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DECEMBER PROGRAMS AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY



Nov. 30, 2018 (RALEIGH, N.C.) — Jingle on over to the North Carolina Museum of History for all things holiday! Soak in the sights and sounds of the season with fun programs and free exhibits for the young and young at heart.

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

PROGRAMS

[Editors: Please include registration information when applicable.]

***Girl Scout Juniors and Cadettes: Jewelry Rocks!**

Saturday, Dec. 1, 1–4:30 p.m.

\$10 per Scout: **SOLD OUT**

For information, call 919-814-7046.

Earn a Jewelry Rocks! patch as you search museum galleries on a rocks-and-rings scavenger hunt and make a pendant to take home. In addition to finding bejeweled artifacts at the Museum of History, you'll also get a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the geology lab next door, at the Museum of Natural Sciences.

***Family Holiday Party**

Sunday, Dec. 2, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

\$35 for MOHA/museum members; \$45 per nonmember; \$10, ages 7–18; free, children 6 and under with adult

For information, visit ncmoha.com or call 919-814-7052.

Celebrate your holidays at the museum! Visit with Santa, enjoy foods and drinks, create gingerbread houses and other crafts, and take home some holiday treats!

Film Screening: *Super Mario Bros.*

Friday, Dec. 7, 5–9:30 p.m.

SCREENING at 7:00 p.m.; doors to the auditorium open at 6:30

1993; MPAA rating: PG; run time: 104 min.

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of this made-in-NC classic, the first live-action film adapted from the goals, obstacles, and characters in a video game. In the film, brothers Mario and Luigi, two Brooklyn plumbers, work to rescue archaeologist Daisy from evil King Koopa—in a parallel dimension. Made at EUE/Screen Gems Studios in Wilmington, the film had special effects that were notably innovative for the time. *Ryan Hoss, "super" fan and archivist for the film, and others will host a talkback after the film.*

5:00 p.m.: Museum Shop is open—with a sale—and craft beer and concessions will be available while you browse *Super Mario Bros.* memorabilia

6:30 p.m.: Auditorium doors open

7:00 p.m.: Screening

8:45 p.m.: Discussion and talkback

Presented by Longleaf Film Festival and Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, Raleigh.

***Time for Tots: Deck the Halls!**

Saturday, Dec. 8, 10–10:45 a.m.

Ages 3–5 (with adult)

\$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members

To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-814-7039.

Find out how people in the past decked their halls for the holidays, then make a decoration to take home.

***History Corner: Trees and Tinsel**

Saturday, Dec. 8, 10–11 a.m.

Ages 6–9 (may be accompanied by an adult)

\$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members

To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-814-7046.

Why do some people put trees inside their homes during December? Learn about this holiday tradition and its ties to North Carolina. Then make an ornament to take home.

***History Hunters: Holly-day History**

Saturday, Dec. 8, 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Ages 10–13

\$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members

To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-814-7046.

Growing Christmas trees is one of our state’s biggest industries. But how did trees become a holiday symbol? Find out, and create an old-time decoration.

***Music of the Carolinas: Shape Note Singers**

Sunday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m.

Free tickets for this concert are distributed while they last beginning at 2 p.m.

In the shape note singing tradition, singers sing a cappella (without accompaniment) and sit arranged by vocal part in a “hollow square,” facing one another across the square and taking turns at leading. A limited number of books will be available for those interested in following along.

Presented with PineCone and support from North State Bank and MOHA/museum members. *Join MOHA before or after the concert—for half-price museum membership! In addition, enter our raffle for a prize from the Museum Shop (winner will be drawn today).*

History à la Carte: A Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Wednesday, Dec. 12, noon–1 p.m.

Register at NCMOH-programs.com to reserve a seat. Bring your own lunch; some beverages provided.

For information, call 919-814-7032.

Speaker: John Odom, Greater Raleigh Merchants Association

Odom will provide a behind-the-scenes look at the Raleigh Christmas Parade, with special notes about its history and the effort needed to organize one of the largest annual parades between New York City and Atlanta!

Raleigh Flute Choir Holiday Concert

Sunday, Dec. 16, 3 p.m.

\$10 per person; \$8 for MOHA/museum members; \$6 for students and members of Raleigh Area Flute Association. For information, call 919-378-1901.

This chamber ensemble of professional flutists from central North Carolina will perform creative arrangements of seasonal favorites, as well as some original works. Utilizing the entire flute family, from a tiny piccolo to an eight-foot contrabass, the ensemble has played at the White House, national conventions around the country, and Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston.

Christmas Holidays

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Dec. 21–23

The museum is open the weekend leading into this year’s Christmas holiday, but we’re closed on Monday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 25. We open with regular hours again on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

Drop in when you can and visit the Museum Shop, along with all our exhibits—including [North Carolina and World War I](#), [The North Carolina Roots of Artist Ernie Barnes](#) and [Look Again: Discovering Historical Photos](#) (which closes Dec. 31).

Images and assistance for *The North Carolina Roots of Artist Ernie Barnes* are provided by the Ernie Barnes Family Trust. Major supporters of the exhibit *North Carolina and World War I* are the NC Museum of History Foundation and MOHA, the Museum of History Associates.

[*First Night Raleigh](#)

Monday, Dec. 31

2–6 p.m.: Children’s Celebration

7–11 p.m.: Nighttime Performances

In Advance: \$11 All-Day Pass, \$50 VIP Pass; Day Of: \$15 All-Day Pass

First Night button required for entry to many venues—buy yours in the Museum Shop! For more information, call Artsposure at 919-832-8699; visit artsposure.org; or download the First Night Raleigh mobile app.

Learn a hobby for the new year during our DIY festival, then bounce around music, theater, and other performances, and ride the First Night Ferris wheel. Just make sure you’re at the south end of Fayetteville Street for the countdown and Raleigh acorn drop! *Note that the museum is closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019, for New Year’s Day.*

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Presented by Artsposure, First Night Raleigh is a joyful, family-oriented, alcohol-free New Year’s Eve celebration of the arts.

[Images available here](#) courtesy of the North Carolina Museum of History.

For more information about December programs, call 919-814-7000 or go to NCMOH-programs.com.

** marks programs of interest to children or families*

For information about the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-814-7000 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#) or [YouTube](#).

About the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate

The NC Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit 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 NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The NC 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 nature 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, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the NC Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the NC Arts Council, State Preservation Office, and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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