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## December Programs at the North Carolina Museum of History



**December 2, 2019 (RALEIGH, N.C.)** — It's the season to be jolly, so jingle over to the North Carolina Museum of History for our holiday offerings! Soak in the seasonal sights and sounds 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.

[Museum Store Sunday](#)

Sunday, Dec. 1, noon–5 p.m.

Support your Museum of History and celebrate Museum Store Sunday with 25 percent off most items in the [Museum Shop](#)! This global initiative kicks off our busy holiday shopping season, so join us and sample tasty North Carolina treats, enter drawings for products from your favorite vendors, and more.

[Time for Tots: Holiday Lights\\*](#)

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10–10:45 a.m.

From lights to menorahs to kinaras . . . Learn what these holiday symbols mean, hear a story, and make a seasonal craft to take home.

Ages 3–5 (with adult). \$5 per child; \$3 for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com). For information, call 919-814-7046.

[History Corner: Kids at Work\\*](#)

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 10–11 a.m.

What’s a spooler? A sweeper? A doffer? Learn about the jobs that kids did in Piedmont textile mills and do your share of 19th-century chores.

Ages 6–9 (may be accompanied by an adult). \$5 per child; \$3 for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com). For information, call 919-814-7046.

[History Hunters: Civil War\\*](#)

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Would you have marched away from everything you knew to fight a battle? Learn more about everyday life in the 1860s—and what it was like to have war on your doorstep—from letters and diaries of the time.

Ages 10–13. \$5 per child; \$3 for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com). For information, call 919-814-7046.

[Candy Canes and Cocktails](#)

Thursday, Dec. 5, 7–10 p.m.

Celebrate the holidays with food, drink, and a specialty “candy-cane cocktail” while you socialize and listen to Peter Lamb and the Wolves trio jazz band. The Museum Shop will also be open this evening—members get 20 percent off, and we’ll wrap your gifts as you enjoy the party!

\$50 for MOHA/museum members; \$60 nonmembers. Purchase tickets, or join the museum, at [ncmoha.com](http://ncmoha.com). For information, call 919-814-7027.

[Girl Scout Juniors and Cadettes: Fantastic Fibers\\*](#)

Saturday, Dec. 7, 1–4:50 p.m.

Earn the Fantastic Fibers patch as you discover the basics of weaving and quilting through hands-on crafts. You'll also hunt through the [QuiltSpeak](#) exhibit to learn how women's stories can be heard through what they made!

\$10 per Scout. Individually registered girls must attend with an adult. Register at [nccoastalpines.org](http://nccoastalpines.org). For information, call 919-814-7046.

### **Music of the Carolinas: [Zoe & Cloyd](#)**

Sunday, Dec. 8, 3 p.m.

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

This special Hanukkah performance features fiddler and vocalist Natalya Zoe Weinstein and songwriter, instrumentalist, vocalist John Cloyd Miller, a 12th-generation North Carolinian (and grandson of pioneering bluegrass fiddler Jim Shumate).

*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 after this month's concert and need not be present).*

*Presented with PineCone and MOHA/museum members, and supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, [NCArts.org](http://NCArts.org), a division of the state Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.*

### **[History à la Carte: How the Candlelight Tour Saved Historic Oakwood](#)**

Wednesday, Dec. 11, noon–1 p.m.

*Presenter: Matthew Brown, Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood*

Brown, historian and current president of SPHO, will reveal how the annual Historic Oakwood Candlelight Tour not only became an immensely popular holiday tradition for Raleigh but how it also managed to save the historic Oakwood neighborhood!

Register at [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com) to reserve a seat. Bring your own lunch; some beverages provided. For information, call 919-814-7032.

### **[Hands-on History: Holiday Ornaments\\*](#)**

Saturday, Dec. 14, 1–3 p.m.

Drop in with your family and learn about holiday decorations from the past, then make one (or two) together to take home.

### **Christmas Holidays**

Tuesday, December 24: Museum closed

Wednesday, December 25: Museum closed

### **[First Night Raleigh](#)**

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Get focused on the new year with hands-on art activities at the Museum of History, live entertainment around downtown, and rides everywhere starting at 2 p.m. Then gather on Fayetteville Street (near Davie Street) by 7 p.m. or midnight for Raleigh's annual countdown, acorn drop, and fireworks!

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

First Night button required for entry—buy yours in the Museum Shop! For more information, visit [artsplosure.org](http://artsplosure.org).

[Happy New Year!](#)

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019–Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020

The museum is open on New Year's Eve, so head to space one last time in [One Giant Leap: North Carolina and the Space Race](#) before this lobby exhibit closes next week. The museum and the Museum Shop are closed on New Year's Day.

*\* marks programs of interest to children or families*

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**For information about the NC Museum of History**, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), 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](http://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](http://DNCR.nc.gov).

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