

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

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

Curators at Work – LIVE STREAM *capABLE* Friday, Oct. 9 – Noon

In Virginia, 11% of the population has a disability, and many barriers exist for this community as they seek opportunities for employment, post-secondary education, financial independence, transportation, and housing. Each year since 2017, the VMHC has partnered with the Next Move Program to present *capABLE* – an exhibition featuring the remarkable stories of young adults with diverse abilities which demonstrates how our entire community thrives when the disability community is included. In recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Sr. Director for Curatorial Affairs, Andrew Talkov, will be joined by Next Move Program Executive Director, Elizabeth Redford, and *capABLE* model, Ryann Kress, to discuss the importance of including people with diverse abilities in the historical narrative. This program will be streamed live on the museum's Facebook and YouTube channels on Friday, October 9 at noon.



Student Webinar – Virtual Program Exploring Primary Sources: John Smith's Map of Virginia Recommended for Upper Elementary Students Tuesday, Oct. 13 – 10:00am

Maps gained in importance during the Age of Exploration. European explorers needed maps to follow and created their own as they explored new lands. Some maps became so important that they were copied repeatedly. These map copies, or derivatives, were especially useful to travelers and explorers to the New World. John Smith's map of Virginia was one of these influential maps, because of the importance of the Virginia settlement and the accuracy with which Smith conducted his work. In this program, students will analyze primary sources to see how maps change over time. While this webinar is free, registration is required. After registering, attendees will receive an automated confirmation email with connected instructions.



Movie Mythbusting

Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Lincoln at 7:00pm

Tuesday, Oct. 27 - Abraham Lincoln - Vampire Hunter 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, Oct. 15 and Wednesday, Oct. 28

Join the VMHC Education Team for the free virtual exhibition highlight tours! The topics covered during these 30-minute tours will change regularly, so mark your calendars for the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. Each gallery walk 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!

10/15 - National History Day with Holocaust Education

10/22 - Theme and Topic Webinar

10/29 - Researching with the Library of Virginia



Fire, Flour & Fork – Virtual Program



FIRE, FLOUR & FORK

Fire, Flour & Fork returns this fall for its seventh year with all-virtual programming in partnership with the VMHC, and tickets are on sale now! Evening sessions are \$10 each, or buy all three for \$25. Purchase all classes and ticket to Food U and receive the entire package for \$50. Discounts will be automatically applied when the correct number of classes are added to your cart.

Thurs., Oct. 15 – Ribbons of Okra: The Black Cooks of the Federal Era

Thurs., Oct. 22 – It's Illegal to Grow in Europe, But Its Roots are in Richmond

Thurs., Oct. 29 – Tending the Fire

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Homeschool Open House – Virtual Program Oct. 20 and Oct. 21

Join the VMHC Education team on Tues., Oct. 20 and Wed., Oct. 21 from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm for a special virtual edition of their popular Homeschool Open House! Sign up for a variety of activities, including a self-guided scavenger hunt, webinars, hands-on craft programs, artifact investigations, virtual gallery tours, and museum resources for homeschool parents. These programs are free, but registration is required.



Secretly Y'all: Agents of Change – Partner Event Tues., Oct. 20 at 7:00pm

Secretly Y'all is excited to announce its first collaboration event with the VMHC! The event's theme, AGENTS OF CHANGE: FEMME NARRATIVES, is in conjunction with the VMHC's exhibition celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment. The exhibition "explores the important legacy of female suffrage across a century of women's civic activism in the Commonwealth" – from the fight to gain the vote, through various efforts to secure equal rights and opportunities, through present-day activism surrounding persistent sexism and socio-economic disparities. Secretly Y'all is seeking stories of and by femme folk. Of the good, the bad, the challenges, the beautiful, of what it means NOT to be a dude. Of times you've smashed into the glass ceiling, and ways you've successfully broken through. In celebration of achieving the right to vote 100 years ago, learn more at <https://www.secretlyall.org/>.



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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