

## **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

## The St Lucia 2022 Queen's Commonwealth Essay Writers Awards



### Sunday 8 January 2023 Church Service and Breakfast



The Nobel Laureate Festival of activities starts with the Annual Church Service, followed by a sumptuous breakfast catered by the Benedictine Sisters of the Abbey of Our Lady of the Assumption.

7:45 a.m., Abbey of Our Lady of the Assumption, Mount of Prayer, Coubaril, Castries.

9:30 a.m., Breakfast, Villa Santa Maria, Mount of Prayer, Coubaril, Castries costs \$40.00 per person.

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### Sunday 8 – Sunday 29 January 2023 Celebrating Excellence



“Celebrating Excellence” is a series of four minute videos presented by Delia Dolor where guests: Dr Adrian Augier; Dr Clarence Henry; Dr Anderson Reynolds; and Miss Drenia Frederick, discuss the impact of Saint Lucia’s Nobel Laureates on Economics and the Creative Arts.

12:05 pm Sundays; 6:40 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday and Friday, Hot 7 Television (HTS), Flow Channel 117/ NTN Flow Channel 122 / UWITV Flow Channel 105.

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The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition was founded in 1883 and is the world's oldest international schools' writing competition, giving creative young writers from across the Commonwealth the opportunity to explore contemporary themes through the written word. Through its promotion of literacy and writing skills, the QCEC contributes to the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education) in over 60 countries and territories, and the Society aims to reach even more young people throughout the Commonwealth in the coming years through our digital literacy initiative. The competition comprises two categories: – the Junior category, open to entrants aged 13 years and under; and the Senior category for entrants aged 14-18.

The ceremony will announce and recognize the students who participated and award those who earned Gold Finalist, Gold, Silver, and Bronze status in the 2022 Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition, which received entries from across the Commonwealth.

The 2021 past winners are shown here. Winners from 2018 and beyond, can be viewed on the St. Lucia's Queen's Commonwealth Essay Writers website at: <https://5fc068d63977b.site123.me>.

10:0 a.m., Finance Administrative Centre, Pointe Seraphine, Castries.

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCO31Rlpwvtr-JKlpv02oiQ>

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**Saturday 14 January 2023**  
**Paint the Village with Jonathan Gladding**  
**"The Vanishing Wooden House"**



Paint the Village is Laborie's annual plein air painting event that combines outdoor painting with a focus on an aspect of Laborie's culture and history. Participants of all ages and levels of experience are invited to paint together as a group while enjoying the outdoors in the beautiful village of Laborie.

This year's subject will be the traditional wooden building - once ubiquitous but now a slowly disappearing feature of our landscape. Participants will meet at the square and from there be directed to nearby buildings, one or more of which they can choose as a subject for their painting. Informal instruction and

guidance will be available and local experts will be on hand to give a brief talk on the features



of these traditional buildings and how they were made. The length of the session will be two to three hours. Participants should bring whatever art supplies they'd like to use - paints, pencils, crayons, tablets, cameras, etc. Paint the Village has been growing in popularity since its start in 2016 and Laborie is proud to have it as one of the high points in our calendar of cultural events.

9:45 a.m., Laborie Village Square, Laborie

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**Monday 16 and Wednesday 18 January 2023**  
**Metaphorically Speaking with Delia Dolor and Guest, Sylvester Herman**  
*"If you rush it, you'll ruin it"*



Delia is joined by the founder of IslandSlice, Sylvester Herman, a fourth generation rum distiller. His passion for rum started at a young age growing up in St Lucia watching his father distilling and selling his own home-made rums from the family shop.



Employing the 200-year-old family knowledge and history of rum making, he started his own distillery in Dalreoch, Dumbarton (affectionately known as "Rumbarton"), Scotland in 2015, where he now lives.

Using the metaphor, *"If you rush it, you'll ruin it"*, he tells Delia how his father, Richardson Gabriel (Cheso) of Lamaze, Choiseul; Saint Lucia's Nobel Laureates; and Daren Sammy OBE, inspired him.

9:00 a.m. GMT (5:00 a.m. ECT, 4:00 a.m. EST), [colourful.com](https://colourful.com)/Apple, Spotify and all major podcast streaming platforms: Facebook: @NobelLaureateFestivalSaintLucia

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**Tuesday 17 January 2023**  
**Sir Derek Walcott Memorial Lecture**  
**Delivered by Hon Hazel Simmons-McDonald, SLC, OBE**

Title of Presentation: ***“Walcott's Plays - A Creative Exploration of Saint Lucian Culture and Identity”***



St Lucian born Hazel Simmons-McDonald is a Professor Emerita of Applied Linguistics at the University of the West Indies. Prior to her retirement, she served as Pro-Vice Chancellor and Principal of the Open Campus at the University of the West Indies. Earlier administrative appointments included service as Head of the Department of Language, Linguistics and Literature, Head of the Department of Linguistics, Deputy Dean of Outreach, Deputy Dean – Planning, and Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education at the Cave Hill Campus. She also served as the Co-Chair of the UWI Cultural Studies Initiative.

Her research interests include second language acquisition, the development of literacy by Creole and Creole Influenced Vernacular speakers and vernacular literacy within the formal education context. Her publications include articles and book chapters on second language acquisition, vernacular literacy, language education policy, literacy development, language and culture, and open and distance learning. She has also co-edited books on Creole influenced vernaculars in education, and collaborates on writing French Creole instructional texts for native speakers of Antillean French Creole. She has also published several English language texts for use at secondary and tertiary levels.

In her retirement she continues to do some research in her field of specialization and devotes some time to writing fiction. She occasionally undertakes assignments as an education consultant and has worked on projects for the ECERP/CIDA, UWI/DFATD Legal Impact Project, CXC, the OECS Early Literacy Project, the Erdiston Teachers' College Literacy Diagnostic and Early Intervention training programme and the Universal Management Group Ltd. for the Review of CDB's Education Policy and Strategy.

The Laborie Co-Operative Credit Union is the proud sponsor of the Sir Derek Walcott Memorial Lecture

7:30 p.m. Finance Administrative Centre, Point Seraphine, Castries;

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**Thursday 19 January 2023**  
**Sir Arthur Lewis Memorial Lecture Delivered By**  
**Hon Dr June Soomer, SLC**

Title of Presentation: ***“Sir Arthur Lewis and Racism, Growing Inequality and the Right to Development: destruction of civilization”.***



Dr June Soomer is the current Chair of the Open Campus Council of the University of the West Indies and was recently elected as a member of the United Nations Permanent Forum of People of African Descent. She has served as Ambassador of Saint Lucia to CARICOM and the OECS, OECS Commissioner, Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States, and Chair of the Open Campus Council of the University of the West Indies.

Her diverse experiences through her work in the diplomatic, financial and education sectors obtained through over thirty years of academic and professional experience functioning at the managerial, operational and technical levels has resulted in her receiving several awards and producing numerous papers and presentations. She is currently writing a Sustainable Development Plan for the British Virgin Islands.

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7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Finance Administrative Centre, Point Seraphine, Castries,

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## Friday 20 January 2023 Nobel Laureates Wreath Laying Ceremony



The annual Wreath Laying Ceremony serves as a memorial for the two Laureates, Sir Arthur Lewis and Sir Derek Walcott, who are both buried on the grounds of the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College. Wreaths will be laid at the gravesites of the two Laureates and their works will be immortalized by a distinguished member of the community.

The keynote speech will be given by Mr Embert Charles, Global President of World Association for Christian Communication (WACC) and former Managing Director, ECTEL.

10:00 a.m. Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, Morne Fortune, Castries.

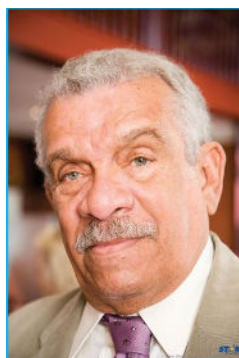
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## Friday 20 January 2023 Derek Walcott Library Open House and Celebration of Walcott's Legacy

The Derek Walcott Library houses the personal library of Sir Derek, which was kindly donated by his partner, Ms Sigrid Nama.



The Derek Walcott Library will officially open its doors to the public on 23 January 2023, marking the birthdates of both of Saint Lucia's Nobel Laureates. A Nobel Laureate Library Literacy Corner will feature information about both Laureates, highlighting their works and achievements. The Library's 2023 Calendar of Events will also be launched and visitors and patrons will get an opportunity to tour the library and sign up for membership. During the Open House,



Walcott's legacy will be celebrated with literary and creative performances by students, poetry readings by friends, family and colleagues.

12:00 Noon, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, Morne Fortune, Castries.

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**Friday 20 January 2023**  
**St Mary's College Tribute to the Laureates**  
**"Resurrection"**



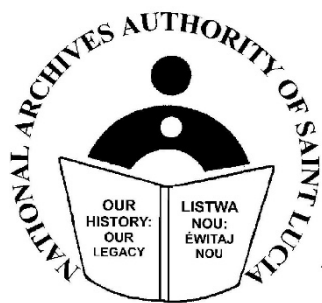
Under the theme "Resurrection", the students will be attempting to revitalize the arts at St. Mary's College and Saint Lucia by showcasing the island's cultural forms through drama, dance, poetry and song. "Kilti sé djéwizon nou" - using Saint Lucia's cultural forms and art to bring about togetherness, heal hurts caused directly and indirectly from the pandemic and the infiltration of other negative cultural influences.

6.30 p.m., National Cultural Centre, Barnard Hill, Castries

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**NOBEL LAUREATE DAY**  
**Monday 23 January 2023**

**Exhibition**  
**"Celebrating Excellence: Fulfilling the Destiny,**  
**Winning International Acclaim"**



This exhibition will showcase the lives of Laverne Spencer and Darren Sammy. It will focus on the rise of these two young Saint Lucian athletes, who both came from humble beginnings, were reared in rural communities and through determination, hard work and perseverance rose above the pack to soar like eagles and excel on the world stage in their chosen sports of high jump and cricket.

The purpose of this exhibition is to enable young people to realise that they too could and should aim high to succeed regardless of their situation in life.

10:00 a.m., Monday 23 January 2023, The National Archives Authority of Saint Lucia, Vigie, Castries. Thereafter Monday to Friday from 09:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until 31 March 2022.

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## NOBEL LAUREATE DAY (Cont.)

**Monday 23 January 2023**

### **Metaphorically Speaking with Delia Dolor and Guest, John Robert Lee** ***"Saint Lucia as a Metaphor"***

Saint Lucian Poet, John Robert Lee, close friend of Nobel Laureate Sir Derek Walcott, was a guest on Metaphorically Speaking in January 2022. He spoke about Saint Lucia as a metaphor, using his poem, "Lusca" which he dedicated to Sir Derek. The research for the programme uncovered many interesting facts: "Look at a map. Like many islands, St Lucia is teardrop shaped. Isn't that a sort of metaphor for the suffering and pain of Saint Lucy, or the suffering experienced by the island's inhabitants throughout the last few hundred years - piracy, war, invasion and, darkest of all, slavery? But Saint Lucians are a people infused with hope and celebration and the shape of the island could equally be a tear of joy.

"Turn your map anti-clockwise, and notice how the island is shaped like a human eye...very apt for the story of the saint after whom it's named, and perhaps there's another metaphor there – 'Keeping a weather eye on the Atlantic', maybe, since St Lucia sits in Hurricane Alley where huge storms are born that make their way through the islands and on to mainland America with often devastating effect."

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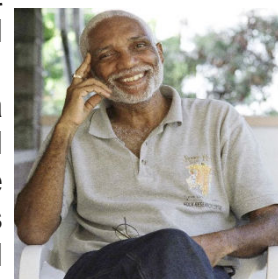


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**Friday 27 January 2023**  
**The 7th Annual UWI Open Campus Saint Lucia**  
**Patricia Ismond Memorial Workshop**



The UWI Open Campus Saint Lucia will host the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr Patricia Ismond Memorial Workshop entitled, ***“Hands-on Approaches to Teaching Poetry”***.

The workshop is dedicated to the memory of Saint Lucian literary icon and long-serving UWI Lecturer, Dr Patricia Ismond PhD, in whose name a generous posthumous scholarship for Saint Lucian students attending The UWI has been established. The session will be held at the University’s Morne Fortune site, is intended for CSEC English B teachers who participated in the 2022 workshop, and will focus on poetry.

The facilitator of the workshop is retired lecturer in literature and drama, St Lucian born poet and playwright Kendel Hippolyte. He has published seven books of poetry, and his poems have appeared internationally in various journals such as The Greenfield Review, The Massachusetts Review and The Review, and in anthologies like Caribbean Poetry Now, Voiceprint, West Indian Poetry and others. He has also written eight plays, three of which have been published in drama anthologies.

Mr Hippolyte is an original and continuing member of the syllabus panel for the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) Theatre Arts Programme and serves as an external examiner. In 2000, he was awarded the St Lucia Medal of Merit (Gold) for his Contribution to the Arts. Recently retired from the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, his present focus is to use his skills as a writer and dramatist to raise public awareness and contribute to active solutions of critical social issues.



9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. UWI Open Campus Saint Lucia, Morne Fortune, Castries.

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**Friday 27 and Saturday 28 January 2023**  
**“The Gwo Pwel Rehabilitation Centre – The Finale”**



The play captures and brings to a conclusion the stories of patients admitted into the glorified emotional wellness centre and the people who work there, as they try to figure out this thing called life. The themes wrap around love, betrayal,



healing, emotional wellness and bringing light to toxic workspaces and outdated ways of thinking. The play was written by Danielle Du Bois and will be directed by Leona Sandiford. Saint Lucia can expect to see new roles and new faces in this comedic fictional piece, created to shine a light on issues and happenings that affect us all.

On the Friday, secondary school students will be invited to witness the play at a Matinee showing, where a question and answer segment will follow. This daytime showing will serve as an opportunity for CSEC Theatre Arts students to witness and critique a play, which forms part of their SBA requirements for the successful completion of the subject.

7:30 p.m., National Cultural Centre, Barnard Hill, Castries. **Ticket Price To Be Announced**

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**Saturday 28 January 2023**  
**“An Ti Pawòl Kwéyòl”**

“An Ti Pawòl Kwéyòl” will feature a spoken word soirée of original pieces around the theme **Éwitaj Sent Lisyen Mwen**. Ten (10) artistes will be given an opportunity to showcase both their oral and written skills in the Kwéyòl language. Two awards will be given: Best Submitted Written Piece and Best Performance. Three adjudicators will form the judging panel. In preparation for this event a Kwéyòl writing workshop will be held for the registered artistes.



4:00 p.m. Heroes Park, Pointe Seraphine, Castries (on the green just before the Sans Souci Bridge. **Bring something to sit on.**

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**Tuesday 7 February 2023**  
**Sir Arthur Lewis Community College Evening of the Arts**  
**“Cashpandora”**



Cashpandora is a full-length play written by award-winning Saint Lucian poet/playwright, Kendel Hippolyte and directed by Kennedy ‘Boots’ Samuel. This powerful and highly entertaining socio-political satire that seeks to engage audiences in critical reflection on urgent issues associated with the embracing of capitalism and western democracy as the preferred path of development. Its poignant satire takes

aim at materialism, individualism, the love of money, the impoverishment of the arts, and the forced survival choices of individuals and sectors in our developmentally challenged society.

Venue: National Cultural Centre, Barnard Hill, Castries

Daytime Performance: TBC, donation: \$1 for students in uniform accompanied by teachers; \$5 students out of uniform; Adults \$20.

Evening Performance: 7.00 p.m., donation: \$20

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**Thursday 9 February 2023**  
**National Awards of Excellence**



St. Lucia prides itself on having produced two Nobel Laureates – the highest ratio in the world for number of Nobel Laureates with respect to the total population. At the end of January each year, St. Lucia celebrates this most revered achievement in the history of the Caribbean and indeed the Western Hemisphere. The commemoration of the contribution of our two Nobel Laureates is used by the

Ministry of Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training as an opportunity to highlight the achievement of students and staff in various disciplines – Academics, Arts and Sports as well as in their contribution to community development.

The National Awards of Excellence is the Ministry’s annual opportunity to highlight its accomplishments and upcoming projects, as well as the recognition and commendation of individuals and institutions within and connected to the education sector.

10:00 a.m., National Cultural Centre, Barnard Hill, Castries (By Invitation Only)



## COMMUNITY LEVEL EVENTS

### Gros Islet Community Events

Sunday 8 - Friday 27 January 2023

Vladimir Lucien Theatre, Gros Islet Human Resource Centre

**Sunday 8 January 2023:** Church Service and 758 Books and Pictorial Exhibition. 4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday 11 January 2023:** Book launch – *“The Caring Entrepreneur: A Strategy for Sustainable Community-Based Tourism”* by Sylvester Clauzel. 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday 18 January 2023:** Vladimir Lucien Literature Series – *“Nurturing Our Creativity, Consolidating Our Legacy”*. 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday 24 January 2023:** An Evening of Poetry and Spoken Word. 7:00 p.m.

**Friday 27 January 2023:** *“Street Party, one Friday Night”* – A Contemporary Dance Theatre production by Richard Ambrose. 7:00 p.m.

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### Babonneau Community Events

Wednesday 11 - Friday 20 January 2023

**Thursday 5 January 2023:** Opening of National Skills Competition. 10:30 a.m. Venue TBA.

**Tuesday 10 January 2023:** 758 Books and Pictorial Exhibition. Time TBA. Babonneau Multi-Purpose Centre.

**Friday 20 January 2023:** Lecture delivered by Mr Wayne Benti - *“Nurturing Our Creativity, Consolidating Our Legacy”*. 7:00 p.m. Babonneau Secondary School

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**Canaries Community Events**  
**Sunday 8 – Saturday 11 February 2023**

**Sunday 8 January 2023: Launch of Nobel Laureate Month:** The launch will include an Open Air Presentation at the marketplace, presentations from the various churches in the community, and a full theatrical performance on the biography of the two Nobel Laureates.

7:00 p.m., Marketplace, Canaries.

**Saturday 21 January 2023: Acknowledging Creative Excellence:** An evening of acknowledging the excellent contributions that persons have made to the development of the community past and present in various disciplines.

7:00 p.m., The Old Church, Canaries.

**Saturday 11 February 2023: A Night of Poetry: Head Funk:** An evening in which writers will be invited to share their various pieces with the community members.

7:00 p.m., Canaries Square.

**Tuesday 21 February 2023 Independence Quiz:** Individuals from different community groups will be invited to participate in a public quiz. The items will feature questions about the Nobel Laureates and facts about the island.

6:00 p.m., Canaries Marketplace.

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