

The 2024 Weeping Time Commemoration Weekend

Thursday, February 29 - Sunday, March 3. Savannah and Darien, Georgia

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Thursday, February 29, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**Georgia Southern University - Armstrong Campus. Gullah Geechee Center.
13040 Abercorn St., Savannah, GA 31410**

"The Weeping Time – Past, Present, & Future"

Panel Discussion led by Dr. Kwesi DeGraft-Hanson

Host - Dr. Maxine L. Bryant, Director, Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Center

3:00PM - 4:30PM

**Savannah State University. Asa H. Gordon Library
2200 Tompkins Rd Savannah, GA 31404.**

"The Weeping Time – Past, Present, & Future"

Panel Discussion led by Dr. Kwesi DeGraft Hanson

Hosts – Dr. Deborah Johnson-Simon, Scholar-in-Residence; & Friends of the Library

Friday, March 1, 2024

11:30PM - 1:30PM

**The Beach Institute African American Cultural Center
502 E Harris Street, Savannah, GA 31401**

"Food as Commemoration; & Researching African American Genealogy"

Panel Discussion led by Ms. Kiplyn Primus, WCLK, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta

Host - Mr. Johnathan Winbush, General Manager, King-Tisdale Cottage Foundation

2:00 - 3:00PM

**Otis J. Brock III Elementary School
1804 Stratford St., Savannah, GA 31415**

*"Teaching the Future about The Past"****** - Dr. Kwesi DeGraft Hanson

Host - Dr. Desma Patterson, Principal, Otis J. Brock III Elementary School

*****This presentation is for the schoolchildren in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades*****

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Saturday, March 2, 2024

9:00 – 9:30 AM

Georgia Historical Society Marker Commemorating *The Weeping Time*

2053 Augusta Ave, Savannah, GA 31415

Libations and Laying of the Wreath

Host - Dr. Brenda Roberts, Educator and Administrator, Savannah

10:00AM -12PM

2023 Weeping Time Commemoration Ceremony, Savannah

Otis J. Brock III Elementary School

1804 Stratford St., Savannah, GA 31415

Keynote - **Dr. Daniel Black**, Professor of Africana Studies, Clark Atlanta University

Host - Dr. Brenda Roberts, Educator and Administrator, Savannah

You're encouraged to bring Your Umbrella for a *Moment of Silence* during ceremony

5:30PM

Butler Island Candlelight Vigil

7777 Butler Island Road, Darien, GA 31305

Twilight Ceremony – Lights on Butler Island in memory of the formerly enslaved.

You may bring a solar light to place on the paths of Butler Island in memoriam.

5:30PM - Libations/Ceremony

Hosts - Queen mother Eunice Moore, Elder Griffin Lotson, Councilman Dr. William Collins, Ms. Missy Brandt-Wilson, Darien & McIntosh County Community

Sunday, March 3, 2024

2:00PM - 5:00PM

Weeping Time Commemoration Service, and Reception, Darien, GA

St. Cyprians Church (built by freedmen and women; former Butler enslaved)

401 Fort King George Dr., Darien, GA 31305

Hosts – Ms. Clara Rowsey-Stewart & Mr. Arthur Stewart, St. Cyprians Church