



ALLIOUAGANA FESTIVAL OF THE WORD 2019



November 14-17, 2019 Cultural Centre, Little Bay, Montserrat

"Continue the Conversation, Change the Narrative"

*Under the Distinguished Patronage of
The Premier, the Honourable Donaldson Romeo*

PROGRAMME

Thursday November 14

9.30 am Primary Schools' Book Parade from Carr's Bay to Little Bay
(N & B to Basketball Complex)

Presentation by Olive Senior
Presentation by Edwin Martin

6.30 pm Unveiling of Exhibition **Mountain A Glow** -
Cultural Centre - Pergola

The eruption of the Soufriere Hills Volcano on Montserrat has contributed a lot to the global understanding of volcanic eruptions. We commemorate the eruption, the experiences and the very strong cultural responses it created.

Entertainment by Calypsonians

- Kelvin 'Tabu' Duberry
- Herman 'Cupid' Francis
- Lloyd 'Bimshaw' Francis
- Cecil 'Cepeke' Lake
- Pat 'Belonger' Ryan

7.30 pm Public Lecture in the Memorial Lecture Series for Alphonsus 'Arrow' Cassell

Welcome by Premier and Patron, the Honourable Donaldson Romeo

Presentation of the Mary Glavashevich Bursary to Open Campus Students

Justin 'Hero' Cassell – **Arrow's Contribution to the Creative and Cultural Arts in Montserrat**



Key Note Address by Dr. Clarice Barnes - ***The Chance Pond Mermaid and Diamond Snake Meme: Contending Issues in Gathering our Volcano Stories***

Discussion

9.00 pm Taste of National Dish (Goat Water) and Traditional Night-time Beverage – Bush Tea

Friday November 15

10.00 am Authors/Presenters visit Schools

Michael Hingston speaks to Lower Forms at the Montserrat Secondary School (MSS)

Olive Senior meets students from the MSS and the Montserrat Community College (MCC) in the Open Campus Classroom

11.15 am Edward Martin speaks about Montserrat's Heroes and Legends to the youth at the Open Campus

6.30 pm Welcome Reception hosted by Patron Lobby, Cultural Centre

Introduction of Authors

7.45 pm Welcome by Montserrat Masquerades

8.00 pm Opening Ceremony for Festival

Launch of Books

- ☐ Olive Senior ***Boonoonoonous Hair***
- ☐ Howard Fergus ***First of August Come Again***
- ☐ Christene Browne ***Philomena (Unloved)***

Sale and Signing of Books



Saturday November 16

9.30 am Dr. Emily Bernard - ***Writing about Race and the Difference it Makes***

10.30 am Olive Senior - ***Hidden from History: West Indian Builders of the Panama Canal***

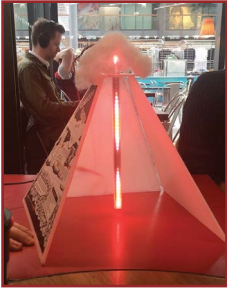
- 11.30 am BREAK sponsored by Dr. Jean Handscombe
- 12.30 pm Dr. Cheryl Tawede Grills - ***Emancipate Yourself from Mental Slavery: None but Ourselves can Free our Minds, Spirits and Soul***
- 2.00 pm MVO Creative Writing Competition Prize-Giving Ceremony
- 3.00 pm HarperCollins sponsored Spelling Bee, ***"Spell like a Champion"***
Barbara Arrindell & Thandie Williams
- 4.00 pm HarperCollins sponsored Reading Competition ***"Read like a Champion"***
Barbara Arrindell & Thandie Williams
- 7.00 pm ***Word Up: A Spoken Word and Storytelling Slam*** at the
Montserrat Community College, Salem



Sunday November 17

- 9.15 am ***Harvest and Mass of Thanksgiving.***
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Look Out
- 2.00 pm Montserrat Volcano Observatory – Media Room
- Edwin Martin - ***Montserrat's Heroes and Legends: Discussing the Contribution of the Recently Departed:***
- Professor J.A. George Irish
 - Hon Margaret Dyer Howe
 - Hon D.R.V. Edwards
- 3.00 pm Video Viewing and Discussion - MVO
- Ta Nehesi Coates – ***Reparations are not just about Slavery but also Centuries of Theft and Racial Terror***
 - Speech by Former Africa Union Ambassador Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao – ***The History of Africa***
 - Video of Musical by Derek Walcott ***"Steel"***
- 7.30 pm Home Hospitality





Mountain A Glow Exhibition on View – Thursday November 14 to Saturday November 16, 2019 (until 5 pm on Saturday) at the Cultural Centre, Little Bay and at the Montserrat Community College from 6 pm November 16 to November 23, 2019.



Exploring the Island: Hikes;
Bird Watching; Scuba Diving;
Snorkelling; Boat Tour



Island Tour;
Volcano Viewing



Bouncy Castle



Craft Stall



Food Stall



Book Stall

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