Imagine it...see it...feel it...at the museum!
MARCH 2018 PROGRAMS AT THE NC MUSEUM OF HISTORY

RALEIGH, N.C. — Everyone likes a good story — German POWs housed in a western NC hotel during World War I? REALLY? Sometimes facts are stranger than fiction!

Join us at Frist Friday, Mar. 2, Friday, 5–9 p.m. You won’t be disappointed with the award-winning author Terry Roberts, who will tell tales that will keep you bound to your seat of people in Madison County, North Carolina. In addition, try samples from Fortnight Brewing of Cary (while they last), and buy dinner from So Good Pupusas Salvadoran food truck outside. And it’s ALL FREE this Friday night.

Your kids will feel “lucky” to be in one of the museum’s many kids programs this month.

✓ Time for Tots: St. Patrick’s Day, Tuesday, Mar. 6, 10–10:45 a.m. kicks it off with the history, foods, and traditions of St. Patrick’s Day and don’t forget to do one of the hands-on fun crafts.

✓ History Corner: Women at Work! Wednesday, Mar. 7, 10–11 a.m. Learn how women have helped, and continue to help, build our state.

✓ History Hunters: NC Women Making History, Wednesday, Mar. 7, 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Find out about Cherokee leader Nancy Ward, boycott organizer Penelope Barker, and activist Ella Baker, among others.

History à la Carte will spotlight The Impact of Farm-to-Table Economies, Wednesday, Mar. 14, noon to 1 p.m. Steve Day, Owner and Chef of Plates Neighborhood Kitchen in Raleigh provides an inside look at his journey and share what inspired him to open this amazing restaurant. Bring your lunch or order one from Pharaoh’s (see details below).
MARCH PROGRAMS

First Fridays at the Museum: Book Signing with Terry Roberts  Friday, March 2, 5–9 p.m.

Join us for a talk and book signing with Terry Roberts, who writes about his family’s roots and the stories of people in Madison County, western North Carolina. That Bright Land, set in the summer of 1866, is the story of a former Union soldier and spy in search of a serial killer who continues to carry out his own private war in the isolated area. A Short Time to Stay Here features German POWs who were housed in the Mountain Park Hotel in Hot Springs during World War One.

- View our lobby-level exhibits all evening.
- Try samples from Fortnight Brewing, of Cary (while they last).
- Buy dinner from So Good Pupusas Salvadoran food truck outside!
- Visit the Museum Shop for those special hard to find gifts (until 8 p.m.).

Artist at Work: Jackie Ligtenberg and Bruce Mullin  Saturday, Mar. 3, 1–4 p.m.

See these local crafters spin yarn out of fibers like wool and cotton, then weave that yarn into fabric! During your visit, be sure to tour our lobby exhibit, The Shape of Fashion.

North Carolina and World War I LIVE!  Tuesday, March 6, 10:15–11:15 a.m.

For the 86,000 ordinary men and women from North Carolina who provided extraordinary service to their country during the “war to end all wars”—the soldiers who fought on the front lines and the 195 nurses who served overseas, as well as the countless families left behind to wait in anguish—the First World War was the world war.

Join historian and curator Jackson Marshall III and museum educator Sally Bloom as they explore the museum’s exhibit to commemorate the war.

Like visitors, you’ll be immersed in a life-size trench environment while seeing weapons and uniforms, a re-created field hospital, a detailed diorama, battlefield relics, and heart-pounding battlefield sounds and sights. Sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

Handout available online before the program. Watch 585 Days, if You’re Lucky, our video series based on primary sources about North Carolinians who experienced the war first hand. Register for the program online.

*Time for Tots: St. Patrick’s Day  Tuesday, Mar. 6, 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.

Discover the history, foods, and traditions of St. Patrick’s Day, a holiday observed by the Irish for 1,000 years. Then, make a craft to give you the luck o’ the Irish!
History Corner: Women at Work!
Wednesday, Mar. 7, 10–11 a.m.  Ages 6–9 (with adult)
$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-807-7988.
Farmers, business owners, artists, teachers, doctors, mothers, and more! Learn how women have helped, and continue to help, build our state. Then, make a book to record your own stories.

History Hunters: NC Women Making History
Wednesday, Mar. 7, 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  Ages 10–13
$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-807-7988.
Women and girls have been part of our state’s story from the beginning, but their work and contributions are often overlooked. Find out about Cherokee leader Nancy Ward, boycott organizer Penelope Barker, and activist Ella Baker, among others, and make a paper house based on plans made by architect Harriet Irwin.

SOLD OUT!
Historic Fashion Show: 150 Years of Women’s Fashions
Saturday, March 10, 2–3 p.m.
The “Historic Fashion Show: 150 Years of Women’s Fashions” is SOLD OUT, but you may add your name to our waitlist. If a space becomes available, the first person on the waitlist will be given 12 hours to claim the open space. If they fail to do so, the space will be offered to the next available person. Thank you for your interest in the North Carolina Museum of History!
Love vintage styles? Big hair, bustles and bows? See nearly 20 models feature the evolution of women’s fashion over 150 years!
After the show, meet our models and see some dresses up close!

Music of the Carolinas: Rip the Calico
Sunday, Mar. 11, 3 p.m.
Celebrate the cultures of Scottish and Irish people with this lively, high-energy Celtic-inspired dance band that features North Carolina musicians Alison Arnold (vocals, Irish flute, Irish and Scottish whistles); Gordon Arnold (cello, guitar, claw hammer banjo); Mairead Brady (fiddle); and Tyler Johnson (tenor banjo, guitar, mandolin).
Free tickets for this concert are distributed while they last beginning at 2 p.m.
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 next month’s concert and need not be present).
History à la Carte: The Impact of Farm-to-Table Economies
Wednesday, Mar. 14, noon–1 p.m., noon–1 p.m. (FREE)

Speaker: Steve Day, Owner and Chef, Plates Neighborhood Kitchen, Raleigh

Day will provide an inside look at his journey and share what inspired him to open a restaurant that relies heavily on local agriculture and how sustainable farming impacts small business owners as well as the state’s culture and economy.

For information, call 919-807-7969. Purchase a boxed lunch—or just bring your own. Beverages provided.

21st Annual Spring Frolic Fund-Raiser
Saturday, Mar. 17, 6 p.m.

Join us at the Carolina Country Club, so you don’t miss the museum’s largest annual fund-raiser—silent and live auctions, food, drink, live music, and so much more! This year’s honorees are dear friends and supporters Jennie and Wilson Hayman and Mary Brent and Bob Wright!

$250 per person Visit ncmoha.com to reserve your seat or call 919-807-7847 for information.

*Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors: Folk Arts Fun
Saturday, Mar. 17, 1–4:50 p.m.

Make crafts from North Carolina’s past, time-travel through the museum collection, and learn about the art of everyday people, like you and your friends or family, all while earning a Folk Arts Fun patch.

$10 per Scout Register at nccoastalpines.org. For information, call 919-807-7988.

Vietnam Veterans Day Weekend
Friday, March 23–Sunday, March 25

Meet Vietnam veterans, see military equipment, and view personal memorabilia, such as uniforms, weapons, and gear. A Field Cross memorial, a display of the state’s POW and MIA heroes, and a 1/8-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall are also highlights of the weekend. A film of the thought-provoking play Etchings in Stone, by North Carolina Vietnam veteran Ron Harris, will be shown throughout the weekend. His original play shared the words and unspoken thoughts of passing visitors from “inside” the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall. The film features music, video clips, and photographs from the Vietnam era.

Sponsored by North Carolina Vietnam Veterans Inc.

World War I Film Series: Sergeant York (1941)
Sunday, Mar. 25, 2 p.m.

MPAA rating: PG-V; run time: 134 min.

Alvin “Sergeant” York was a real-life Tennessee farmer from the mountains of Appalachia. A conscientious objector to fighting in the Great War, he was drafted into service and eventually became one of the country’s most decorated soldiers. Gary Cooper won an Oscar for his genuine portrayal of York. This is one in a monthly series of films meant to help interpret some of the scope and complexity of the Great War.
Major supporters of the exhibit North Carolina and World War I are the NC Museum of History Foundation and MOHA, the Museum of History Associates. Note: A simulated battlefield environment—including bright lights, flashing lights, and loud noises—in this exhibit may be disturbing to children or visitors with health concerns. In addition, some images may not be suitable for some visitors.

* marks programs of interest to children or families

Most programs are FREE, as is parking in the evenings and on weekends.

Media Contacts:
Marcie Gordon, Director, Community Engagement and Marketing
919-807-7995, marcie.gordon@ncdcr.gov
B.J. Davis, Education Section Chief/Programming
919-807-7996, bj.davis@ncdcr.gov
Sandra Webbere, Press Release
919-807-7957, sandy.webbere@ncdcr.gov

IMAGES Dropbox link, caption and credits
File March Programs & Events

Image – Terry Roberts & Book Jacket
Terry Roberts reflects on his book A Short Time to Stay. Courtesy of Terry Roberts.

Image – Postcard
Saint Patrick’s Day card from the early 19th century.
NC Museum of History Collection.

Image – Chef in his restaurant
Steve Day, Owner and Chef, Plates Neighborhood Kitchen, Raleigh.
Courtesy of Steve Day.

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 420,000 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.

# # #