January Programs at the North Carolina Museum of History

December 30, 2019 (RALEIGH, N.C.) — Welcome the year 2020 with NEW, fun programs and free exhibits at the North Carolina Museum of History!

Interested in African American history? Our 19th Annual African American Cultural Celebration occurs on Saturday, Jan. 25! Join us as we celebrate culture, kinship, and community with our annual kickoff festival for Black History Month. While you’re here, check out our newest exhibition, Law and Justice: The Supreme Court of North Carolina, 1819–2019 (available through May 31, 2020). Filled with stories, court cases, artifacts, and images, this timely exhibit celebrates the Supreme Court of North Carolina during its bicentennial anniversary and reveals the untold narrative of the state’s highest court from its founding until the present day.

Read on for all our January events. Programs are FREE unless otherwise noted. Weekend parking is free.

History Corner: North Carolina Inventors*
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 10–11 a.m.

What does it take to create a new medicine, car, or country? Find out about inventors from our state, and try your hand at a creator’s challenge.

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

History Hunters: Radio Days*
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Hear all about it! News, views, music, stories—learn how radio changed our state. Then, get in the act and help create a “radio show” so you can communicate with people far away.

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

History à la Carte: Civil War 360
Wednesday, Jan. 8, noon–1 p.m.

Join us in Daniels Auditorium for a screening of Fight for Freedom, the third episode of this Smithsonian Channel documentary, which uses objects from the Smithsonian collection to explore that brutal and complicated time.

2013; TVPG rating: TV-PG; run time: 52 min.

Register at NCMOH-programs.com to reserve a seat. Bring your own lunch; some beverages provided. For information, call 919-814-7032.

Hands-on History: Toy Stories*
Saturday, Jan. 11, 1–3 p.m.

Drop in on this event for families and learn about toys and games! You’ll search for a few—some your parents and grandparents played with and some older than that—on a gallery hunt, then you’ll make a toy of your own.

Music of the Carolinas: Shaquim Muldrow
Sunday, Jan. 12, 3 p.m.

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

Muldrow is an African American jazz saxophonist and composer who is working to break into the worldwide jazz scene. He has appeared on stages at Durham’s The Fruit and the Shed, Dizzy’s Club at Lincoln Center in New York City, and the 2015 Jazz Education Network conference in San Diego as a featured soloist. A graduate of North Carolina Central University’s renowned Jazz Studies program, he has already backed an array of jazz, blues, and R&B artists, including Branford Marsalis.

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

**Quilting Demonstration: Capital Quilters Guild**
Thursday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Drop in to watch and learn as these quilters demonstrate hand-stitching techniques on our museum quilt. While you’re here, allow time to visit the exhibit *QuiltSpeak*, and stop in the Museum Shop to purchase your copy of the companion catalog.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service**
Monday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

The museum is open! Drop in when you can and tour all our exhibits—including the *North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame*, *Toy Boom! Toys from the 1950s and 60s* (which includes a rare example of Ideal’s Saralee doll and a G.I. Joe Action Soldier, one of the first mainstream toys produced as an African American), and the current lobby-case installation of *Collecting Carolina* (which includes a costume that was designed and worn by Dr. Baba Charles R. “Chuck” Davis and a possible identification tag used by John Gaskill, a soldier with the 1st North Carolina Colored Volunteers—later, the 35th US Colored Troops—during the Civil War).

Assistance with the SHOF gallery is provided by the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame Inc.; *Toy Boom!* is supported by CBS17, WNCN-TV, and funded by MOHA/museum members.

**Young Associates’ Happy Hour at Clouds Brewing**
Thursday, Jan. 23, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Meet members of the Young Associates—museum supporters in their early 20s through 30s—and join! We’ll have an open bar tab at Clouds Brewing (126 North West Street in downtown Raleigh), plus drink specials, half-price memberships, raffles, and socializing. Your membership will directly impact museum exhibitions, programming efforts, and artifact acquisitions—help us make history!

**19th Annual African American Cultural Celebration**
Saturday, Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

This year’s theme: “20(20) Vision: A 400-Year Legacy.” Join in our annual kickoff for Black History Month as we look back, move forward, and claim our identity through music, dance, literature, film, arts, food, health, enterprise, and, of course, history!

*The event’s official hashtag is #AACC2020.*

*S sponsored, in part, by the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes a great nation deserves great art—to find out more about how NEA grants impact individuals and communities, visit arts.gov; the City of Raleigh, based on recommendation of the Raleigh Arts Commission; United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County; the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission; Wells Fargo; AARP®; Jack and Jill of America Inc.; CarMax; North Carolina Writers’ Network; Courtney Crowder Consulting; North Carolina Black Alliance; and MOHA, the Museum of History Associates.*

* marks programs of interest to children or families
For information about the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access 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.

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.

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