

APRIL 2017 - PROGRAMMING AT THE ART MUSEUMS OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

Call 1-800-447-8679 for reservations or tickets. Programs are included in museum admission, unless indicated otherwise.

Museums & Museum Store open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Museum Café open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily

2017 New Program – An Art Museum Mystery – Fridays at 4:30 p.m. (2 hours)

Join the fun and solve fictitious crimes, including a suspicious murder and an attempted theft of an unusual object. Will you have the sleuthing skills to solve the mystery? \$20 for adults/senior/students/military and \$10 youth/child

In the Hennage Auditorium

A Fool's Holiday - Saturday, April 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Balladeers Stephen Christoff and Gabe Stone explore the silly side of music with unusual instruments. (1 hour)

A Town without Time – Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Join the Reverend W. A. R. Goodwin for a visual tour of the transition of Williamsburg from a sleepy village to a restored national treasure. Meet the man, and hear the tales of the creation of a world-class museum. (1 hour)

Letters Home - Tuesday, April 4 at 4:30 p.m.

Balladeers Kent LaRue and Wayne Hill share music, songs and soldiers' personal correspondence to celebrate the wisdom, courage and sacrifice that has made America the champion of democracy. (1 hour)

Yankees in the Streets: Williamsburg during the Civil War - Wednesdays, April 5 and 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Join historian Carson Hudson to learn about the Battle of Williamsburg, May 5, 1862. Book signing to follow. (1 hour)

The Mischievous Fey - Thursdays, April 6 and 20 at 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy tales of Spring Festivals and the otherworldly Fey as told by Master Storyteller Donna Wolf. (1 hour)

Songs of the Scottish Rebellions - Saturday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m.

In 1817, Sir Walter Scott published his tale of the Scottish rebellions, Rob Roy. Join Barry & Lynn Trott and David Gardner for Jacobite songs and tunes that are the heart of Scottish music. *Additional \$3 ticket required.* (1 hour)

Hymns from the 1860s - Tuesday, April 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Timothy Seaman explores the growth of hymns when many were searching for comfort during the Civil War. (1 hour)

Watching Over My Girls - Wednesdays, April 12 and 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate the USO's 75th Birthday with Williamsburg Senior Hostess Dorothy Tully, who shares stories of the local USO and the girls who would be her Junior Hostesses. (1 hour)

The People Who Forged Civilization - Thursday, April 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Join master storyteller Shel Browder for myths and stories about the men and women who forged the tools of war and peace, creating civilizations out of sweat and fire. (1 hour)

Thomas Jefferson, The Lunar Society and the Darwins - Friday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Modern evolutionary biologist, Lee Dugatkin steps back in time to probe Mr. Jefferson about natural history and to explore Jefferson's reaction to Darwin's ideas on the history and diversity of life. *Additional \$5 ticket required.* (1 hour)
Free reservations available for Colonial Williamsburg employees/volunteers and William and Mary faculty/students

Rose and Thistle: Music of the Tudor and Scottish Courts - Saturday, April 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Join Wayne Hill and Lynn and Barry Trott for music from the late 16th and early 17th centuries on lute, cittern, viol, hurdy gurdy, recorders, violin, and voice. (1 hour)

Hymns though Time – Tuesday, April 18 at 4:30 p.m. (1 hour)

Reflect and rejoice with John Turner and Kelly Kennedy as they share hymns from the 17th thru the 19th centuries.

The Shakers: A New American Voice –Saturday, April 22 at 4:30 p.m. (1 hour)

Join Kelly Kennedy for songs, dances and wondrous philosophies of this radical and doomed American sect.

Early American Folk Hymns – Tuesday, April 25 at 4:30 p.m. (1 hour)

Timothy Seaman presents familiar and rarely heard tunes collected from the folk shape-note tradition.

Venus Tells All – Thursday, April 27 at 4:30 p.m.

Meet Venus, a most inspiring comical, singing 18th-century storyteller that will leave you in stitches as she tells thought provoking stories. Fun for the young and young at heart! Audience participation is a requirement! (1 hour)

Drop-in Programs

Toys! – Saturdays from 10:30 to 12 noon

Explore 19th- and early 20th-century toys, dolls, and dollhouses, then make a toy inspired by the antiques on exhibit.

Behind Closed Drawers – Mondays from 2 to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Peer into the textile study drawers to examine additional clothing and needlework from our collections.

Tours

Meet the Curator or Conservator – 4 p.m. Join our specialists to learn more. (30 minutes)

- Mon. April 3 – Jan Gilliam - associate curator of toys, explores 19th-century toys
- Fri, April 7 - Erik Goldstein - curator of mechanical arts, explains 18th-century firefighting
- Mon. April 10 - Leroy Graves - conservator of upholstery, shows how replacement upholstery is created for antiques
- Fri. April 14 - Gretchen Guidess - conservator of textiles, discusses concerns involved in exhibiting antique textiles
- Mon. April 17 – Ron Hurst - vice president of collections, conservation and museums, explores Southern antiques
- Fri. April 21 – Neal Hurst - assoc. curator of costumes, explores 18th-century clothing, accessories & household textiles
- Mon. April 24 – Suzanne Hood - curator of ceramics & glass, explores Chinese porcelain with histories in Virginia

Quiltmakers – Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Explore quilts while learning about the lives of quilters Anna Jane Parker, Rita Mae Pettway and others. (45 minutes)

Backstory – Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Discover who made the object, and why-and how it wound up in our collection. (45 minutes)

Explore the Declaration of Independence – Tuesdays at 2:45 p.m.

Explore the events leading to the American Revolution! A guided tour for ages 10 and up. (45 minutes)

Confidential Compartments – Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Discover hidden spaces inside desks, chests and cabinets and how those secrets were revealed. (30 minutes)

A Dog's Life – Thursdays, April 6, 13 and 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Explore dog-related art and the lives of dogs as pets and workplace helpers in the 18th century. (45 minutes)

Printed, Painted, Stained and Dyed – Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.

Join a curator to learn about printed textiles for fashion and home on this interactive tour. (45 minutes)