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GALLERY 90 LAUNCHES EXHIBIT TO COORDINATE WITH JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

The Black Experience, a solo exhibit by visual artist **Kathleen Celestin**, will be on view at **Gallery 90**, from **June 10th through July 30th**. Celestin is a printmaker, painter, and educator from Nassau County. She communicates an emotional message through portraits of familiar African American icons. Her work has been widely shown on Long Island, nationally, and as far away as Brazil. A **reception will be held on June 11th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm**, as part of Juneteenth events sponsored by the Ketcham Inn Foundation. The gallery is located at **90 Montauk Highway, Center Moriches**. The gallery is open Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm.

Artist's Statement

I believe that art should convey a message whether it is through symbolism or just blatant images. At first, my art conveyed messages about my internal struggles. However, now I feel I should also show the struggles of other members of society. While I didn't view myself as being political or voicing political views, there does come a time in your life when you have to speak out. If you pay attention to current events and trends, you know that there are injustices committed on all levels of society, every day. I decided that my art will be a voice used to right wrongs in the two domains that I identify with – being Black and being a woman.

As an artist, printmaking is my preferred concentration. Most of my art may have one or many printmaking techniques within it. Here is an art form that incorporates all that I appreciate about art. I can draw, paint, and carve to create a variety of works of art. I find the process to be just as fulfilling as the by-product and the finished product. I can couple the printmaking process with the use of a mixture of media to complete the evolution of my art. Using this printmaking/mixed media technique, I use my art as an activist's platform to educate and inform the public about how political policies affect Blacks and women.

Gallery 90 is a not-for-profit gallery sponsored by the Ketcham Inn Foundation, Inc., of Center Moriches and supported by the Suffolk County Department of Parks.



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