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October Family-Friendly Programs & November Virtual AIHC Festival at the North Carolina Museum of History

October 1, 2020 (RALEIGH, N.C.) — Now's the time to decorate the home with pumpkins and ghouls, but with new procedures in place to help ensure the safety of staff and visitors, the North Carolina Museum of History has successfully reopened to the public. And with cooler weather comes a new series just for kids, as well as next month's 25th anniversary American Indian Heritage Celebration, which will be virtual this year!

Most museum exhibits are open again! Admission is free, as always, though we do have [special hours and protocols](#) in place. In addition, while continuing to offer online shopping options, the [Museum Shop](#) has reopened to the public and, thanks to everyone's wonderful support, has even extended its weekend hours! The Museum Shop is now open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m.

Read on for all our kids and family October events, segmented below. Programs are **FREE** unless otherwise noted. Note that all programs require registration and are intended for individual children and families; program offerings for classrooms and schools are available at NCMOH-learn.com.

[Time Machine Workshops: Artifact or Artificion?](#)

Thursday, Oct. 1, 1–2 p.m. via Zoom

Ages 8 and up | Pay at your own comfort level.

What's an artifact, you may ask? It's an object made by humans, and it can be used to tell us how people lived in the past. Explore your home to discover some artifacts there, then choose one that wants to speak to the future about its life. After we draw our artifacts, we'll give them the chance to tell their stories in their own words.

Tar Heel Tales: *Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie*

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1–1:30 p.m.

Ages 5 and up and families

Hear the story of Abbie, who battled a sea storm, then learn about North Carolina's amazing lighthouses. Her nonfiction story was written by Peter and Connie Roop and contains illustrations by Peter E. Hanson.

[Time Machine Workshops: A Face Jug of Your Future Self!](#)

Thursday, Oct. 8, 1–2 p.m. via Zoom

Ages 8 and up | Pay at your own comfort level.

Face your own future—by making a piece of pottery. In this workshop, you'll find out about traditional North Carolina face jugs, take a good long look at your own face, and create a funny piece of pottery with your future face on it.

History Corner: School Days
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1–1:45 p.m.
Ages 6–9 and families

What was school *for* in the 1800s? Who went, and what did they learn? Find out what school was like more than 100 years ago.

[Time Machine Workshops: A Commonplace Book](#)

Thursday, Oct. 15, 1–2 p.m. via Zoom
Ages 8 and up | Pay at your own comfort level.

In a commonplace book, you can tuck away all the things that matter to you: quotes, ideas, drawings, pressed flowers—whatever intrigues you: it's like a journal—only more! Make your own, using traditional bookmaking techniques, and start filling it with ideas and memories.

[LIVE! The Capitol, Civics, and You](#)

Monday, Oct. 19, 10:15–11:15 a.m.
Grades 3–12: Register for this free live-streaming program at BeyondTheExhibits.com. For information, call 919-814-7028.

Watch *LIVE!* as we explore “the people’s house,” discerning how civics are, and have been, made manifest in its walls and beyond. Find out how Lillian Clement Exum, Abraham Galloway, Henry Owl, and others expanded participation in North Carolina government as we discuss how individuals effect change. Text in questions, and we’ll answer them—*LIVE!*

LIVE! programs are sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

History Hunters: Aviation—From Wright to Wheeler
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1–1:45 p.m.
Ages 10–13

You know about the Wright brothers, but have you heard about Warren Wheeler? or Wheeler Airlines? Learn about some aviation pioneers and their ties to North Carolina.

[Time Machine Workshops: Baking from History—Old-Fashioned Tea Cakes](#)

Thursday, Oct. 22, 1–2 p.m. via Zoom
Ages 8 and up | Pay at your own comfort level.

Learn history by baking something old-fashioned the old-fashioned way. The recipe you'll follow to make these delicious little tea cakes—which are actually cookies—truly dates to 1756! While our tea cakes are baking, we'll take a journey through time to discover how recipes have changed over the years.

Activate History: Riding Sidesaddle

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1–1:45 p.m.
Ages 14–18

In the museum’s collection is an unusual kind of saddle. Take a closer look at this hundred-year-old object. Who would have used it? Do people still ride this way today? Join this brand-new program for teens and find out!

[Time Machine Workshops: Build Your Own Time Capsule](#)

Thursday, Oct. 29, 1–2 p.m. via Zoom
Ages 8 and up | Pay at your own comfort level.

Years from now, no one will quite understand what we’ve experienced during this time period. So, today, let’s create time capsules—containers filled with present-day things, like photos, drawings, and letters—to be opened in the future. What will you put in your time capsule to remember your life right now?

And, mark your calendars to save the date for this annual festival:

[25th Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration](#)

An online experience: Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20–21

From fancy dancing to pine-needle baskets . . . and so much more! Artists, performers, scholars, historians, and other representatives from North Carolina’s eight state-recognized tribes and four Urban Indian Organizations will share their skills, knowledge, and cultural heritage over two days of virtual events.

You’ll engage virtually with presenters in interactive live-streamed events and enjoy on-demand videos of performances, and more! Register for your virtual seat at [NC-AIHC.com](https://www.nc-aihc.com), and view performances, panel discussions, and demonstrations from the safety and comfort of your own home or classroom. Attendance to some free events is limited.

Sponsored, in part, by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs; the City of Raleigh, based on recommendation of the Raleigh Arts Commission; United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County; Food Lion; Healthy Blue; Red Hat Inc.; Lumbee Guaranty Bank; Truist Bank; Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; and MOHA, the Museum of History Associates.

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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.