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October Programs at the North Carolina Museum of History

Fall into fun with festivals, programs and more



September 27, 2019 (RALEIGH, N.C.) — Ready to fall into a new season? Join us for events and exhibits — both familiar and unfamiliar — lined up throughout this month at the **NC Museum of History in Raleigh!**

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

[Time for Tots: Time for Toys!](#)*

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 10–10:45 a.m.

Play with homemade toys from the past—from tops and trains to dolls and games—and create a toy of your own.

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.

[History Corner: Farm Life](#)*

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 10–11 a.m.

Hear about life on an early-20th-century farm by visiting part of our outdoor [History of the Harvest](#) garden exhibit and making a corn-y craft. Supported, this year, by the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission.

Ages 6–9 (may be accompanied by an adult); \$5 per child; \$3 for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit [NCMOH-programs.com](#). For information, call 919-814-7046.

[History Hunters: Underground Railroad*](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Hear some North Carolina stories of enslaved people seeking freedom via the Underground Railroad—by land and by sea.

Ages 10–13; \$5 per child; \$3 for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit [NCMOH-programs.com](#). For information, call 919-814-7046.

[Exhibit Opening: Toy Boom! Toys from the 1950s and '60s](#)

Friday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m.

Children of the baby-boomer era (post–World War II to mid-1960s) grew up in a time of dramatic change. Explore these years of energy, ambition, and an evolving world through the toys they played with, and discover how the growing popularity of a relatively new medium, television—and its targeted programs and advertisements—also impacted, and reflected, their lives.

Funded by MOHA/museum members.

[Opening Reception: Toy Boom!](#)

Friday, Oct. 4, 6–8 p.m.

Join other museum members and supporters in touring this new exhibition.

Free for MOHA/museum members; \$10 nonmembers. Not a member? Visit [ncmoha.com](#), or call 919-814-7027.

Sponsored by MOHA, the Museum of History Associates.

[Fridays at the Museum: “In Saturn’s Rings”](#)

Friday, Oct. 4, 5–8 p.m.: Lobby-level activities

6:30 p.m.: Film screening, “In Saturn’s Rings” (2018; not rated; run time: 39 min.)

Stephen van Vuuren, Director

Greensboro filmmaker van Vuuren has compiled more than 7.5 million still images and time-lapse photos to create this journey across space and time. Includes music by the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra and narration by actor Levar Burton.

Note: *This is not an IMAX presentation of the film.*

[History à la Carte: Rock 'Em, Sock 'Em, Keep 'Em Safe](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 9, noon–1 p.m.

Speaker: Jennifer S. French, Objects Conservator, NC Museum of History

Hear some of the challenges associated with preserving 20th-century toys—and about the efforts needed to prepare objects for our [Toy Boom!](#) exhibit.

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

History of the Harvest: [High Cotton](#)

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1–3 p.m.

Learn about this fascinating plant and how it shaped our state history as you pick cotton seeds out of bolls, card fibers, and watch quilters work with cotton products. You can even make a quilt ornament to take with you.

[Artist at Work: Capital Quilters Guild](#)

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1–3 p.m.

Drop in to watch artists crafting a quilt, then see our [QuiltSpeak](#) exhibit on Level 3.

[Music of the Carolinas: Mytrevi Shastry Aravind](#)

Sunday, Oct. 13, 3 p.m.

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

An international performer, this musician currently runs a music school in Morrisville.

Presented with PineCone and the support of 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 after the December concert and need not be present).

[“The Only Land I Know”: Celebrating North Carolina’s American Indians](#)

Monday, Oct. 14, 1–3 p.m.

Drop by the museum and test your knowledge of American Indian history at our Wheel of History, register to win books and art by North Carolina Native artists, and meet Coharie artist Keith Carter, who has just released a new set of North Carolina Native Leaders trading cards!

[Conservation Assistance Day](#)

Friday, Oct. 18, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Appointment required. Call 919-814-6961. Make an appointment to present up to three objects for assessment and advice on care from a Museum of History conservator. The Museum of History does not provide estimates on value.

[Young Associates Spooktacular Soiree](#)

Thursday, Oct. 31, 8:30–11:30 p.m.

Beer, wine, a spooky cocktail, light nibbles, and a frightful Halloween scare! Dress to impress—we’ll have prizes for best, scariest, and funniest costumes.

\$35 for MOHA/museum members; \$45 nonmembers.

Halloween Safe Night 2019 *

Thursday, Oct. 31, 6–9 p.m.

Ages 12 and under (with adult). Search out candies and treats along a trick-or-treat trail through *The Story of North Carolina*. Cosponsored with CW22 (WLFL-TV) and MyRDC 28 (WRDC).

For information, call 919-814-7000.

** marks programs of interest to children or families*

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For information about the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

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.

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