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## **Area Museums Join Forces on May 24 to Offer Richmonders Physically Distanced and Digital Scavenger Hunts**

*More than 15 sites are making it easier for residents to safely experience history*

Richmond, VA – Local museums are collaborating on a unique scavenger hunt experience for people across the Richmond region. The program, dubbed the #RVAHistoryHunt, will launch in time for National Scavenger Hunt Day on May 24 and is tailored to fit the unique challenges of the coronavirus outbreak.

“It’s so important to foster community connection,” said Jamie Bosket, President and CEO of the Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC). “These scavenger hunts are designed for families and friends to immerse themselves in Richmond’s culture in a new and safe way.”

“We’re thrilled to be working on this project with so many important Richmond institutions,” said Valentine Director Bill Martin. “Everyone deserves to feel that they can still engage with history and culture even with the limitations of social distancing.”

There will be two available hunts—one in which participants will physically hunt down items and one that can be completed entirely online with prizes available for each. Information on both versions of the scavenger hunt can be found at [www.VirginiaHistory.org/RVAHistoryHunt](http://www.VirginiaHistory.org/RVAHistoryHunt).

For the physically distanced scavenger hunt, Richmonders are invited to download the #RVAHistoryHunt PDF card from the website. Walking or driving, hunters can then use the PDF to locate the specific items on the card that will be displayed externally at each museum. Hunters should then snap a photo of the object, tag the location and include #RVAHistoryHunt in their posts on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook. Anyone who publicly tags a participating location and uses the hashtag #RVAHistoryHunt will be entered in the prize drawing.

To participate in the digital scavenger hunt, users will scour the websites of participating museums looking for specific images, facts, or other content. Participants can submit their answers for the digital hunt at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rvahistoryhunt>.

Everyone who competes in one or both of the scavenger hunts will be entered into a drawing to win one of a variety of prizes from participating museum stores. The #RVAHistoryHunt will run from May 24 through August 23.

Participating sites include: Historic St. John’s Church, the Executive Mansion of Virginia, the Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, the Cole Digges House, the John Marshall House, Richmond National Battlefield Park-Tredegar, Maymont, Agcroft Hall & Gardens, the Branch Museum of Architecture and Design, the Poe Museum, the American Civil War Museum, Children’s Museum, Virginia Museum of History

& Culture, Virginia House, The Library of Virginia, the Black History Museum & Cultural Center of Virginia, The Valentine, and the Science Museum of Virginia.

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*The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is owned and operated by the Virginia Historical Society—a private, non-profit organization established in 1831. The historical society is the oldest cultural organization in Virginia, and one of the oldest and most distinguished history organizations in the nation. For use in its state history museum and its renowned research library, the historical society cares for a collection of nearly nine million items representing the ever-evolving story of Virginia.*

*The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is located at 428 N Arthur Ashe Boulevard in Richmond's Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the research library. For more information call 804.340.1800, visit [VirginiaHistory.org](http://VirginiaHistory.org), or connect on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.*

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