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## MUSIC, FILM, PULITZER PRIZE WINNER, SPORTS HALL OF FAME: MAY 2017 PROGRAMS AT THE N.C. MUSEUM OF HISTORY



**RALEIGH, N.C.** — It's the merry month of May, and the North Carolina Museum of History hopes to see you at one of these amazing programs this month. What do you like? Here is a sampling of our options for you.

- **Thursday, May 4, 4 p.m. North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame Press Conference.** YOU are invited to be at the announcement and to meet the six men and two women who have been selected to the 2017 inductee class. The Sports Hall of Fame with the 328 men and women is located on the third floor of the museum.
- **Friday, May 12, to Saturday, May 13, 2017 Longleaf Film Festival 2017.** Our third annual **FREE-to-attend** festival screens juried narrative and documentary film submissions from around the world—and our own backyard. Winners will be announced in a public ceremony Saturday evening.
- **Sunday, May 14, 3 p.m. Music of the Carolinas: Kamara Thomas & the Night Drivers.** Thomas writes musical tales that echo the folk sounds of spirituals, hymns and mountain songs. **FREE tickets** for this concert are distributed while they last beginning at 2 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m. N.C. Museum of History Foundation Distinguished Lecture Series Presents.** Don't miss this opportunity to hear historian **Jon Meacham** speak on "America Then and Now: What History Tells Us About the Future" at Fletcher Opera Theater in the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts in Raleigh. **TICKETS ARE SELLING QUICKLY.** Details below.

### PROGRAMS

*[Editors: Please include registration information when applicable.]*

**\*Time for Tots: Time for Tea**

Tuesday, May 2, 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.

Look at objects from the museum’s collection that are associated with “taking tea,” then participate in a short tea party.

**\*History Corner: I Spy**

Wednesday, May 3, 10-11 a.m.     **Ages 6-9 (with adult)**  
\$3 plus tax per child; \$1 plus tax for Associates/museum members  
To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-807-7988.

Codes, ciphers, secrets—puzzle out some spy history, and go on a short hunt with clues.

**\*History Hunters: Spy Games**

Wednesday, May 3, 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.

Can you keep a secret? Learn how North Carolinians have kept—and uncovered—secrets during wartimes.

**North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame News Conference**

Thursday, May 4, 4 p.m.

Celebrate the Sports Hall of Fame’s 2017 inductees. The eight new members, in alphabetical order, are Glenn Bass, Dwight Durante, Mike Fox, Chasity Melvin, Ben Sutton, Caulton Tudor, Steve Vacendak and Stephanie Wheeler. Objects they have contributed to the hall will be unveiled in the museum exhibit on Level 3 after the news conference.

**First Fridays at the Museum: Film Screening and Book Signing with Marsha Gordon** Friday, May 5, 5-9 p.m.

Plan your evening at the museum around a special book signing and a film (*details below*), a visit to the Museum Shop, a look at our new exhibition on World War I and lobby-level exhibits, and free samples—while they last—of craft beers from Fullsteam Brewery in Durham and Haw River Farmhouse Ales in Saxapahaw.

- **6:15-6:45 p.m.     Book Signing: “Film Is Like a Battleground”**  
Marsha Gordon, Associate Professor of English, Film Studies Program, N.C. State  
  
Gordon, who hosts a monthly program on “The State of Things” (North Carolina Public Radio, WUNC), will sign copies of her new book (Oxford University Press) on director Samuel Fuller’s war films. Books are available for purchase in the Museum Shop.
- **6:45 p.m.     Film Screening: “The Big Red One”**  
MPAA rating: R-L,V; run time: 113 min.  
  
Marsha Gordon will introduce this acclaimed film, which actually begins with some of the horror of World War I. The 1980 film stars Lee Marvin, Robert Carradine and Mark Hamill and features director Samuel Fuller’s own combat memories during WWII with the First Infantry Division, known as the Big Red One.

The event is **free**, as is parking on the weekend in downtown Raleigh.

**\*Artist at Work: Bayle Owens**

Saturday, May 6, noon-3 p.m.

Watch Owens, a young fourth-generation potter, demonstrate how she forms clay into sheep figurines—and then felts wool to make their coats.

**“Behind the Scenes”: A Conversation Between Anna Burwell and Elizabeth Keckley** Sunday, May 7, 2-4 p.m. **Recommended for adults only.**

**Speaker: Dr. Sheila Smith McKoy**, Editor, “The Elizabeth Keckley Reader”

Join us for a staged reading of Dr. Maureen Quilligan and Michael Malone’s innovative play. The play features an imaginary, but plausible, conversation between Anna Burwell, headmistress of the famed Burwell School in Hillsborough, and Elizabeth Keckley (sometimes spelled Keckly), an enslaved servant and seamstress at the school who later bought her freedom and went on to become the couturier and close friend of Mary Todd Lincoln. *A Q&A session, discussion with scholars and cast, and book signing follow the presentation.*

This project is made possible, in part, by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**\*History à la Carte: Sophia’s Civil War Flag**

Wednesday, May 10, noon-1 p.m.

**Presenters: RaeLana Poteat**, Curator of Political and Social History, N.C. Museum of History; **Robin Simonton**, Director, Oakwood Cemetery; **Rick Walton**, Historian, Cedar Fork Rifles Preservation Society Inc.

When the North Carolina Grays set off to fight during the Civil War, they carried a flag that was sewn and painted by Sophia Partridge, a Raleigh artist and teacher. **See the flag, and learn about its adventures.**

*Register at [NCMOH-programs.com](http://NCMOH-programs.com) and purchase a boxed lunch—or just bring your own. Beverages provided. For information, call 919-807-7969*

**Members’ Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, May 10, 11:30 a.m.

\$45 per person; \$35 for Associates/museum members

For information, or to register, visit [ncmuseumassoc.com](http://ncmuseumassoc.com) or call 919-807-7847.

*Ben Owen III, Ben Owen Pottery, Seagrove*

Gather with other museum members at the Umstead Hotel and Spa for this year’s annual meeting with lunch and our featured guest speaker—the grandson of Jugtown Pottery’s first master potter. *Collecting Carolina: 100 Years of Jugtown Pottery* remains on exhibit in the museum’s lobby case through May 29.

**Longleaf Film Festival 2017**

Friday, May 12, to Saturday, May 13, 2017

### **Longleaf Film Festival 2017 is FREE to attend.**

We believe that making films is making history and that [Longleaf Film Festival](#) helps tell the stories that connect us all. [Visit the Festival Website.](#)

While the Museum of History explores stories from North Carolina's past through exhibits and programs, Longleaf Film Festival explores historic and contemporary stories from the state, the country, and the world through narrative and documentary movies.

You can also find and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

### **\*Music of the Carolinas: Kamara Thomas & the Night Drivers**

Sunday, May 14, 3 p.m.

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

**Durham-based Thomas** writes musical tales that mingle echoes of Fleetwood Mac, Neil Young, Emmylou Harris, Lucinda Williams and Tom Petty with the folk sounds of spirituals, hymns and mountain songs. The Night Drivers includes Thomas (guitar and vocals), Steve Anderson (drums) and Nathan Golub (bass).

Presented with PineCone and support from the N.C. Museum of History Associates.

*Join the Associates 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 June's concert and need not be present).*

### **N.C. Museum of History Foundation Distinguished Lecture Series Presents — Pulitzer Prize-Winning Historian JON MEACHAM** Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m.

**The fourth annual talk in the Distinguished Lecture Series is around the corner, and the previous ones were SOLD OUT!** Don't miss this opportunity to hear historian Jon Meacham speak on "America Then and Now: What History Tells Us About the Future" at Fletcher Opera Theater in the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts in Raleigh.

#### **Jon Meacham**

- A presidential biographer, Pulitzer Prize winner, and contributor at Time magazine and The New York Times Book Review.
- Has appeared on "Meet the Press," "The Colbert Report," and Ken Burns' documentary series "The Roosevelts: An Intimate History."
- A regular guest on MSNBC's "Morning Joe," he is known for his knowledge about politics, religion and current affairs.

Meacham is one of America's most prominent public historians, and **he understands how issues and events impact our lives and why historical context matters.**

Call 919-807-7873 for more information.

#### **Conservation Assistance Day**

Friday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Make an appointment and bring up to three objects for assessment and advice on care from a museum conservator. **Note that this is the last CAD in Raleigh for 2017;** remaining dates

and locations are August 12 at the Mountain Gateway Museum in Old Fort and November 4 at Roanoke Island Festival Park. Appointment required. Call 919-807-7823.

***The N.C. Museum of History does not provide estimates on value.***

**An Afternoon with the Tomato Man!**

Saturday, May 20, 2:30-4 p.m.

***Craig LeHoullier, Gardener, Author, Educator***

Join the North Carolina Tomato Man—author of the books “Epic Tomatoes” and “Growing Vegetables in Straw Bales”; co-organizer of Tomatopalooza, an heirloom-tomato tasting event; and cofounder of an international tomato breeding project—as he shares his love of heirloom tomatoes, great stories of special varieties, and tips on succeeding in our challenging climate. Be sure, also, to sample some of his amazing tomatoes, and purchase signed copies of his books. For more information, call 919-807-7979.

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

***\* marks programs of interest to children or families***

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**Image – African American woman**

Kamara Thomas & the Night Drivers. Courtesy of Kamara Thomas.

**Image – Speaker**

John Meacham. Courtesy of Royce Carlton Inc.

**Image – Longleaf promo**

Longleaf Film Festival 2017 promo piece. N.C. Museum of History.

**Image – Basketball player**

Dwight Durante, Catawba College alumnus and one-time Harlem Globetrotter. Courtesy of N.C. Sports Hall of Fame.

**For information about the N.C. Museum of History**, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-807-7900 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube.

### **About the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate**

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 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 N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

### **About the N.C. 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. 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](http://www.ncdcr.gov).

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