



National Gallery of the Cayman Islands presents

Island of Women

LIFE AT HOME DURING OUR MARITIME YEARS

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

WORKSHOPS, PANELS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Married to the Sea: Voices of Seafarers' Spouses

Saturday, 22 February 2020. 6.00 PM – 7.30 PM.

Revisit the maritime years from the perspective of a seafarers' spouse. The first panel in our Island of Women series features women who were married to men working in the shipping industries during the mid-20th century. Join them as they share their personal stories of what life was like at home. For additional details or to RSVP please email education@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945 8111.

Film Screening: Her Story Is Our History

Wednesday, 4 March 2020. 6.00 PM – 7.30 PM

The National Gallery hosts a special screening of the 2017 documentary, *Her Story Is Our History: The Women's Suffrage Movement in the Cayman Islands*, introduced by Tammy Ebanks, Policy Analyst and former Senior Policy Officer of Gender Affairs, Cayman Islands Government. Enjoy the film in our Dart Auditorium with complimentary refreshments.

For additional details or to RSVP please email education@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945 8111.

Gender Equality Cayman Workshop: Confronting Gender Stereotypes

Wednesday, 18 March 2020. 6.00 PM – 7.30 PM

Gender Equality Cayman is a not-for-profit organisation with a vision of greater gender equality in the workplace in the Cayman Islands. Join GEC as they lead a workshop on the role women play in world economies, and how we can develop profitable businesses by confronting unconscious bias. For additional details or to RSVP please email education@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945 8111.

EY's Seniors Programme- Show and Tell Tea Party

Date to be confirmed

EY's Seniors programme is open to the public and seeks to facilitate thought provoking discussions and social time for seniors, aiming to improve health and strengthen a sense of well-being. Refreshments are provided for seniors (over 65yrs). At the Island of Women edition, participants are encouraged to bring a photo or item that recalls an influential woman in their life. This programme is free to attend and is kindly sponsored by EY.

For additional details or to RSVP please email education@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945 811

Artist Talks

Wednesday, 25 March, 22 April and 13 May 2020,
6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Get the story behind the art, straight from the artists. Join the artists of *Island of Women* as they reveal the inspiration and process behind their pieces. For additional details or to RSVP please email education@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945 8111.

Women in Tech & Digital Cayman Social

Thursday, 16 April 2020. 6.00 PM – 7.30 PM

Join Digital Cayman, Cayman Tech City and the National Gallery for a critical discussion about women working in the tech industry, moderated by Alexandra Simonova, Director of Cyber and Digital Risk at Deloitte. The discussion will be followed by a Digital Cayman social and networking event.

Women in Shipping with WISTA

Wednesday, 29 April 2020. 6.00 PM – 7.30 PM

Hear from women working in the modern shipping industries at this panel led by Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA). For additional details or to RSVP please email education@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945 8111.

Art Beyond the Classroom: Teaching Critical Thinking in Alternative Spaces

Wednesday, 6 May 2020. 6.00 PM – 7.30 PM

Some of the most effective learning can take place outside of the classroom. This all-female panel focuses on fostering deeper and broader understanding through educating in alternative spaces. Join the discussion with Department of Environment Director Gina Ebanks-Petrie, CCMI Education Officer Robyn Larkin, CIFEC Director Delores Thompson, CIFEC Teacher Sarah McDougall and BTEC art students. For additional details or to RSVP please email education@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945 8111.

Women in Politics Panel

Thursday, 14 May 2020. 6.00 PM – 7.30 PM

Join our guest panel of female political leaders as they discuss their cultural legacy and achievements in politics. This event is moderated by exhibition chief curator/NGCI Director Natalie Urquhart. For additional details or to RSVP please email education@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945 8111.

Women in Business with 100 Women in Finance: Mid-Career and Next Gen

Wednesday, 20 May 2020. 6.00 PM – 8:00 PM

Hosting industry education, professional development and networking events, 100 Women in Finance offers valuable support for professional women as they advance in their chosen careers. Enjoy a keynote address on women in business followed by breakout discussions at this special event led by 100 Women's Mid-Career and NextGen groups. For additional details or to RSVP please email education@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945 8111.

Island of Women Late Night Social

Friday, 22 May 2020, 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM

Stop by the National Gallery for a celebration of the National Gallery's *Island of Women* exhibition. Mingle with artists, curators and like-minded individuals. Admission is free and curator led tours will run every 30 minutes. To learn more about the evening email events@nationalgallery.org.ky or by calling (345) 945 8111.

KIDS & FAMILIES

Family Fun Day

Saturday, 14 March 2020
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Join the NGCI Education Department for free family fun based on the exhibition, *Island of Women*. Activity sheets and art activities will be available for children of all ages. Self-guided tour packs can be collected at reception for families to use as they explore the temporary exhibition. Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase in the Art Café. Admission is free and open to all ages. For additional details email education@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945 8111.

Family Fun Day: Artisans Market

Saturday, 4 April 2020, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Join the NGCI Education Department for free family fun based on the exhibition, *Island of Women*. At the artisans edition, meet traditional craft artisans and try your hand at their creative trades. Explore the exhibition with our free family guides and interactive worksheets for all ages. Admission is free and open to all ages. For additional details email education@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945 8111.

Family Fun Day: Parents & Kids' Art Workshop with Chris Mann

Saturday, 2 May 2020, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Join the NGCI Education Department for a free family workshop based on the exhibition, *Island of Women*. Children and their parents can take part in a collaborative piece with artist Chris Mann through this three-hour workshop. Create ceramic tiles inspired by the maritime years that will be used in Chris' larger project celebrating women's contributions to Caymanian society. Pre-register to guarantee your spot by contacting education@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945 8111.

Free Family Guides

Ongoing

Families can download a free copy of the exhibition guide in advance of their visit from the National Gallery website at www.nationalgallery.org.ky. Guides include additional information about the artists, exhibition themes, discussion points and creative art activities. These can be completed at home or during your visit to the exhibition. Family guides are also available at reception upon arrival to the National Gallery.

SCHOOLS & TEACHERS

Creative Worksheets: Educational Resources for Students

Ongoing

The National Gallery's Education Department has produced fun-filled educational activities in the form of worksheets for all ages to support the exhibition. These educational resources can be downloaded for free from the NGCI website - www.nationalgallery.org.ky and will be made available during school tours. Worksheets can also be requested at reception throughout the duration of the exhibition.

Free School Tours for All Ages

Guided Tours and Activities by Appointment
10 February to 28 May 2020

Free guided tours of the temporary exhibition are available for students and youth groups of all ages at the National Gallery. Students will discuss the exhibition and get hands-on with interactive activity sheets. Topics covered include art, social studies, historical narratives, literacy and numeracy. For information or to book a tour contact NGCI at (345) 945 8111 or education@nationalgallery.org.ky.

Educators' Social!

Friday, 21 February and 24 April 2020
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The National Gallery invites teachers and educators to join us for an informative evening of art activities, inspiring exhibition tours, socialising and refreshments. If you are an educator interested in bringing your students to the Gallery, this event will provide you with firsthand experience of all that NGCI has to offer. Our staff will demonstrate a variety of educational tours and programmes available to students and will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about these opportunities. In our studio, we'll lead you through a fun art project to give you an example of student art activities. Mingle with your fellow educators, enjoy some nibbles, learn about Caymanian art and create your own masterpiece - this event will be a fantastic way to plan your upcoming field trip, and enjoy a great start to the weekend! For more information and to RSVP, please contact intern@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945-8111.

GALLERY SHOP

The National Gallery Store works with NGCI curators and artists to find the very best products to support the temporary exhibition schedule. Throughout the *Island of Women* exhibition, the NGCI Store will feature books, accessories, art supplies, and kids' items that will inspire ingenuity and encourage a little creativity! NGCI members receive a 10% discount, plus additional sales on art supplies and merchandise will run throughout the exhibition.

WOMEN OF INFLUENCE PHOTO BOARD

We want to hear about the inspiring women in our wider community. When you visit *Island of Women* bring a photograph of a woman who has contributed to your life, including a few lines about who she is and what she means to you. We'll laminate your photo and add it to our Women of Influence photo board!



CONTACT US:

For more information regarding any of the events listed above and to RSVP please get in touch by emailing info@nationalgallery.org.ky or by calling (345) 945 8111

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A Note About This Exhibition

The initial concept for this exhibition arose during a week-long Museum Studies training programme which was completed by the entire National Gallery team in July 2018. Drawing upon key issues and best practices in museums, with a focus on exhibition curatorship for museums in the Caribbean context, the intensive course encompassed both a theoretical and technical component, as well as site visits to other cultural spaces across Grand Cayman. The week concluded with a practical exercise where staff were challenged to collectively develop an exhibition proposal. They selected to explore a critical part of our Islands' history – one that is often overshadowed by our more widely celebrated maritime heritage. The resulting exhibition is of course Island of Women – Life at Home During Our Maritime Years.

We have not sought to create a documentary-style history exhibition, nor have we tried to analyse the full scope of women's contributions to the development of our society. Instead, we have commissioned artists to respond to our theme and to interpret this story from their creative viewpoint. Inspired by oral histories, archival material, family stories and historical objects, the resulting work covers a diverse range of mediums, styles and genres ranging from illustrative painting and traditional craft to video and installation work. The resulting thirty-two artworks provide a platform for a wider community programme that seeks to explore this theme further via workshops, lectures and panel discussions with community leaders and local historians, and specialist women's groups.

We would like to thank the following individuals and organisations for joining us in our efforts to celebrate the remarkable ingenuity and creativity of Caymanian women, historically and in the present day: our twenty-six artists who are featured in the exhibition, many of whom spent hours researching their projects and creating new works in response to our theme. Our programme partners: Ministry of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing, Gender Affairs Unit, Cayman Islands National Archive, Cayman Islands National Museum, the National Trust for the Cayman Islands, the Cayman Islands Seafarers Association, 100 Women in Finance, the Cayman Islands Business and Professional Women's Club, Cayman Enterprise City, the Women's International Shipping and Trading Association, Lucille Seymour, Anita Ebanks, Mary Lawrence, Arthurlyn Pedley, Karlene Bramwell, Tammy Ebanks, Gina Ebanks-Petrie, Robyn Larkin, Delores Thompson, Kennedy Gallery, Island Framing, Audley Myrie and Texhugh Dunkley. Finally, our sincere thanks to project sponsor Butterfield, for their long-term support of our exhibition programme and specifically for Island of Women.

We have each been inspired by stories uncovered on this journey and we hope that you will likewise find inspiration during your visit.

Thank you,
The NGCI Team

