

## For Immediate Release

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Footprints in America Exhibition
September 14, 2023 - October 14, 2023

New location for this exhibition: 1608 Newcastle St, Brunswick, GA
Opening Reception: Saturday, September 16, 2023, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

St. Simon's Island, GA, July 8, 2023 -- Following the success of last year's *Common Roots: Many Branches* exhibition, Glynn Visual Arts is thrilled to announce an upcoming exhibition titled *Footprints in America* that will be on display at 1608 Newcastle Street in Brunswick from September 14 to October 14, 2023. Over 30 pieces of art will be depicted in this distinguished collection curated by the National Alliance of Artists from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (NAAHBCU). All of the artists represented in the collection are members of NAAHBCU and are alumni and/or arts educators at HBCU institutions.

Footprints in America will showcase works of art that embody the spirit of the Negritude movement, a cultural and literary movement that originated in the 1930s among French-speaking African and Caribbean writers and intellectuals. The artworks on display will explore themes of identity, heritage, and the African diaspora within the American context. We invite you to join us in celebrating the diversity, resilience, and creativity of Black artists from the southeast and their contributions to the art world. Some of the featured artists are Bryan Wilson, Dennis Winston, Dr. Lee Ransaw, Roymeico A. Carter, and Dr. Peggy Blood.

"The title 'Negritude' empowers! NAAHBCU embraces the term and looks forward to educating the community on African American art and being a catalyst for further research on Black diaspora art," said Dr. Peggy Blood, President of NAAHBCU.

Come explore this rich and thought-provoking exhibition and gain a deeper understanding of the Black experience and culture in America. All works of art will be for sale.

Exhibition Hours: Thursday - Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Exhibition Location: 1608 Newcastle Street, downtown Brunswick, Georgia. This space is currently being renovated specifically for this exhibition.

The opening reception to launch the *Footprints in America* Exhibition will be held on Saturday, September 16th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

## About Glynn Visual Arts, Inc (GVA)

Glynn Visual Arts, Inc (GVA) is a dynamic 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, located on St. Simons Island, GA. GVA was founded in 1953 and serves the Glynn County community with a mission to "enrich our community by stimulating interest and participation in the visual arts." The GVA vision and purpose is "to foster creativity to liberate, inspire, entertain, educate and nurture our community through the arts." As a cultural cornerstone of Glynn County, we serve our purpose and community with programming that provides fine art exhibitions, adult and youth classes, camps, festivals, an on-site Art Market artist co-op, and a pottery studio. GVA is a membership-based organization that also serves the general public. glynnvisualarts.org

## About NAAHBCU

NAAHBCU is a non-profit professional organization that educates, promotes artists and art programs within Historical Black Colleges and Universities. Our mission is to bring Art and Art Education to the forefront of member institutions and to keep these programs as institutional priorities for generations to come. The organization was founded in 1999.

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## **Upcoming Glynn Visual Arts Events and Exhibitions**

July 1 - Sept 30

Betty Oliver Exhibition at Hotel Simone

July 5 - August 4

Then & Now: Art of the Lowcountry Anniversary Exhibition at GVA Portman Gallery

July 11

Jewelry Making Workshop with Lisa Kent

July 12

Understanding Perspective Workshop with Tom Quinn (Free)

July 19

Introduction to Weaving Workshop with Virginia Hall (Free)

July 21

Friday Fire - Play With the Clay with Elizabeth Hayes

July 25

Canvas & Cork - Cezanne with Jennifer Broadus

July 29

Polymer Bead Workshop with Jami Wright

August 8 - September 8

Aurora Pope Exhibition at GVA's Portman Gallery

August 10

Opening Reception of Aurora Pope Exhibition at GVA's Portman Gallery

August 19

Indigo Silk Scarf Dying Workshop with Caroline Harper

August 24 - 26

Clay Sculpture Workshop with Linda Bobinger

August 24 - 26

Capturing the Landscape in Watercolors Plein Air Workshop with Kathy Rennell Forbes

September 12 - October 13

Kevin Pullen Exhibition at GVA's Portman Gallery

September 14 - October 13

Footprints in America Exhibition at 1608 Newcastle St, Brunswick

September 23 & 24

53rd Annual Art Under the Oaks - Juried Fine Art Festival at Postell Park

October 14

Indigo Dying Workshop with Caroline Harper

November 18

Open Air Market at GVA - part of the Global Entrepreneurship Week 2023

November 25 - December 28

Holiday Art Market

December 2 & 3

Mistletoe Market - Juried Fine Art Festival at Postell Park