and traditions vary among families as to how to spend the day. However you choose to enjoy Bermuda Day - watching the Annual Half-Marathon Derby; taking your first dip of the season; watching the Fitted Dingy Race, participating in the Bermuda Day Parade or just relaxing at home, let us take the time to give thanks for our rich heritage and our amazingly diverse culture. In true Bermudian hospitality, let us embrace each other and celebrate the tapestry that is uniquely ours.

Enjoy your day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvan Richards', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

The Hon. Sylvan Richards, JP, MP
Minister of Social Development and Sports



24th May 2016

Happy Bermuda Day everyone and welcome to the City of Hamilton for the 24th of May celebrations.

This year's theme, "A Tapestry of Cultures", gives us pause to reflect upon the diversity of today's Bermuda and how the multitude of ethnic cultures represented in our community provides us with an ever richer and colourful set of traditions as commemorated here today.

From Portugal, the West Indies and the U.K.; from Europe to North America and South Africa; Asia, the Far East and beyond, our tiny isle is a melting pot of different nations shaping a heritage like no other. Our ever-developing customs and beliefs have deep roots from across the globe and it is here, in Bermuda's capital, Hamilton, where we celebrate.

Sparsa Collegit is our city's motto, "Gathering of the scattered." Today, honoring what makes us different; celebrating what makes us one is truly, "Hamilton, Bermuda at its best."

So while you enjoy the half-marathon derby and the parade in the City, on what is traditionally a day that many take their first swim, I encourage you to embrace a pride in our people and in our country – a country that proves time and time again that it is, indeed, another world.

Enjoy the festivities around the island during this most jovial of holidays and remember to be safe, smart and responsible.

Yours sincerely,

Rt. Wor. Charles R. Gosling, JP
Mayor of Hamilton



The Corporation of St. George



Message from the Mayor of St. George

Good day Bermuda,

I extend greetings to all my fellow Bermudians and visitors to our beautiful island. This year's theme, "A Tapestry of Cultures" is so befitting and highlights the many cultures and cultural influences that make up the diversity of Bermuda's people.

Bermuda was settled over 400 years ago with the first settlers arriving from Britain. Throughout history we have welcomed seafarers to our shores from all different nationalities infusing cultural influences into the Bermuda we have grown to love.

Today, we celebrate the diversity of Bermuda. The magnificent floats and displays are a wonderful way to "show off" these unique cultural diversities and its impact on what is uniquely Bermuda.

Congratulations to all the dedicated volunteers and organizations who have worked hard to ensure the success and longevity of this event.

In closing, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Bermuda Day.

Sincerely,

Quinell Francis, JP
Mayor

MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANISER



Warm wishes to you on this 37th annual Bermuda Day Parade.

My first Bermuda Day Parade was celebrated in my mother's womb, and the thrum of Gombey rhythm has been my heartbeat ever since. As soon as I could talk, I begged to participate in the spectacle of this parade which celebrates all that makes our island special. I recall the intense rush of crowds on Cedar Avenue as a Hamilton Parish Hot Pepper majorette and later, the looks

of bewildered amusement on Front Street while paint-splattered from J'ouvert with The Chewstick Foundation. These moments are engrained in my appreciation of Bermuda Day as past participant and current organiser. I am honoured to be entrusted with such an important and vibrant expression of the multiplicity of cultural treasures that Bermuda is home to.

The 2016 Heritage Month theme, A Tapestry of Cultures, reflects on the origins of our people that have evolved into a uniquely Bermudian identity. Our influences are varied, whether it is the hurricane of Caribbean literature influencing our poets, African-centred consciousness flourishing in Ashay University courses at the Bermuda National Library, sawdust-decorated floats inspired by the Portuguese Santo Cristo festival, or the British military precision of the Royal Bermuda Regiment's troops. Bermudian culture and identity have developed from a rich tapestry of influences. Bermuda is more than cedars, cassava pie, and Gombey dance; our pride in our home must reflect our extensive and varied wealth of cultural heritage.

The significance of acknowledging Bermuda's various cultural and ethnic backgrounds is that it accounts for historic struggles that strengthened a people and the beauty that inspires their present. The Pitt Report of 1978 laid out a vision of equity, social justice, and respect within Bermuda, and Heritage Month is a reflection of an effort to achieve those goals. Our individual differences are part of what makes commemorating Bermuda Day so special: we are strengthened by our various backgrounds and united in our celebration of Bermudian national identity.

I wish to acknowledge the organisers and Bermuda Day officials from previous years, particularly my predecessor Mrs. Louise Tannock. Many thanks go to the Heritage Advisory Committee members and my colleagues at the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs. Endless gratitude is also extended to our partners at the Department of Corrections and The Royal Bermuda Regiment who helped to make the parade so vibrant and well-organised. My mentor, the extraordinary Ruth E. Thomas, once stressed to me that Bermuda's culture is her people. This lesson, and the beauty of my fellow country-people, continues to energise me. Happy Bermuda Day to each of you – I wish you abundant inspiration, limitless national pride, and boasty vibes.

Carlita Lodge

Cultural Affairs Programme Manager

THE ORIGINS OF HERITAGE MONTH AND BERMUDA DAY

Civil unrest in the 1960s and 1970s prompted the Bermuda Government to commission a report examining the social conditions in Bermuda and make recommendations to promote a more unified and peaceful social atmosphere. The Pitt Report of 1978 gave an accurate representation of the social and racially tense atmosphere at the time, and included feedback from many Bermudians that suggested an event should be organised to bring Bermudians together in harmony and to build a sense of civic pride.

It was decided that a parade would provide an opportunity for camaraderie and celebration, similar to the Easter Parade that ran from the 1930s through to the 1960s. During that time, many farmers grew flowers so that they could be in full bloom for the Easter period. It was also suggested in the Pitt Report that the proposed event capture the unifying spirit of the existing May 24 half-marathon. These events both served as inspiration for the Bermuda Day Heritage Parade which replaced Empire Day, the annual public holiday recognising Queen Victoria's birthday. The first Bermuda Day Parade took place in 1979.

Bermuda quickly realised that one day of celebration was not enough time to recognise the broad spectrum of Bermudian heritage and traditions. Heritage Week was born, celebrated in the last week in May. By the mid-1980's, this was expanded further into Heritage Month with a calendar full of events through May that celebrates Bermudian culture, heritage, and traditions.

Bermuda Day has become the culminating point of Heritage Month and one of the most beloved cultural holidays alongside Cup Match (Emancipation Day & Somers Day). On Bermuda Day, Bermudians showcase their pride in the beauty and diverse culture of our island – whether they participate in the parade, the half-marathon, go for their first swim of the year, attend the season's first fitted dinghy boat races, or follow the Gombeyes through the streets crying, "Ay-oh!"

BERMUDA DAY 2016

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

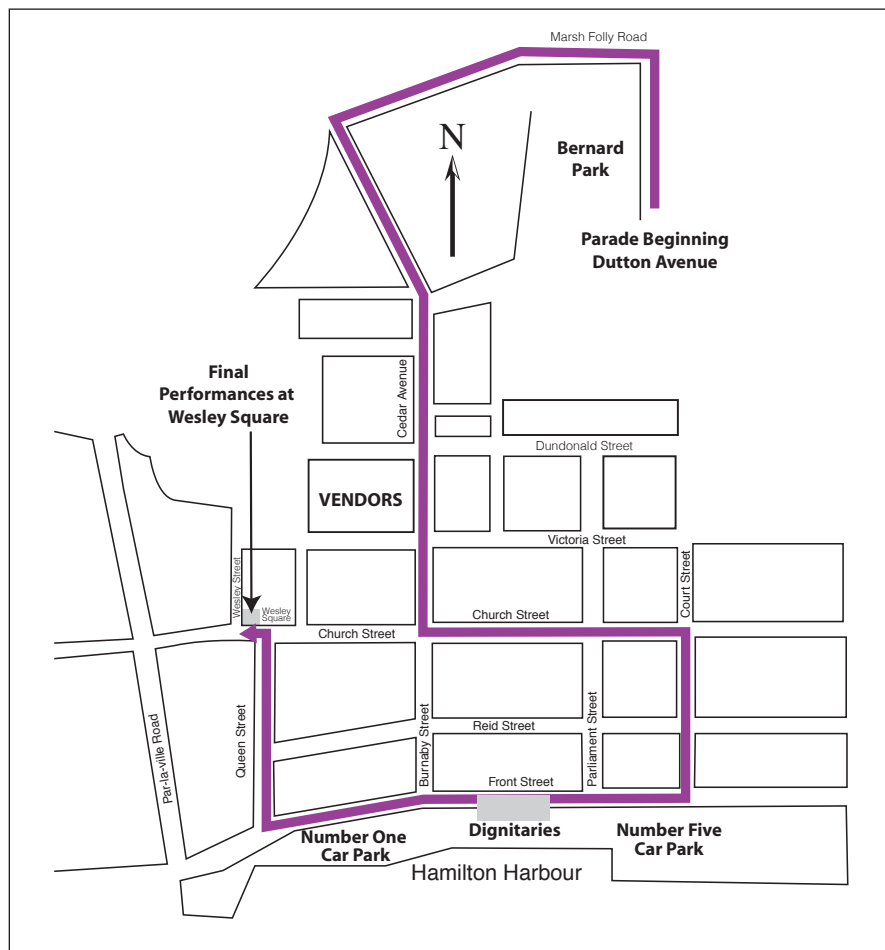
Morning

- 8:50 AM** **Sinclair Packwood Memorial Cycle Race**
Start: Somerset
Finish: Cedar Avenue
- 9:00 AM** **Annual Bermuda Day Half-Marathon**
Start: Somerset
Finish: Bernard Park
- 9:45 AM** **Heritage Junior Classic Race**
Start: Docksidiers, 121 Front Street
Finish: Bernard Park

Afternoon

- 1:30 PM** **Bermuda Day Heritage Parade**
Start: Marsh Folly Road
Finish: Wesley Square

BERMUDA DAY PARADE ROUTE



The 2016 Bermuda Day Parade will begin at 1:30 PM. It will move along Marsh Folly Road and continue right through to the top of Cedar Avenue. The parade then turns left onto Church Street, takes a right down Court Street, a right along Front Street, and finally up Queen Street. Groups will have a final performance in front of Wesley Square on Church Street. Floats will make a right turn on to Church Street, park in front of City Hall and remain there on display throughout the afternoon.

BERMUDA DAY PARADE ORDER

Official Opening of Parade

1. Bermuda Longriders Motorcycle Club & Association
2. Gerald Young - Classic Motorcycle
3. Roger Francis- Classic Car
4. St. John's Ambulance
5. Royal Bermuda Regiment Band

Bermuda Day Grand Marshals & Recognised Attendees

6. Grand Marshal – Annie Young
7. Grand Marshal – Edmundo Faria
8. Grand Marshal – Harold Millet
9. First Lady Grand Marshal – Norma Nottingham
10. Miss Bermuda 2016 – Alyssa Rose
11. Miss Hospitality 2016 – Kayla Williams
12. Bermuda Nurses Association Nurse of the Year – Beverley Howell

Bermuda Day Parade

13. The Bermuda Rifle and Drill Team
14. Special Olympics Bermuda Float
15. The Berkeley Institute Marching Panthers
16. Bermuda Shrine Club
17. For God's Purpose
18. Department of Corrections Float
19. Warwick Gombey's
20. Portuguese Cultural Association
21. Dynamic City Rockettes
22. It's a Skate Thing!

23. United Dance Productions
24. Gombey Evolution Troupe
25. Anchor Boys
26. Sui Generis Dance Team
27. Sandy's Middle School Float & Band
28. PHC Majorettes and Drum Corps
29. Calypso Queen Eileen and Goodyme Entertainment
30. Place's New Generation Gombey
31. Bermuda African Dance Company
32. Challenge Dance Crew
33. Bermuda Squad Entertainers
34. Amigos da Casa dos Açores da Bermuda
35. Vanity Dance Group
36. H&H Gombey Troupe
37. Dynamic Revolution Dance Group
38. Family Roots to Ability Shoots to Community Fruits Float
39. Boundary Breakers Dancers
40. Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Float
41. St. George's Original Dancerettes
42. Gombey Warriors
43. The Bermuda Carnival Revelers
44. Passion Bermuda

GRAND MARSHALS

Annie Burrows Bean Young



Annie Burrows Bean Young is the youngest daughter of Reginald and Annie Bean. She was born in the late 1930s at Somerset Bridge. She attended Southampton Glebe, Northland's School, and the Girl's Institute of Arts and Crafts.

Mrs. Young's first job was at the fashion store, Bamboo Gate, on Harbour Road. She then worked at the English Sports Shop at Carlton Beach Hotel (the former Sonesta Beach Hotel). After a few years, she moved on to Warwick Video, where she remained until its closure in 1990. This retail experience laid the stage for an important shift in Bermuda's cultural consciousness.

Her eldest daughter, Valerie, had been selling some African artefacts and greeting cards from her car in Dockyard which had an enthusiastic response. Valerie found a retail space on Court Street when she was offered a new job. Naturally, her mother took up the challenge and True Reflections was born. True Reflections was the first shop in Bermuda to stock African literature, art, and clothing. The store found its eventual location in Chancery Lane and became a focal point for ethnically themed books, cards, artefacts, material, and many other items. True Reflections played a significant role in the development of Bermudian interest about their African roots and the similarities in culture. Under Mrs. Young's management, True Reflections remained a much loved location for 21 years. During this Bermuda Day, we honour her commitment to African-centred consciousness.

Mrs. Young's many years of experience both in the hospitality industry and retail have garnered her many friends from all over the world. She loves to keep in touch with them and is often invited to visit. Her other hobbies include travel, sports and gardening.

Edmundo Vieira Faria



Edmundo Vieira Faria was born in São Miguel, Açores in 1935. He moved to Bermuda in May 1959 and married Maria de Lurdes in 1967. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Mr. Faria has been an important figure within the Portuguese community in Bermuda. He was an active

committee member of Vasco da Gama and the Portuguese Association in the 1970s, ensuring that Portuguese culture was maintained and shared with the wider Bermudian community. In thanks, he has been named an Honorary Life Member of the Vasco da Gama Club.

Mr. Faria was also an active member of the Portuguese Cultural Association and was instrumental in introducing the Portuguese Language School in Bermuda. He worked tirelessly within the school assisting with fundraising and special events. Also active in the St. Theresa's Parish community, he has served on the Portuguese Pastoral Council and the Santo Cristo Committee who collectively organize the annual religious festival which features a large community gathering at the BAA grounds. He currently assists the Portuguese priest, Father Julio, with his ministry visiting and taking Holy Communion to the sick and elderly that are homebound.

In addition to his cultural work, Mr. Faria worked for the Corporation of Hamilton for 49 years in a variety of roles, most publicly known for coordinating the city's Christmas decorations. Mr. Faria is well-known for his beautiful gardens and his spectacular Christmas decorations at home, both of which have won a variety of awards. He was also a long-time member of the Bermuda Bird Fanciers Association. Today, we celebrate the important role he has played in preserving Portuguese-Bermudian culture.

Shurnett Yvonne Nathan Caines



Shurnett Yvonne Nathan Caines moved to Bermuda over 47 years ago and quickly established herself as a hard-working woman with a variety of interests. The West Indian Association was created in the basement of her home, dedicated to celebrating the broad connection between Bermuda and the West Indian people. She is a co-founder of the Jamaican Association and has worked tirelessly to advance the interests of Jamaican-Bermudians.

In 2008, Mrs. Caines was the recipient of Her Majesty the Queen's Certificate of Honor in recognition of valuable services to the community, especially the preservation of West Indian heritage in Bermuda. She has encouraged guest workers and long-term residents alike to find a balance between their birth country and adopted homeland of Bermuda. Her work has fostered a sense of pride for Bermudian people with Caribbean heritage, as many Black Bermudians can trace their roots to the Caribbean.

Mrs. Caines was a long-time member of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade and served on the Treatment of Offenders Board. She has been deeply involved in the Hamilton Seventh Day Adventist Church for many years.

Mrs. Caines' home has always been a safe haven for those looking for a connection to community. Many in the Jamaican community have stopped by for good conversation, a hot meal, a shoulder to lean on, or shelter. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, talking on the phone with family, traveling, calling in to talk shows, and being with family. Today, we honour her commitment to the Caribbean community within Bermuda.

Note: Unfortunately, Mrs. Caines is off-island and cannot participate in today's parade.

Harold E. Millet



Harold E. Millet was born in 1937 in St. David's to Guy and Gladys Millett. He attended Hilton Richardson School, East End Primary, and St. David's School. He has been married to his beloved wife, Juanita, for 42 years and they have two daughters.

Mr. Millett entered the Bermuda Pilot Service on March 12, 1956 as an Apprentice. In 1958, he received his Bermuda Pilot's License, becoming a fifth-generation Bermuda Pilot. He retired in 2001 as Deputy Pilot Warden after forty-five years of service. His career led him to become a trade unionist and he was Vice President of the Marine and Ports Division.

He served as President and played cricket for St. David's Cricket Club. Mr. Millett was afforded the opportunity to tour with Bermuda Cricket Board of Control and Somers Isles Cricket League. He was also President of the Eastern Counties Cricket Association.

Mr. Millet served as Sub-Warden at Chapel of Ease Church and is a member of St. Peter's Vestry and a synod representative.

Mr. Millet is a true St. David's islander and has been involved in all aspects of Bermudian culture from the East end of the island. We acknowledge his contributions to the development of the unique St. David's culture and his tireless commitment to his neighbours and fellow country-people.

BERMUDA DAY ORGANISERS

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Heather Whalen - Director - *Community and Cultural Affairs*

Clyde-A-Mae Tucker - *Events and Programme Coordinator*

Nell Johnston, MBE

St. Clair (Brinky) Tucker

Milton Raposo

Yesha Townsend

DeShae DeShields

Parade Marshals

The Royal Bermuda Regiment

Judges

Nell Johnston, MBE - *Lead judge*

Neville Richardson

DeShae DeShields





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