

## March Programs at the North Carolina Museum of History

March brings an abundance of programs at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh. From a presentation about NASCAR to a performance of Celtic music by the Raleigh-based group Barrowburn, there will be something for all ages.

- Bring the family to the outdoor festival Cedars in the Pines on the Plaza on Saturday, March 29. Celebrate Lebanese culture during this lively event filled with dances, foods, crafts and hands-on activities.
- The Created Equal series of powerful documentaries winds up in March with the film "Slavery by Another Name," based on the 2009 Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Douglas Blackmon.
- There is all this and more in March. Admission is free unless otherwise noted. Parking is free on weekends.
- Photographer's Talk and Tour, Saturday, March 1, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Brenda Scott, Photographer. Join this special look at Stagville: Black & White, opening March 1, with the exhibit's photographer. Photographer Brenda Scott's study of Stagville State Historic Site in Durham connects the past to the present by portraying the resilience of the site's historic residents alongside the beauty of Stagville's architecture.
- Slavery and the Origins of Secession, Sunday, March 2, 2 p.m., Gordon Rhea, Author and Historian will discuss the social, cultural and economic factors that created, sustained and eventually led to the end of slavery in the American South, as well as the origins of the secessionist movement that helped cause the outbreak of the American Civil War.
- Time for Tots: Go Fly a Kite! Tuesdays, March 4 and 11, 10-10:45 a.m., Ages 3-5 (with adult), \$1 per child, To register, call 919-807-7992. Discover flying machines of the past, and make your own kite to send into the sky.
- History Corner: Do the Dabke! Wednesday, March 5, 10-11 a.m., Ages 6-9 (with adult), \$1 per child, To register, call 919-807-7992. Get ready to move - and dance - as we explore the new exhibit Cedars in the Pines to learn about the people who immigrated to North Carolina from the country of Lebanon.
- History Hunters: What Would You Take? Wednesday, March 5, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Ages 10-13, \$1 per child, To register, call 919-807-7992. What would you take and what would you leave behind if you had to move to a new place? Use the experiences of Lebanese immigrants to North Carolina and find out what they did.
- Storytime in the Gallery, Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 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.
- Tar Heel Sports Legends, Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m.-noon, Ages 12 and up. Hear about Tar Heel sports careers, past and present, from North Carolina sports legends, then participate in a gallery hunt through the N.C. Sports Hall of Fame to test your sports knowledge.
- Make It, Take It: Family Trees, Saturday, March 8, 1-3 p.m. (drop-in program). Visit the exhibit Cedars in the Pines, and make a simple family tree to memorialize your family's roots and branches.
- Music of the Carolinas: Barrowburn, Sunday, March 9, 3-4 p.m. This Raleigh-based group plays traditional Celtic music and contemporary ballads, as well as comical pub songs. The performance is presented with PineCone, and support from the N.C. Museum of History Associates, Williams Mullen, and Harry's Guitar Shop of Raleigh.
- History à la Carte: NASCAR in NC, Wednesday, March 12, Noon-1 p.m., Bring your lunch; beverages provided, Steve Ramey, Richard Childress Racing. Come by and listen to the history of NASCAR in North Carolina through the continuing contributions of Richard Childress, as both a race car driver and a team owner.
- Throwing Pots and Words, Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (drop-in program), Terry King, King's Pottery. Demonstrations feature the art and skill of throwing pottery as experts talk about what it means to be part of this long line of traditional craftsmen in the Old North State.
- Created Equal: "Slavery by Another Name" Sunday, March 16, 1 p.m., W. Fitzhugh Brundage, William B. Umstead Distinguished Professor and Department Chair, UNC-Chapel Hill. Based on the 2009 Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Douglas Blackmon, this 2012 PBS film challenges the commonly held assumption that slavery ended with the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. Brundage will talk after the film (CARA rating: TV-PG-L,V) about new forms of forced labor that persisted in the South. Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle is a series of programs made possible through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, as part of its Bridging Cultures initiative, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.
- At the Movies: "Frost/Nixon" Sunday, March 23, 1 p.m., Dr. Ben Waterhouse, Assistant Professor of History, UNC-Chapel Hill. This Oscar-nominated film stars Michael Sheen and Frank Langella in a dramatic retelling of the post-Watergate television interviews between British talk-show host David Frost and former president Richard Nixon. Waterhouse will talk after the showing about America's "crisis of confidence" that followed and how fallout from the scandal affected broader trends in American politics and society during the 1970s. (MPAA rating: R-L)

Cedars in the Pines on the Plaza, Saturday, March 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Celebrate Lebanese culture during this outdoor festival of dances, foods and crafts! All the fun takes place on Bicentennial Plaza, in front of the museum. Activities for all ages will include henna hand painting, Arabic calligraphy, a scavenger hunt with prizes, photo booths, and more. The Triangle Lebanese Association is co-sponsoring the event, and its nationally recognized Dabke group will perform traditional Lebanese dances.

For information about the Museum of History, call 919-807-7900 or access [www.ncmoh.org](http://www.ncmoh.org) or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube. More information at [www.ncdcr.gov](http://www.ncdcr.gov).

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