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JULY PROGRAMS AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY

RALEIGH, N.C.—Looking for a fun way to beat the heat, have fun, and learn something new? Check out the North Carolina Museum of History’s July offerings for the whole family!

Round up your most patriotic pals and join us on Independence Day. Galleries are open all day on the Fourth of July, with an array of fascinating, and **free**, hands-on exhibits. Check out our [exhibits of military interest](#), including the award-winning [North Carolina and World War I](#) and [A Call to Arms](#); recent offerings like [Collecting Carolina: Montagnards, Vietnam’s Central Highlanders](#) and [Look Again: Discovering Historical Photos](#); and perennial favorite [The Story of North Carolina](#).

We are honored to continue our Blue Star Museum policy, which offers active and retired military personnel (with ID) [discounted memberships](#), as well as a **20 percent discount in the Museum Shop on July Fourth**.

Can’t get enough history of American independence? Come to **History à la Carte on Wednesday, July 11, at noon for a special showing of [A Star-Spangled Story: Battle for America](#)**. Made for the Smithsonian Channel, this video (2014; not rated; run time: 51 min.) travels back to 1814, when the young American capital was under attack. You’ll examine the battle that inspired witness Francis Scott Key to immortalize its final moments, then discover how his poem transformed into an anthem.

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

PROGRAMS

[Editors: Please include registration information when applicable.]

Independence Day

Wednesday, July 4

All galleries are open, including [A Call to Arms](#), the museum’s military history gallery; [North Carolina & World War I](#); and [The Story of North Carolina](#), our chronological history exhibit.

***Summer Storytime**

Thursdays, July 5, 12, 19, and 26

10–10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 and up (with adult)

Meet a staff member at the information desk, and follow your guide outside to our garden exhibit or into one of the museum galleries. Look around and listen to a history-related story—some are featured in the NCAITC Book of the Month program.

[History à la Carte: A Star-Spangled Story: Battle for America](#)

Wednesday, July 11, noon–1 p.m.

Register at NCMOH-programs.com to reserve a seat. Bring your own lunch; beverages provided. For information, call 919-807-7969.

Everyone says they “know” the song, but few can sing all its words; fewer understand their meaning. Made for the Smithsonian Channel, this video (2014; not rated; run time: 51 min.) travels back to 1814, when the young American capital was under attack, and Francis Scott Key was moved to compose the poem that eventually became the lyrics to our national anthem.

[Conservation Assistance Day at Museum of the Albemarle](#)

Friday, July 13, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Appointment required. Call 252-335-1453.

Plan a trip to MOA, our branch in Elizabeth City, then make an appointment to present up to three objects for assessment and advice on care from a Museum of History conservator. The NC Museum of History does not provide estimates on value.

[A Garden Ratatouille](#)

Saturday, July 14, 1–3 p.m.

Craig LeHoullier (aka “The Tomato Man”) shares his love of heirloom tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers and offers tips on succeeding with yours. Be sure to pick up some recipes for eating your summer favorites!

[Bride at the Museum](#)

Saturday, July 14, 5–7 p.m.

\$5 online and \$7 at the door. The proceeds benefit museum textile conservation efforts. Ticket includes entry to win door prizes and one drink ticket.

Come meet local wedding professionals and see the museum decorated for a reception! You’ll be able to taste, hear, and experience wedding inspiration for your North Carolina wedding and reception.

[Happy Birthday, Ernie Barnes!](#)

Sunday, July 15

Artist and football star Ernie Barnes would have been 80 years old today! Celebrate his legacy by visiting [The North Carolina Roots of Artist Ernie Barnes](#) to view a selection of his original paintings, plus artifacts from his Durham years, his football experience, and his career in art. Be sure to visit the [Museum Shop](#)—all Ernie Barnes–related merchandise is 20 percent off today!

[*Time for Tots: Art in Motion](#)

Tuesday, July 17, 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 919-807-7979.

Athlete and artist Ernie Barnes is known for his colorful, elongated figures and for his special way of making the figures look like they were in motion. Look at some of his paintings, strike a pose of your own, and create a piece of movement-inspired art to take home.

[Exhibit Opening: A Thousand Words: Photographs by Vietnam Veterans](#)

Friday, July 27

Assembled by award-winning photojournalist and Winston-Salem resident Martin Tucker, this collection of images was taken by North Carolina soldiers in Vietnam.

For more information about July programs, call 919-807-7900 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 919-807-7900 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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