

Media Contacts:

Susan Friday Lamb, 919-807-7943
Emily Grant, 919-807-7979

**JULY PROGRAMS AT
N.C. MUSEUM OF HISTORY**

July will bring a host of programs at the **N.C. Museum of History** in Raleigh. On July 13 hear about fascinating new clues that may help solve some mysteries surrounding the Lost Colony when archaeologist Edward “Clay” Swindell highlights investigations sponsored by the First Colony Foundation. The discoveries at Bertie County’s “Site X” have revealed important clues and gained international attention.

July also features the genealogy workshop Searching for African American Ancestors. Three archivists from the State Archives of North Carolina will help you by sharing research materials and methods. The all-day workshop includes lunch.

If a wedding is in your future, plan to attend the Night at the Museum Bridal Expo. See what local caterers, florists and other wedding-related vendors have to offer.

Mark your calendar for all this and more in July at the N.C. Museum of History. **Admission is free unless otherwise noted.** Parking is free on weekends.

[Editors: Please include registration information when applicable.]

First Fridays at the Museum

Friday, July 1, 5-9 p.m.

Start your holiday weekend with visits to three lobby-level exhibits — *Los Jets: Playing for the American Dream, Made Especially for You by Willie Kay* and *The Story of North Carolina*. Be sure to stop in the Museum Shop for North Carolina pottery, jewelry, specialty foods and more.

Independence Day

Monday, July 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Enjoy some festivities downtown, then cool off with a visit to check out the museum’s exhibits. Be sure to see *Southern Impressions: Paintings From the James-Farmer Collection* before it closes at the end of the day. The exhibit features 40 loaned paintings from the collection of Dr. Everette James and Dr. Nancy Farmer, of Chapel Hill.

***History Corner: Happy 4th!**

Wednesday, July 6, 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.

How did folks observe our nation’s birthday in the past? Come find out!

***History Hunters: A Raleigh 4th of July**

Wednesday, July 6, 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.

Fireworks. Parades. Elephants? Discover how Raleigh has celebrated July 4th over the years.

***Storytime in the Gallery**

Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21 and 28, 10-10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 and up (with adult)

Meet a staff member at the information desk and follow your guide to one of the museum galleries. There, you can look around and listen to a history-related story. Topics change every week.

Bead a Dragonfly With Eric Ennis

Saturday, July 9, 10 a.m.-noon

\$15 plus tax per participant

Registration for this program is closed. Call 919-807-7988 to add your name to the waiting list.

Eric Ennis, High-Couture Designer and Beading Artist

Learn the basics of beading on fabric by creating a beautiful dragonfly with Raleigh designer Ennis, whose fashions have included gowns for governors' wives, debutantes and beauty queens. All supplies are included in fee.

Artist at Work: Eric Ennis

Saturday, July 9, 1-3 p.m. (drop-in program)

Drop in to see Ennis — a Raleigh-based designer whose work has dressed five Miss Americas in beautiful beaded gowns — create lavishly beaded fabric art.

***Make It, Take It: Bead It**

Saturday, July 9, 1-3 p.m. (drop-in program)

Watch bead artist Eric Ennis at work and make a simple bead pin of your own!

History à la Carte: Site X — New Clues in the Search for Our Lost Colony

Wednesday, July 13, noon-1 p.m.

Bring your lunch or RSVP at NCMOH-programs.com to purchase a boxed lunch and reserve a seat in Daniels Auditorium. Beverages provided. For information, call 919-807-7969.

Edward "Clay" Swindell, Archaeologist, Museum of the Albemarle

Where did Sir Walter Raleigh's Lost Colonists end up? Join us in Daniels Auditorium as Swindell reveals investigations into "Site X" in Bertie County, a location where the First Colony Foundation has been researching clues that might explain one of America's greatest mysteries.

Night at the Museum Bridal Expo

Saturday, July 16, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

\$5 plus tax per person; proceeds benefit the museum.

Contact Emily Thomas for information: emily@EmilyKatherineEvents.com.

Local caterers, florists, photographers, musicians and other wedding-related vendors will set up in the museum's main event space to introduce the creatives behind successful event businesses. Meet people, sample food, and enjoy a summer evening in downtown Raleigh!

***Time for Tots: Skiffs, Sharpies, Sailing Ships**

Tuesday, July 19, 10-10:45 a.m.

Ages 3-5 (with adult)

\$3 plus tax per child; \$1 plus tax for Associates members

To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-807-7979.

Learn about different kinds of boats and make a sailing vessel to take home.

All-Day Workshop: Searching for African American Ancestors

Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

\$25 per person; \$22.50 for Associates/museum members and Friends of the Archives members

To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-807-7969.

Bill Brown, Chris Meekins and Debbi Blake, State Archives of North Carolina

How can the State Archives help you locate African American ancestors? During this genealogy workshop, three archivists will share what research materials and methods are available. *Fee includes a boxed lunch.* The program is presented in partnership with the State Archives of North Carolina.

***Wild Color**

Saturday, July 23, 1-3 p.m.

What plant materials can be used to make colorful dyes? Take a tour and discover some dye plants in the outdoor exhibit *History of the Harvest*. You can also try your hand at dyeing something colorful — and see how to spin dyed wool into thread and weave thread into cloth. The program is supported with funds from Syngenta.

For information about the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-807-7900 or access www.ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube.

*** *Marks programs of interest to children or families***

About the N.C. Museum of History

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 300,000 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. Led by Secretary Susan Kluttz, 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.

#