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**BOOMERS' EXHIBIT, A MUSICAL, SHOES, AND SO MUCH MORE!  
OCTOBER 2017 PROGRAMS AT THE N.C. MUSEUM OF HISTORY**



RALEIGH, N.C. — **For a second consecutive month, the N.C. Museum of History will debut a new exhibit: the traveling exhibition “The Boomer List: Photographs by Timothy Greenfield-Sanders” opens Friday, October 6.** From the Newseum, it features 19 large-format portraits of some of the most fascinating members of the influential baby-boom generation — one born each year of the baby boom, from 1946 to 1964 — taken by renowned American photographer Timothy Greenfield-Sanders.

Baby boomers have left their mark on everything from race and politics to science, technology, music and art. Visitors will gain insight into the boomer generation through interviews and portraits that focus on exceptional achievement, struggle and identity, telling the story of extraordinary Americans and the history they lived through and often created.

A rare treat for the whole family, **Raleigh Little Theatre will perform an enchanting musical, “Grace for President,” at the Museum of History, October 13-22.** Grace, a third-grader, decides she wants to be president and inspires a school election. She seems likely to win until the most popular boy enters the race. Find fun and wonderment in the world of school politics. Following the performance on **Friday, October 13, North Carolina’s First Lady,**

**Kristin Cooper**, will interview young women about their leadership experiences (see info. below for details).

What do shoes say about us? How about *shoe-perstitutions* from around the world? Remember Dorothy in “The Wizard of Oz” and her ruby slippers? It’s all here! **Kendra Floyd**, an experienced clothing and textile expert, will be the **History à la Carte speaker Wednesday, October 11, at noon**, presenting the talk **Stepping through History**.

## PROGRAMS

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

### **\*Time for Tots: Down in the Pumpkin Patch**

Tuesday, October 3, 10-10:45 a.m. **Ages 3-5 (with adult)**

\$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org). For information, call 919-807-7979.

October means pumpkins! Find out about different varieties and uses of pumpkins and gourds, then decorate your own tiny pumpkin to take home.

### **\*History Corner: Down on the Farm**

Wednesday, October 4, 10-11 a.m. **Ages 6-9 (with adult)**

\$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org). For information, call 919-807-7988.

Pumpkins, turkeys, pigs, Christmas trees, corn — all grown in North Carolina! Listen to a story and make a farm-y craft, all while learning about our “ag” roots.

### **\*History Hunters: Fall Harvest**

Wednesday, October 4, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. **Ages 10-13**

\$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org). For information, call 919-807-7988.

What grows in North Carolina, and who grows it? Learn about our planting past and present, and make a tasty Tar Heel treat.

### **Member Preview and Opening Reception: “The Boomer List”**

Thursday, October 5, 7-9 p.m.

**Free for MOHA/museum members; nonmembers: *join at the door, and come have fun!***

For information, call 919-807-7847.

Not a member? Visit [www.ncmoha.com](http://www.ncmoha.com) to join today!

“The Boomer List: Photographs by Timothy Greenfield-Sanders” is a traveling exhibit developed by the Newseum in Washington, D.C. (in collaboration with AARP), that explores the post-World War II baby-boomer generation, Americans born between 1946 and 1964.

**First Fridays at the Museum** Friday, October 6, 5-9 p.m.

Experience our lobby-level exhibits, some silent films (see below), the Museum Shop (until 8 p.m.), a food truck, and free samples from Brüeprint Brewing Company.

### **Before the Talkies: North Carolina's Silent Films**

Friday, October 6, 7-8:30 p.m.

Before Hollywood, there was North Carolina! Enjoy an evening of Tar Heel-made silent films hosted by author Frank Thompson, an expert on the state's early film history. *A book signing precedes this program.* To register, visit [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org).

***Buy a pint from the Brüeprint Brewing Company and support Longleaf Film Festival.***

### **Exhibit Opening: "The Boomer List: Photographs by Timothy Greenfield-Sanders"**

Friday, October 6

This traveling exhibit of 19 large-format portraits features some of the most fascinating Americans born during the period after World War II (1946-1964) — the baby-boom generation. All portraits were taken by renowned American photographer [Timothy Greenfield-Sanders](#).

#### **Other parts of the exhibit include:**

- a scent station that offers memorable aromas familiar to the generation,
- a comment station, where visitors can add their own memories,
- an interactive kiosk that reveals behind-the-scene candids and videos, and
- three [timeline](#) panels that spotlight some of the top news events and pop-culture moments of the generation.

"The Boomer List: Photographs by Timothy Greenfield-Sanders" was developed by the Newseum — an interactive museum of news located in Washington, D.C., and online at [newseum.org](http://newseum.org) — in collaboration with AARP, the exclusive sponsor of "The Boomer List" exhibit.

### **\*Artist at Work: Dan Hohl & Make It, Take It: Colored Light**

Saturday, October 7, noon-4 p.m.

Hohl, an experienced stained-glass artist and teacher and owner of local studio Stained Glass Center, will demonstrate the art of crafting fine pieces of stained-glass art.

**\*Watch** artist Dan Hohl, **then work with your family** to make a tissue-paper sun catcher that can hang in your window.

### **Music of the Carolinas: Strictly Strings**

Sunday, October 8, 3 p.m.

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

**Strictly Strings**, a group of young musicians from Boone, is no longer strictly strings!

Focused on the genres of old-time, bluegrass, Irish, and swing, the musicians of Strictly Strings are Kathleen Burnett on fiddle, guitar, and vocals; Anissa Burnett (also a member of the Burnett Sisters Family Band) on fiddle, bass, banjo, guitar, and vocals; Willow Dillon on fiddle, cello, banjo, and vocals; and Caleb Coatney on mandolin, guitar, and clawhammer banjo. The group's organizer and mentor, Cecil Gurganus, plays rhythm guitar and sings.

Presented with PineCone and support from [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 at December's concert and need not be present).*

### **History à la Carte: Stepping through History**

Wednesday, October 11, noon-1 p.m.

Register at [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) and purchase a boxed lunch — or just bring your own. Beverages provided. For information, call 919-807-7969.

***Kendra Floyd***, Conservation Assistant, N.C. Museum of History

Walk through the history of footwear — and discover who wore what and some “shoe-perstitutions” from around the world!

### **\*RLT Presents “Grace for President”**

Friday, October 13-Sunday, October 22

For show times and ticket information, visit [RaleighLittleTheatre.org](http://RaleighLittleTheatre.org) or phone 919-821-3111.

Frustrated by a lack of female faces on a poster of U.S. presidents, Grace decides to be president of her class at school. She seems the likely winner — until the most popular boy decides to run. During the race, Grace discovers what it takes to be the best candidate. Activities for kids and families take place before most performances!

Produced by Raleigh Little Theatre. This show is part of the RLT Family Series.

### **\*History of the Harvest: Tater Time**

Saturday, October 14, 1-3 p.m.

Sweet potatoes are one of the oldest-known vegetables in the Americas — and our state vegetable!

Visit our outdoor exhibit, “History of the Harvest,” and test your knowledge, create a print, make a real potato head, and pick up some recipes! For more information, call 919-807-7979.

### **Selling WWI: How Propaganda Fueled the Flames of Nationalism**

Thursday, October 26, 6:30-8 p.m.

Register at [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org). For information, call 919-807-7969.

***Speakers:*** *Kenneth S. Zagacki, Department of Communication, NCSU; Daniel Patrick Bolger, Department of History, NCSU, and Veteran, U.S. Army; Marilyn Lynch, Retired Professor of Music, NCSU; V. William “Bill” Balthrope, Department of Communication, UNC-Chapel Hill*

This roundtable and panel discussion will examine the sophisticated development and use of propaganda in building support for the Great War — on both sides.

*This program is funded as part of World War I and America, a two-year national initiative of the Library of America and presented in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.*

### **Girl Scout Brownies: My Family Story**

Saturday, October 28, 1-4:30 p.m.

Work on your My Family Story badge at the N.C. Museum of History! Hear and act out some family stories, create a family tree, and learn ways to record your own history.

\$10 per Scout. For information, call 919-807-7988. **Register by October 16** at [nccoastalpines.org](http://nccoastalpines.org).

### **\*A Walk in the Dark**

Saturday, October 28, 4:30-7 p.m. **For kids of ALL ages!**

History isn't over yet . . . In this immersive live theatre experience, audiences will **follow pirates, pilots and pioneers** as they twist and turn throughout a lantern-lit tour of the real "Story of North Carolina"!

Shows are 45 minutes long and suitable for all ages. MOHA/museum members: \$8; general public: \$10

Halloween-themed crafts will be in the lobby starting at 4:30 p.m, and dinner will be available for purchase from Only Burger food truck, which will be parked outside the museum on Edenton Street from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Not a member? **Join MOHA today for half-price!** For information, call 919-807-7847 or visit [www.ncmoha.com](http://www.ncmoha.com). Support YOUR Museum of History.

### **World War I Film Series: "The Dawn Patrol" (1938)**

Sunday, October 29, 2 p.m.

Register for the program at [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org).

MPAA rating: PG; run time: 103 min.

Errol Flynn, Basil Rathbone, and David Niven star as members of the British army's Royal Flying Corps at a time when combat flight was in its infancy — and the life expectancy of a pilot was short. Rathbone actually served in WWI and reportedly wears his own decorations in the movie.

*This is one in a monthly series of films meant to help interpret some of the scope and complexity of the Great War.*

### **Halloween Parade**

Tuesday, October 31, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Register for the event at [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org).

### **Happy Halloween!**

Join us for a day of costumes, crafts, treats and a Halloween Parade, **led by First Lady of North Carolina, Kristin Cooper**.

Come in costume and participate in fun "Halloween-y" crafts. Make crafts from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Lunch will be available for purchase from So Good Pupusas food truck** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the truck will be parked on Edenton Street, next to the museum.

The Halloween Parade will begin at 2 p.m., at the top of Bicentennial Plaza (between the North Carolina Museum of History and North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences). Led by Mrs. Cooper and the Helping Hands Mission Band, participants will march down the plaza, take a right on Jones Street, and then take a left on Blount Street, ending at the Executive Mansion. There, they will be rewarded with a special treat!

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

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

#### **IMAGES Dropbox link, caption and credit**

File Museum of History's October programs and events:

#### **Image – Grace**

Grace from Raleigh Little Theatre production "Grace for President." Courtesy Raleigh Little Theatre.

#### **Image – Baby Boomers**

Promotion for "The Boomer List" exhibition. Courtesy Newseum.

#### **Image – The Ruby Slippers**

Dorothy's ruby slippers worn in the "Wizard of Oz." Courtesy 1.bp.blogspot.com.

**Access images here.**

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

#### **About the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate**

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. 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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