

Bahamian people have been blessed with many wonderful gifts, most of which are being taken for granted. Aspects of our rich culture and heritage must be passed on to the next generation. The Bahamian Heritage Center was created for this purpose. My philosophy is "If you don't know where you came from, you don't know where you are going."

The assembled artifacts and other related items are intended to take us back in time, where people enjoyed the simpler things in life. There was great community spirit through caring, sharing and hard work. In the olden days, it took a village to help bring up the children.

Come go with me, back in time..... View and learn of artifacts and other items that were a way of life in that era..... Come to a place where children will learn about our heritage and older persons can re-connect with the past.....

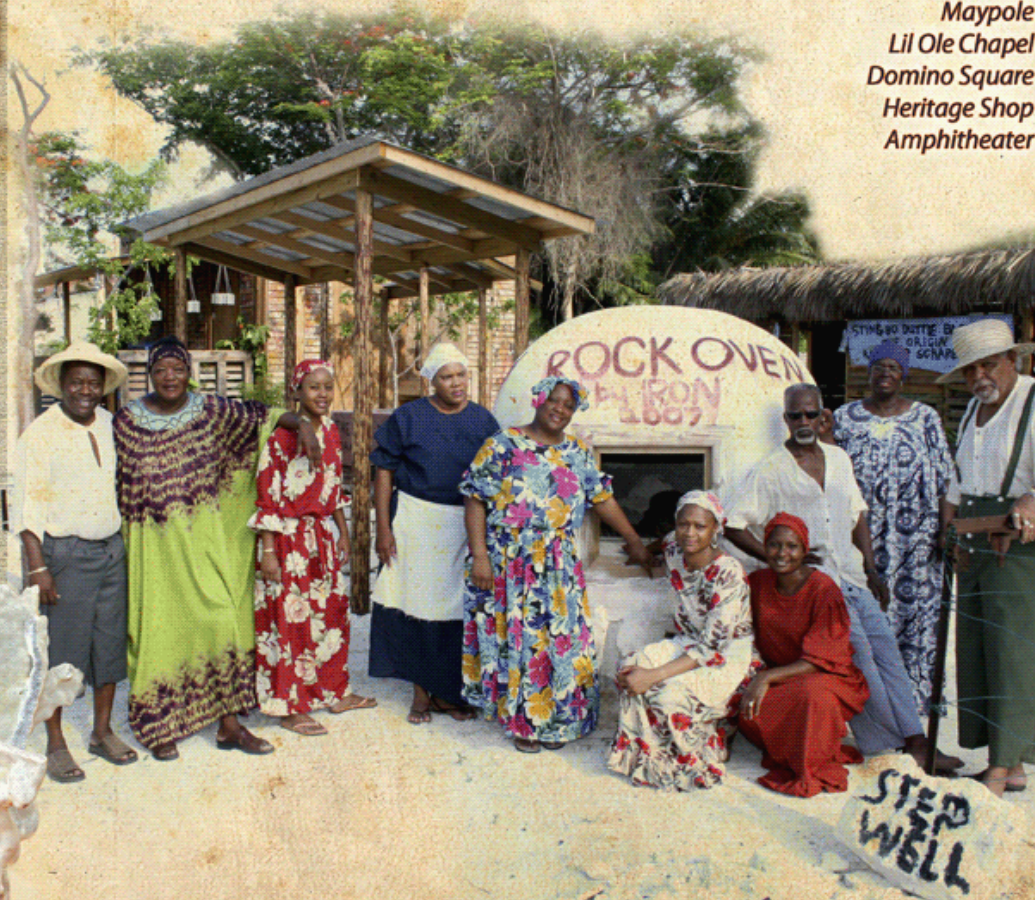
NETTIE'S DIFFERENT OF NASSAU BAHAMIAN HERITAGE CENTER

- Artifacts Display*
- Story Telling in Guamalemi Square*
- Crab Habitat*
- Granny's Kitchen*
- Rock Oven*
- Maypole*
- Lil Ole Chapel*
- Domino Square*
- Heritage Shop*
- Amphitheater*

The tour begins with a walk back in time through a room lined with shelves, displaying a variety of household objects and commercial items with labels identifying them while an explanation is given on the usage of each item. Firstly, a corn mill machine used to grind corn to make grits, one of the chief staples of the Bahamian diet in years gone by. A demonstration of how the corn mill operates is performed. Next to the corn mill, there is a small shelf displaying the 'good' dishes reserved for guests who came to the house for dinner and ordinary dishes that were used on a daily basis for occupants of the home. The exhibit continues with a display of wash tubs made from barrels that were once used to import Salt Beef and Salt Pork. Flat Irons were used for ironing garments of all description.

In another section there is a display that includes products from the land and sea such as sponges, salt and shells including a turtle carapace. The model boats illustrate the types of vessels Bahamians used for working on the sea and traveling between the islands.

Granny's Room and the schoolroom showcase specific aspects of traditional Bahamian life and act as a snapshot of Bahamian Culture.



Displays in the backyard are a combination of household, community and environmental areas. There are domesticated animals, the orchard and kitchen-related areas such as, a kitchen- building, rock oven, fish and conch drying rack and Step Well.

The crab habitat is another fascinating part of the outdoor environment. The activity area includes a Maypole, small table and chairs to play a game of dominoes, as well as a wooden chapel for weddings. The entire compound is surrounded by plantings of local fruits and vegetables.

The re-use of materials continues the tradition of 'Making do with whatever is available'.

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The Bahamian Heritage Center is ideal for cultural weddings, retreats and other private functions.

School, Church Groups and Individual
Tours available daily.
Times: 11:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
1:00 p.m.

Children under 12	\$7.50
Adults	\$15.00

Evening tours arranged upon request.

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Developed by Nettica (Nettie) Symonette, OBE, OM, JP
to help symbolize hope for our future and an understanding
of our proud heritage.

