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SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY

All galleries OPEN FOR LABOR DAY

RALEIGH, N.C. — Have you seen our latest exhibits? If not, you're in luck because we're **open for Labor Day!** Use the last few lazy days of summer to enjoy an array of fascinating and free exhibits.

Visit our summer sensations, such as [The North Carolina Roots of Artist Ernie Barnes](#), [Look Again: Discovering Historical Photos](#), and [A Thousand Words: Photographs by Vietnam Veterans](#). While you're here, don't miss the blockbuster [North Carolina and World War I](#). This record-breaking, award-winning exhibit closes in January 2019, so make a point to take it in on your day off.

Looking for September events? **Check out Tater Time for Grown-Ups on Friday, September 7, 6–8 p.m.** Get your veggie *on* during this fun-filled evening focused on sweet potatoes. Test your tater knowledge, create a yam-y print, sample a special dip, and collect delicious recipes. [Fullsteam Brewery](#) will be on-site, too, offering samples—and selling their sweet-potato Carver lager. **MOHA/museum members** will have extra options for the evening, including their own VIP room under our sparkling chandelier with a beer and wine bar, sweet-potato nibbles, and samples from [Covington Gourmet Vodka](#).

End the month with a bang at the **City of Oaks Pirate Fest on Saturday, September 22, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.** Grab yer eye patch and grub-up yer parrot, 'cause pirates are invadin' Raleigh! Join us for a pirate-costume contest, sea chanteys sung with the Motley Tones and Rusty Cutlass, sword-fighting demonstrations by Shadow Players Stage Combat Group, and living-history programs by Colonial Seaport Foundation, the Cannon Crew, the Sword Conservatory, and Presenting the Past.

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

PROGRAMS

[Editors: Please include registration information when applicable.]

***Labor Day**

Monday, Sept. 3

All galleries are open. Visit our new Explorer Station, and have fun in [History in Every Direction](#) (our Tar Heel Junior Historian Association exhibit). Share stories in [The North Carolina Roots of Artist Ernie Barnes](#) and [Look Again: Discovering Historical Photos](#), or experience our military galleries like [North Carolina and World War I](#) and [A Thousand Words: Photographs by Vietnam Veterans](#).

***†History Corner: Hand-y History**

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 10–11 a.m.

Ages 6–9 (may be accompanied by an adult); *for information, call 919-807-7988*

Have you ever written a letter—*by hand*? Experiment with writing tools from the 1800s, and learn how people communicated before the Internet.

***†History Hunters: Write Your Way**

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Ages 10–13; *for information, call 919-807-7988*

Quills, steel-nib pens, typewriters—discover how people shared information in the 1800s, and try your hand at the art of penmanship.

***†Time for Tots: Pigskins and Leatherheads**

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 10–10:45 a.m.

Ages 3–5 (with adult); *for information, call 919-807-7979*

It's football season! Explore the history of football, then create a handheld game to take home.

†All programs are \$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members. To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com.

Tater Time for Grown-Ups

Friday, Sept. 7, 6–8 p.m.

Get your veggie on during this fun-filled evening focused on sweet potatoes (the official state vegetable!).

Test your knowledge, create a potato print, and collect recipes. The Museum Shop will be open, and you can tour our lobby-level exhibits until 9 p.m. **Fullsteam Brewery** will be on-site, passing out samples and selling sweet potato Carver beer.

For MOHA Members Only: [MOHA/museum members](http://MOHA/museum-members) can join other members to chat over wine, beer, and light refreshments *and* to enjoy meeting a local sweet potato vodka distiller! Not a member? Join at the door. For information, visit ncmoha.com, or call 919-807-7847.

History à la Carte: Look Again 2.0: More Photos (and More Stories) from the Museum's Photo Collection

Wednesday, Sept. 12, noon–1 p.m.

Register at NCMOH-programs.com to reserve a seat. Bring your own lunch; some beverages provided.

For information, call 919-807-7969.

See *more* photos from the museum collection—color and black-and-white images from the middle to late 1800s to the 1970s not included in the current exhibit [Look Again: Discovering Historical Photos](#). Allow time before or after the program to visit the exhibit, on Level 3.

Young Associates Annual Kickoff

Thursday, Sept. 13, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Person Street Bar, 805 N. Person St., Raleigh, NC 27604

Plan to join us at our free, off-site membership drive for Young Associates (museum members in their early 20s through 30s). We'll have drink specials, half-price memberships, raffles, and socializing, as usual.

***Film Screening: [Super Mario Bros.](#)**

Friday, Sept. 14

6 p.m.: Craft beer and concessions available

7 p.m.: Introduction and screening

8:45 p.m.: Q&A session

Presented by Longleaf Film Festival and Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, Raleigh

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of this made-in-NC classic, the first live-action film adapted from the goals, obstacles, and characters in a video game. (1993; MPAA rating: PG; run time: 104 min.)

In the film, brothers Mario and Luigi, two Brooklyn plumbers, work to rescue archaeologist Daisy from evil King Koopa—in a parallel dimension. Made at EUE/Screen Gems Studios in Wilmington, the film featured special effects that were notably innovative for the time. *Ryan Hoss, “super” fan and archivist for the film, and others will host a talkback after the film.*

***Weevil Evil?**

Saturday, Sept. 15, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

They were shorter than the nail on your pinky finger, but boll weevils became the most destructive cotton pest in North America—causing agricultural, economic, and social devastation across the South—during the first few decades of the 20th century. Today, statues have been created to recognize the boll weevil for forcing diversification of southern agriculture. Visit our booth at [BugFest](#) to find out more, to make a weevil pin, and to learn the boll weevil song!

Support for the [History of the Harvest](#) exhibit on Bicentennial Plaza is provided by the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation Inc.

***City of Oaks Pirate Fest**

Saturday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Ahoy, mateys! Come aboard for the City of Oaks Pirate Fest! The year 2018 marks 300 years since the notorious pirate Blackbeard roamed the Carolina coast and lost his life – and his head – in a fight with British soldiers. Learn more about the history of pirates in North Carolina at the City of Oaks Pirate Fest. Join us for a pirate-costume contest, sea chanteys, sword-fighting demonstrations, living-history programs, and more!

Presented, in part, with BlueCross and BlueShield of North Carolina and KIX 102.9 FM, Carolina’s Greatest Hits.

Shout & Shine: A Celebration of Diversity in Bluegrass

Monday, Sept. 24, 6–9 p.m.

\$25 per person; purchase tickets at [PineCone.org](#). For information, call 919-664-8333.

The *International Bluegrass Music Association* (IBMA) presents its third annual Shout & Shine celebration of diversity among artists, musicians, and professionals who love and create bluegrass music. This year’s showcase spotlights the common roots of bluegrass and blues while highlighting how bluegrass continues to influence, and be influenced by, cultures around the world.

Organized by the Bluegrass Situation and local sponsors PineCone, the Piedmont Council of Traditional Music; MOHA, the Museum of History Associates; Raleigh Convention Center; the Press House; and Straight Up Strings. Proceeds benefit the IBMA and Music Maker Relief Foundation.

***Family Track-Out Time: Going Old School**

Friday, Sept. 28, 1–4 p.m.

\$10 per family; free for MOHA/museum members. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-807-7979.

Reading, writing, and arithmetic—is that what *all* kids learned in the 1800s? Take your place in a Victorian-era classroom, find out about home chores and recess games, and go on a gallery hunt. Then try your hand at using a steel-nib pen and ink.

Military Services Day

Saturday, Sept. 29, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Help honor the service and sacrifice of North Carolinians who served during World War I. Wake and District, Raleigh's bagpipe and drum band, will perform, and representatives from the Veterans History Project will be on-site, along with displays from the USO (United Service Organizations) and American Red Cross, the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, UNC-TV, and North Carolina State University's College of Education. A mobile unit of the North Carolina National Guard Museum will display relevant artifacts from their collections, and a WWI Service Card search station will round out the day.

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.

For more information about September programs, call 919-807-7900 or go to NCMOH-programs.com.

** marks programs of interest to children or families*

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 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.

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.

