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## News Release



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## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS AT THE N.C. MUSEUM OF HISTORY



RALEIGH, N.C. — As February approaches, the N.C. Museum of History continues to celebrate **Black History Month** after our successful Annual African American Cultural Celebration in January! For February, **we really do have something for everyone, and best of all? Most of the programs are FREE.**

Want to do something different at lunchtime? Come to our next **History à la Carte: African Americans and WWI** on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Blair L.M. Kelley, from N.C. State University, will present a program on soldiers who were overlooked — African Americans who served during World War I with distinction but returned home to Jim Crow.

Looking for something to do on a Friday night? **First Friday, Feb. 3**, is almost here. It is the “official” opening of **Collecting Carolina: 100 Years of Jugtown Pottery**, our newest lobby case exhibit. Begin the evening by sampling beer from the **Neuse River Brewing Company** before seeing a short **Jugtown film clip** and listening to a panel **discussion with the Owens family at 7 p.m.**

Enjoy these programs and more this February at the N.C. Museum of History. ALL programs are FREE unless otherwise noted. Parking is free on weekends.

## PROGRAMS

***[Editors: Please include registration information when applicable.]***

**\*History Corner: Clay Critters**

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 10-11 a.m.

**Ages 6-9 (with adult)**

\*\$3 plus tax per child; \$1 plus tax for Associates/museum members

To register, visit [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com). For information, call 919-807-7988.

Visit **Collecting Carolina: 100 Years of Jugtown Pottery** in the museum lobby, and see how people form pots from clay. Then do some clay creating of your own!

**\*History Hunters: Create in Clay**

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

**Ages 10-13**

\*\$3 plus tax per child; \$1 plus tax for Associates/museum members

To register, visit [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com). For information, call 919-807-7988.

Can you imagine doing something for 100 years? Jugtown Pottery has! See what makes them special, and make a clay critter to take home.

**First Fridays at the Museum**

Friday, Feb. 3, 5-9 p.m.; 7 p.m. Short film and Owens' discussion.

To register, visit [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com).

See our lobby-level exhibits, including our newest lobby case exhibit, **Collecting Carolina: 100 Years of Jugtown Pottery**. In addition to the lobby exhibits, sample beer from the Neuse River Brewing Company (while they last) before you see the short film clip from **Jugtown Pottery** and listen to an Owen family members' discussion. **Jugtown Pottery** will be highlighted in the Museum Shop throughout the evening.

**\* (\*\*) Time for Tots: Painting Dreams**

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 10-10:45 a.m.

**Ages 3-5 (with adult)**

\$3 plus tax per child; \$1 plus tax for Associates/museum members

To register, visit [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com). For information, call 919-807-7979.

Learn about North Carolina artist Minnie Evans, and make your own piece of "dreamy" art to take home.

**\*\*History à la Carte: Make Way for Democracy: African Americans during WWI**

Wednesday, Feb. 8, noon-1 p.m.

Register at [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com) and purchase a boxed lunch, bring your own or just come. Beverages provided. For information, call 919-807-7986.

*Blair L.M. Kelley, North Carolina State University*

When the United States entered the Great War to make the world "safe for democracy," democracy was not a reality for black Americans given the strictures of Jim Crow segregation. This talk will explore the political debates about the war, the service of African American men abroad, and the violence that greeted black service men when they returned, exploring the First World War as a turning point in the fight for black equality and full citizenship.

**\*Make It, Take It: Have a Heart!**

Saturday, Feb. 11, 1-3 p.m. **Free kid-friendly drop-in program.**

Learn about the history of Valentine's Day, and craft a valentine based on one in the museum's collection.

**\*\*African American History Highlights Tours**

Saturday, Feb. 11 or 25, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

These docent-led tours visit exhibits throughout the museum to highlight the contributions of African Americans to North Carolina history.

**Music of the Carolinas: Flor y Canto**

Sunday, Feb. 12, 3 p.m.

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

The performances of “Flower and Song” strive to spread the beautiful sounds of Mexican and Latin American folk music. They have performed regionally and locally at La Fiesta del Pueblo and Raleigh’s annual international festival. The program is presented with PineCone and support from the N.C. Museum of History Associates.

**Conservation Assistance Day**

Friday, Feb. 17, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Appointment required. Call 919-807-7823.

Make an appointment and bring up to three objects for assessment and advice on care from a Museum of History conservator. *The museum does not provide estimates on value.*

**Young Associates Casino Night**

Saturday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m.-midnight

\$70 per person; \$60 for Associates/museum members

Visit [ncmuseumassoc.com](http://ncmuseumassoc.com) to join, or call 919-807-7847 for information.

Members in their early 20s to early 40s: mark your calendars and plan to attend this ninth annual fund-raiser for the museum, an evening of casino games, dancing, socializing and more.

**Notable North Carolina Lecture Series: Philanthropic Families: The Reynolds Family**

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m.

\$8 per person; \$5 for Associates/museum members. To register, visit [NCMOH-tickets.com](http://NCMOH-tickets.com). For information, call 919-807-7831.

*Michele Gillespie, Dean, Undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences, Wake Forest University; Phil Archer, Betsy Main Babcock Director of Program and Interpretation, Reynolda House*

Richard Joshua “R.J.” Reynolds and his wife, Katharine, became one of the New South’s most influential couples. Dedicated to philanthropy, their unique partnership reached far beyond the family and their home, Reynolda House—a breathtaking estate that today houses one of the Southeast’s finest collections of American art. A book signing follows the presentation. This program is sponsored, in part, by the *Raleigh News & Observer*, with additional support from the Museum of History Foundation and the Museum of History Associates.

**Educator Trek: Land of the Longleaf (a collaborative program by the Museum of History and the Museum of Natural Sciences)**

Friday, Feb. 24-Sunday, Feb. 26

\$145 (includes transportation, lodging and some meals). Register now at [naturalsciences.org/learn/educators](http://naturalsciences.org/learn/educators). For information, call 919-707-9898.

*Teachers:* Join educators from the Museum of History and Museum of Natural Sciences in this cross-curricular workshop to learn about the natural and cultural history of our Coastal Plain. *Participants receive a certificate for CEUs and credit for North Carolina's Environmental Education Certification Program (Criterion 2 or 3).*

**\*Storytellers to Go: Soar! The Hero Pigeons of WWI**

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2-3 p.m. **A play for ages 5-105!**

[Raleigh Little Theatre](#)'s youth troupe performs the exciting story of Cher Ami, a pigeon who saved American soldiers during World War I by carrying a message for help.

**Music of the Carolinas: Dwight Hawkins & the Piedmont Highballers**

Sunday, Feb. 26, 3 p.m. (RESCHEDULED from Jan. 8 due to the winter storm)

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

An old-time folk band based in Raleigh, this group specializes in traditional acoustical music "with an attitude." Hawkins sings and plays the guitar, mandolin, banjo and other instruments—including the saw. He is usually joined by Kevin Burnet on guitar, Jeremy Marcotte's banjo, and Turner Brandon and his harmonica. The performance is presented with PineCone and support from the Museum of History Associates and Williams Mullen.

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

*\*\* programs related to Black History Month*

For information about the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call [919-807-7900](tel:919-807-7900) or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube.

## IMAGES

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### About the N.C. Museum of History

The N.C. 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 N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

### About the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The N.C. 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. Led by Acting Secretary Kevin Cherry, 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 N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. 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](http://www.ncdcr.gov).

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