

Birago Day

December 11th 2023
African and Caribbean Folklore Day

December 2nd - 23rd

Blackbird Leys Library (Oxford): The Mango Ambassador.
A small exhibition of writings by Natty Mark Samuels, celebrating St Kitts and Nevis Folklore. Dedicated to Enid Joseph.

December 2nd 10-4pm

Oxford University Botanic Garden Christmas Fair: Guavaberry Workshops.
Drop-in workshops by NMS, celebrating the plants of African and Caribbean Christmas.

December 10th 1-3.45pm

Birmingham Science Museum/ThinkTank
Organised by **BLAST**. Presentations, performances and a quiz - focusing on plants and birds - by Amelia Shervington-White, Aaron Matthew, Isabella Mason, Marlene McKenzie, Asher B and NMS.

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Ibadan (Nigeria): Readings of *The Birago Diop Trilogy* in Ibadan secondary schools.
Kent State University (America): Talk by Professor Babacar Mbaye. Time t.b.c.
Sheffield Botanical Garden: website publication of Rootical Folklore writings.
Reggaediscography (Italy): website publication of Ashanti Folklore writings.
University of Portsmouth: newsletter publication of Rootical Folklore writings.

December 12th 10-12pm

Drøbak Senior Citizen's Centre (Norway)
Sisalana Dance: comparative discussion of traditional plants of Caribbean and Scandinavian festivities.

December 14th 3.45-5.45pm

Working Men's College (London)
Tales of Olu: workshop by NMS, celebrating the Igbo through plants and art.

"I think of Birago Diop as the Sacred Usher, heralding the post-war publications of African Folktales"
Natty Mark Samuels

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