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August Programs at the North Carolina Museum of History



AUGUST 1, 2019 (RALEIGH, N.C.) — Want to get the most out of those last few weeks of summer? Check out our host of fun and free exhibits and events this month at the **NC Museum of History in Raleigh!** From [Summer Storytime](#) to [Piedmont Laureate: Going Down to Raleigh, Bluegrass History of Eastern NC](#), August at the museum is packed to keep you and the whole family busy!

Read on for all our August events. Programs are **FREE** unless otherwise noted. Weekend parking is free.

[Summer Storytime*](#)

Thursdays, Aug. [1](#), [8](#), [15](#), [22](#), and [29](#), 10–10:30 a.m.

Meet a staff member at the information desk and follow them into a museum exhibit, including *The Story of North Carolina* (Aug. 1, 8, 29) and *QuiltSpeak* (Aug. 15), or outside to *History of the Harvest* (Aug.

22). Once you get there, look around and listen to a history-related story. Before you leave, look over some of the history-related titles in the Museum Shop.

Some stories are NC Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month selections; NCAITC is an educational program, offered by the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, that is dedicated to fostering an understanding of the importance of agriculture in our state. Support for the museum's garden exhibit on Bicentennial Plaza is provided, this year, by the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission.

Ages 3 and up (with adult).

Bride at the Museum

Saturday, Aug. 3, 5–7 p.m.

Come meet local wedding professionals and see the museum decorated for a reception! Enjoy a glass of wine, savor a delicious snack and be dazzled by a fashion show.

\$5 online and \$7 at the door. The proceeds benefit the North Carolina Museum of History Foundation. Register at NCMOH-programs.com to reserve a seat. For information, call 919-814-7032.

Showcasing vendors include: Emily Katherine Events, Caffe Luna, Rocky Top Catering, Mitchell's Catering & Events, American Party Rentals, Luxe & Pine Photography, HTY Jewelry, Sanctuary: Interfaith Spiritual Care, The Oblique Pen Calligraphy and Engraving Studio, Folie à Deux Events, Wonderpuff, Wedding Hair by Liz, Perfect Event Entertainment, Oak City Bridal, The Amazing Magic Of Wayne Anderson, Models for Charity.

History à la Carte: North Carolina and the Space Race!

Wednesday, Aug. 14, noon–1 p.m.

Come early or stay late to visit the museum's lobby exhibit, *One Giant Leap: North Carolina and the Space Race*, and enjoy a couple of space-centric hours learning about our state's surprising roles in making America's historic leap to the moon a possibility. This month's program will be a special screening of the Smithsonian Channel's *The Day We Walked on the Moon* in Daniels Auditorium.

Bring your own lunch; some beverages provided. Register at NCMOH-programs.com to reserve a seat. For information, call 919-814-7032.

Time for Tots: Beat the Heat*

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 10–10:45 a.m.

Learn how people in the past kept cool in hot weather, listen to a story, and make a summer craft.

Ages 3–5 (with adult); \$5 per child; \$3 for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-814-7039.

Paths to Leadership: An Evening with Stedman Graham and Robert J. Brown

Friday, Aug. 23, 7 p.m.

Presenters: Dr. Robert J. Brown, *CEO and Founder of B&C International, global business management consulting firm*, and Stedman Graham, *Founder of S. Graham & Associates, corporate and educational marketing and consulting firm*

Moderator: Deborah Holt-Noel, *UNC-TV*

From High Point to the world stage, these two entrepreneurs have advised such notable leaders as Dr. Martin Luther King, Robert F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon, and Nelson Mandela.

Join them as they reminisce about working together and discuss their own approaches to leadership. After the lecture concludes, Dr. Brown and Mr. Graham will sign copies of their books purchased from the Museum Shop.

\$20 for general admission; \$15 for MOHA/museum members. Register at NCMOH-programs.com to reserve a seat. For information, call 919-814-7032.

Piedmont Laureate: Going Down to Raleigh, Bluegrass History of Eastern NC

Thursday, Aug. 29, 6:30–8 p.m.

Bluegrass has an image and reputation as “mountain music,” but just as much of the history can be found in the lowlands of the east end of North Carolina. This discussion, with musical accompaniment, features North Carolina Arts Council executive director Wayne Martin, who produced the 2009 project “Going Down to Raleigh: Stringband Music in the North Carolina Piedmont 1976-1998”; Justin Robinson, co-founder of the Grammy-winning string band Carolina Chocolate Drops; Tommy Goldsmith, author of the forthcoming book “Earl Scruggs and Foggy Mountain Breakdown: The Making of an American Classic”; and music historian Marshall Wyatt, who runs the Grammy-nominated Raleigh-based label Old Hat Records. Also featuring live music by Violet Bell, Evelyn Shaw and Gerry Overton.

Presented by the Piedmont Laureate Program, PineCone/The Piedmont Council of Traditional Music, and the North Carolina Museum of History.

** marks programs of interest to children or families*

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Courtesy of North Carolina Museum of History

Image-Stedman Graham and Robert J. Brown headshots

Courtesy of Stedman Graham and Robert J. Brown

Image – Children swimming

Courtesy of North Carolina Museum of History

Image- Ham, the “Astrochimp”

Courtesy of NASA

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7000 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#) or [YouTube](#).

About the NC Museum of History

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free.** Last year, more than 465,000 people visited the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at affiliations.si.edu.

About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette's Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation's first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit DNCR.nc.gov.

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