

Media Alert
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Virginia Museum of History & Culture Announces Virtual Programs for December

Richmond, VA – The Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) is pleased to announce the museum's virtual digital programs for December.

Banner Lectures – Live Stream

The popular Banner Lecture series has gone digital! Tune in live on YouTube or Facebook -

Transforming the James River in Richmond – Tuesday, Dec. 10 - Noon

The James River has always been the centerpiece of Richmond, but by the mid-20th century it had been abused and neglected. Today, the river draws visitors to its wooded shorelines, restored canal, and feisty rapids. At the local level, this transformation was the result of citizen action, public-private partnerships, difficult decisions by governmental leaders, and the hard work of thousands of advocates and volunteers. In this lecture, local author Ralph Hambrick chronicles the events, projects, and controversies that brought about the dramatic change. Mr. Hambrick, professor emeritus in public policy and administration at VCU, is a member and former chair of the Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee and a member and former co-chair of the James River Advisory Council.



Student Webinars – Virtual Programs

During these live webinars a VMHC Educator will lead students through a guided inquiry process to analyze and interpret a variety of primary sources. After registering, attendees will receive an automated confirmation email with connection instructions.

Sign of the Times – Thursday, Dec. 3 – 10:00am

This program tracks and examines the rhetorical techniques used by Virginia women in the fight to gain women's suffrage. Recommended for Middle School Students: 7th Grade/US History II.

From Jamestown to Revolution: Virginia in the Colonial Era – Tuesday, Dec. 8 – 10:00am

What happened between 1607 and 1763 in Virginia? Through the use of replica artifacts, pictures, maps and other primary sources, this program will study how and why Jamestown was the first permanent settlement in Virginia, how Williamsburg was chosen as the first capital city, the beginnings of government, slavery versus indentured servitude, and how colonial Virginians lived in their day-to-day lives. Recommended for Upper Elementary School Students and above.



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Suffrage Starter Pack – Tuesday, Dec. 15 – 1:00pm

In this program, students will explore the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia and leave with a better understanding of why suffrage was important and who benefited from the 19th Amendment. Recommended for Students in Grades 4 and 5.

Movie Mythbusting

Tuesday, Dec. 8 – Secretariat at 7:00pm

Tuesday, Dec. 22 – Liberty’s Kids Across the Delaware at 7:00pm

Watch the film in advance, whenever or however works best for you, and then log into an interactive Zoom presentation where Virginia History Day coordinator Sam Florer will chat about what’s true, what’s not, and make some interesting connections to our collection. Feel free to fill out the optional worksheet (emailed out the day of the program) to get a sneak peek of the discussion or just join in ready to learn!



Gallery Walks – LIVE STREAM (30 minutes)

Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 10:00am

Join the VMHC Education Team for the free virtual exhibition highlight tours! Mark your calendars for this tour on December 9. It will be streamed live on the museum’s YouTube and VMHC Education Facebook page.



Virginia History Day

Thursdays, Oct. 15, 22, 29

Join VMHC Virginia History Day Coordinator Sam Florer and partners to hear all about Virginia History Day (VHD)!

- VHD Documentary Workshop – Thursday, Dec. 3 at 4:00pm
- VHD Paper Writing Workshop – Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 4:00pm
- VHD Performance Workshop – Thursday, Dec. 10 at 4:00pm
- VHD Exhibit & Website Workshop – Thursday, Dec. 17 at 4:00pm



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Commonwealth Classroom
Collage and Conversation
Saturday, December 12 – 12:00pm



Join VMHC Education and Rachel Dawson to chat about the creative way she chose to document 2020 amid a pandemic and major social change. After a short conversation and Q&A, Rachel will lead participants through a DIY collage workshop, so all participants can create their own time capsule before heading into 2021. This program is geared towards all ages and all locations and will need the following to participate:

- Newspaper of your choosing
- A collage surface, i.e. a moleskine journal, cardstock, paper, canvas, or cardboard
- Scissors
- Glue/Adhesive

Non-member ticket price - \$8.00, VMHC Members please remember to login for reduced pricing. Ticketholders will be sent instruction to join a Zoom call prior to the program.

For more information and details on all of these programs, please visit www.virginiahistory.org/events.

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, or connect on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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