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**MEDIA ADVISORY: New *Collecting Carolina* exhibit on Montagnards opening April 21**

**WHAT:** The North Carolina Museum of History will open a **new exhibit called *Collecting Carolina: Montagnards, Vietnam's Central Highlanders***. Housed in the museum's lobby case, the exhibit will focus on traditional Montagnard culture by featuring a small selection of textiles, crafts, tools, hunting weapons, and musical instruments, all gifted to a Vietnam veteran.

Montagnard, a French word meaning "mountain people," refers to the indigenous ethnic minority population living in the central highlands of Vietnam—a people who became close allies of American soldiers during the Vietnam War. Montagnards sought asylum in the US decades later, and, over the years, North Carolina became home to the largest Montagnard population outside their homeland.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 21, 2018

**WHERE:** North Carolina Museum of History  
5 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

For additional information, please visit <https://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/exhibit-opening/montagnards>

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.

For information about the NC Museum of History, call 919-807-7900 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#) or [YouTube](#).

#### **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](http://www.ncdcr.gov).

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