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July Programs at the North Carolina Museum of History



June 28, 2019 (RALEIGH, N.C.) — Looking for a way to beat the North Carolina summer heat? Come join us at the **NC Museum of History in Raleigh** to experience fun hands-on events and explore fascinating and free exhibits! From [July 4th at the Museum \(we're open!\)](#) to the [One Giant Leap Festival](#), we have plenty of programs lined up throughout the month to help you stay cool and busy!

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

[Time for Tots: July 4th Fun*](#)

Tuesday, July 2, 10–10:45 a.m.

Learn about July 4th celebrations, past and present, and make your own patriotic decoration to take home.

Ages 3–5 (with adult); \$5 per child; \$3 for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-814-7039.

[July 4th at the Museum*](#)

Thursday, July 4

Start your celebration with two small lobby cases of patriotic interest that are closing soon: [North Carolina's original copy of the Bill of Rights](#) will be on display through Sunday, July 7, and [Remembering D-Day, 75 Years Later](#), which remains open through Sunday, July 14.

Then enjoy our latest exhibits, each one examining different aspects of freedom: [QuiltSpeak: Uncovering Women's Voices Through Quilts](#), [One Giant Leap: North Carolina and the Space Race](#), and [Freedom! A Promise Disrupted: North Carolina, 1862–1901](#). And, of course, you can wander the permanent exhibits, the [North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame](#) and [The Story of North Carolina](#), for more thoughts on freedom's gifts.

In addition, we are honored to continue our affiliation with the Blue Star Museums program, which offers active and retired military personnel (with ID) [discounted memberships](#), along with a 10 percent discount in the Museum Shop (20 percent on July 4, only). Sign up for the [museum e-newsletter](#) or follow our social media outlets for other information.

Please note that Summer Storytime will NOT take place on Thursday, July 4.

[History à la Carte: North Carolina from Above!](#)

Wednesday, July 10, noon–1 p.m.

North Carolina is home to mysteries, giant industries, and coastal beauty. It's where gold was first discovered; where a colony of settlers vanished. It's a state where golf rules the land, NASCAR rules the road, and college basketball holds court. It's where the cotton industry died; where tobacco became king—where a 12-second flight sent shockwaves around the world. Join us in Daniels Auditorium (this month only) for a special screening of the North Carolina episode of Smithsonian Channel's *Aerial America* series.

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

[Summer Storytime*](#)

Thursdays, July [11](#), [18](#), and [25](#): 10–10:30 a.m.

Meet a staff member at the information desk and follow them into a museum exhibit, including *QuiltSpeak* (on July 11), *NC Sports Hall of Fame* (July 18), or outside to *History of the Harvest* (on July 25). Once you get there, look around and listen to a history-related story. Before you leave, look over some of the history-related titles in the Museum Shop.

Some stories are NC Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month selections; NCAITC is an educational program, offered by the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, that is dedicated to fostering an understanding of the importance of agriculture in our state. Support for the museum's garden exhibit on Bicentennial Plaza is provided, this year, by the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission.

Ages 3 and up (with adult).

[150 Years of Gardening in America: How Does Your Garden Grow?](#)

Saturday, July 13, 1–3 p.m.

Speaker: Craig LeHoullier, Gardener and Author

LeHoullier will provide insights from his research for an upcoming book that discusses what we grew in the past, what we've lost, and what is growing in our gardens today. Author of *Epic Tomatoes* and *Growing Vegetables in Straw Bales*, the Raleigh gardener always shares his love of gardening and offers tips on how to make your garden grow.

Support for *History of the Harvest* on Bicentennial Plaza is provided, this year, by the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission.

[Exhibit Opening: Collecting Carolina](#)

Friday, July 19

A new installation of this lobby-case exhibit opens with more seldom-seen objects from our collection and more of the unique stories that our curators have learned from them. This rotation includes a handmade chest used by North Carolina's first female legislator; a dance outfit worn by Chuck Davis; a possible ID tag from the Civil War; a woman's swimsuit from the 1890s; a sampling of puppets and props used for teaching dental hygiene; a mantelpiece; and a coverlet made from tobacco twine, a one-time staple in many households.

Stop by when you can and use our new "virtual" labeling and interpretation system to see what makes each story special.

[One Giant Leap Festival*](#)

Saturday, July 20, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Commemorate *the* 50th anniversary of Apollo 11's lunar landing! Our indoor and outdoor celebration will feature hands-on crafts, demonstrations, and activities—including a virtual-reality lab where you can "travel" to space and *be* on the moon; and a bungee-jumping station where you, too, can experience weightlessness, like real astronauts. Additional out-of-this-world fun will be announced as the festival nears! You'll also want to check out the Museum Shop's pop-up shop on Bicentennial Plaza for Apollo 11 items and more.

The One Giant Leap Festival is part of LiftOffNC: Apollo+Beyond—a yearlong celebration that marks 50 years since the first human stepped on the moon. LiftOffNC includes festivals, exhibits, lunar- and star-gazing parties, feature films and documentaries, model rockets, space camps, astronomy days, musical performances, and more from all around the Triangle. Follow events at LiftOffNC.org or [#LiftOffNC](https://twitter.com/LiftOffNC).

Local organizations collaborating on LiftOffNC include the North Carolina Museum of History, Marbles Kids Museum, Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, the Museum of Life and Science, the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, NC Space Grant, and the North Carolina Symphony.

The festival is supported, in part, by Corning Incorporated Foundation, First Flight Foundation, and Publix Super Markets Charities; and by Lynnwood Brewing Concern and MoonPie®. CBS17, WNCN-TV, is the exclusive media sponsor for the museum's *One Giant Leap* exhibit and this festival.

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Image – 4-H club watermelon winners, ca. 1957.

Courtesy of North Carolina Museum of History

Image – Robe assoc. with Dr. Chuck Davis

Courtesy of North Carolina Museum of History

Image – One Giant Leap Festival graphic

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Image – Aerial America: North Carolina

Courtesy of the Smithsonian Channel

For information about the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-814-7000 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 919-814-6800 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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