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**JANUARY PROGRAMS AT THE N.C. MUSEUM OF HISTORY**

Join the statewide kickoff to Black History Month at the **N.C. Museum of History** in Raleigh. On Sat., Jan. 28, the 16th Annual African American Cultural Celebration will feature musicians, dancers, storytellers and others who will share their heritage and culture. This exciting festival, named a “Top 20 Event” in 2015 and 2016 by the Southeast Tourism Society, has something for all ages.

Mysteries and secrets from photographs in the Hugh Morton Collection at Wilson Library, UNC-Chapel Hill, will be revealed when Stephen Fletcher, Photographic Archivist at UNC-Chapel Hill, presents a Jan. 11 program. Morton’s prolific career spanned seven decades, and his images capture Tar Heel people, events, sports and more.

Enjoy these programs and more this January at the N.C. Museum of History. All programs are **free** unless otherwise noted. Parking is free on weekends.

NOTE: The museum will be closed on Sunday, Jan. 1, for New Year’s Day.

PROGRAMS

[Editors: Please include registration information when applicable.]

First Fridays at the Museum

Friday, Jan. 6, 5-9 p.m.

See our lobby-level exhibits and visit the Museum Shop throughout the evening.

Music of the Carolinas: Dwight Hawkins & the Piedmont Highballers

Sunday, Jan. 8, 3 p.m.

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 program is presented with PineCone and support from the N.C. Museum of History Associates.

***Time for Tots: Let It Snow!**

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 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. For information, call 919-807-7979.

Before we had electricity or central heating, what winter activities were fun? Find out, then get ready for cold weather by making your own snowflake!

***History Corner: Let's Celebrate!**

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 10-11 a.m.

Ages 6-9 (with adult)

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

To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-807-7988.

Learn about New Year's traditions — and taste foods — from around the world and here in North Carolina.

***History Hunters: New Year's Eats**

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 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. For information, call 919-807-7988.

Hoppin' John? Grapes? What foods ring in the new year for you and your family? Try some celebration treats from here — and far away — and share some of your year-starting stories.

History à la Carte: Mysteries of the Morton Collection

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

Register at NCMOH-programs.com and purchase a boxed lunch — or just bring your own.

Beverages provided. For information, call 919-807-7986.

Stephen Fletcher, Photographic Archivist, North Carolina Collection Photographic Archives, Wilson Library, UNC-Chapel Hill

Hugh Morton's photographs are full of mysteries and secrets, some known only to him. Fortunately, while processing the Morton collection and managing the associated blog, *A View to Hugh*, Fletcher has made some discoveries and deductions. Explore some of those stories during this free lunchtime program.

Ancient and Modern World Lecture Series: Future of the Middle East

Thursday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m.

Akram Khater, Professor of History and Khayrallah Chair in Lebanese Diaspora Studies, N.C. State University

Khater, author and editor on topics relating to the Middle East, will argue that — despite a daily diet of violence and destruction — the foundations of peace in the Middle East are present amidst the rubble. A Q&A session follows the presentation.

Caring for Your Family's Photographs

Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m.-noon

\$15 plus tax per person; \$12 plus tax for Associates/museum members

Register at NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-807-7988.

Jennifer French, Objects Conservator, N.C. Museum of History

During this hands-on workshop, learn how to identify different types of images and how to use proper storage methods to conserve your treasured photographs. Bring up to five of your own family photographs or use our samples to work with. *Fee includes a boxed lunch.*

***16th Annual African American Cultural Celebration**

Saturday, Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Named a Top 20 Event in 2015 and 2016 by the Southeast Tourism Society, this year's theme, The Shoulders We Stand On, will celebrate with more than 75 musicians, storytellers, dancers, chefs, historians, playwrights, authors, artists, re-enactors and more. Bring the whole family to this fun and educational experience for all ages.

The celebration is sponsored, in part, by the City of Raleigh Arts Commission, United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, N.C. African American Heritage Commission, N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, N.C. Museum of History Associates, N.C. Writers' Network and *The Triangle Tribune*.

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 or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube.

** marks programs of interest to children or families*

IMAGES

Dropbox link https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ofgd4cgim6mcnj0/AAARfxwADm4t4p8gYB_LYI3Fa?dl=0

FILE Dwight Hawkins & the Piedmont Highballers: Hear the old-time folk band Dwight Hawkins & the Piedmont Highballers during a free performance at the N.C. Museum of History.

FILE Let It Snow: Time for Tots: Let It Snow! will take place Tuesday, Jan. 10 at the N.C. Museum of History. Image: N.C. Museum of History

File Let's Celebrate: For children ages 6-9, the program Let's Celebrate! focuses on New Year's traditions. Image: N.C. Museum of History

File Hoppin' John1: For ages 10-13, History Hunters: New Year's Eats will focus on foods that help people ring in the new year. Hoppin' John anyone? Image: N.C. Museum of History

File Stephen Fletcher: Photographic Archivist Stephen Fletcher will present History à la Carte: Mysteries of the Morton Collection on Wed., Jan. 11, at the N.C. Museum of History.

File Caring for Family Photographs: Learn proper storage methods and more during the hands-on workshop Caring for Your Family's Photographs.

Files African American 1 to 5: The 16th Annual African American Cultural Celebration will take place Saturday, Jan. 28, at the N.C. Museum of History. Image: N.C. Museum of History

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 300,000 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 North Carolina 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 Secretary Susan Kluttz, 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.

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