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2020 HAMPTON, VIRGINIA WINTER CALENDAR!!

Cheers to a New Decade!

--Hampton, Virginia starts another year with a calendar full of special events and activities--

Hampton, Virginia- Head to Hampton, Virginia for unpredictable winter weather and an array of “cool” events. Whether checking out the action at the **40th annual Virginia Duals**, browsing over 250 vendor booths at **31st Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival**, or getting some fresh new ink at the **Tenth annual Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival**, there are a wealth of events for every type of individual.

Hampton’s biggest classic car show is rolling back to the Hampton Roads Convention Center this weekend, January 4-5, with entertainment for the whole family. The **Virginia Hot Rod and Custom Car Show** is a great way to kick-off the New Year. Owners and fans of hot rods and hot rod culture will see plenty to gawk at the Virginia Hot Rod and Custom Car Show.

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January 10-11, **Virginia Duals** returns to the Hampton Coliseum for their 40th year. The team advancement concept started in Hampton with the Virginia Duals in 1981 and is now used by Virginia and many other states to determine the best high school team in the state. The Virginia Duals Wrestling Tournament is the largest college and high school tournament in the world!

Shop, compare and save from experts in remodeling, landscaping, decorating and building at the **Hampton Roads Home Show**, taking place February 8-9 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Leisurely stroll through wall-to-wall displays showcasing the latest trends and unveiling the newest products. Professionals are on hand to provide you with comparative information.

Exhibitors will fill the Hampton Roads Convention Center with thousands of products and services for pets at the **World of Pets Expo**, taking place February 21-23. Some of the country's foremost authorities in the pet industry will present seminars and demonstrations covering practically every aspect of pet care and training. In addition to the shopping extravaganza and the seminar series, there will be continuous entertainment and demonstrations by nationally known pet entertainers, trainers, as well as interactive and educational presentations.

The **31st Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival** returns to the Hampton Roads Convention Center February 27 – March 1, offering more than 250 vendor booths showcasing quilting supplies, sewing related craft items, clothing, textiles, books, antique quilts, and more. The theme of this year's festival, entitled "Stitch Your Art Out" gives entrants an opportunity to explain how they take what is within them and stitch it out! The accepted quilt entries compete in the Traditional, Innovative, Modern, and Wall Quilt categories as well as for the "Best of Show" title.

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Hungry patrons are encouraged to save up their dining dollars for **Hampton Restaurant Tour**, happening March 1-15. Enjoy customized courses for lunch and dinner at participating restaurants in Hampton. Reservations at each restaurant are recommended but not mandatory.

This March 13-15, meet with RV dealers from across the Mid-Atlantic at the **Virginia RV Expo**. The event, drawing upwards of 10,000 attendees to the Hampton Roads Convention Center, will showcase the latest styles and trends in the industry. Attendees will want to take the opportunity to meet with experts in the RV field, as well as enjoy special deals on travel trailers, 5th wheels, and motor homes.

In the market for some new ink? Check out the **Tenth annual Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival**, taking place at the Hampton Roads Convention Center March 20-22. This highly anticipated event will celebrate all aspects of the tattooing industry and welcome talented artists from across the country. During the event, interested attendees have the option of speaking with tattoo artists and having the work performed on-site at the convention center. The cost of each tattoo is in addition to the entrance fee price and is negotiated between customer and artist.

Chris Janson headlines **Country For Kids 2020** on March 21 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, with event proceeds benefiting the Center for Child & Family Services. This year's concert will be the 21st year. The event has featured artists such as Sarah Evans, Keith Urban, Little Big Town, Gary Allan, Phil Vassar, Rodney Atkins, Jo Dee Messina, Tracy Lawrence, Chris Cagle to name a few over the years.

Other notable winter happenings include the **South Eastern Gun & Knives Show**, **World Gymnastics Invitational**, and **Hustle & Motivate Expo** at the Hampton Roads

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Convention Center; **Monster Jam** at the Hampton Coliseum; **23rd annual Black History Program Celebration Breakfast** presented by Aberdeen Gardens at the Queen Street North Worship Center; and countless shows at **The American Theatre**, among others.

January 2020

4-5 Virginia Hot Rod and Custom Car Show

The seventh annual VA Car Show is coming to the Hampton Roads Convention Center Virginia January 4th and 5th 2020. Grab your friends and family and enjoy an amazing showcase of the hot rod culture. Custom builders, manufacturers and regional and national car clubs from the car world will be there. We'll have music, DJ's, Kids Zone, Free Giveaways and much more. Virginia is for car lovers. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission Fee. 443/366-5944. www.vacarshow.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

10-11 2020 Virginia Duals Wrestling Tournament and Youth Championship – The 40th Edition

The Peninsula Wrestling Association hosts the 40th Annual Virginia Duals Wrestling Tournament at the Hampton Coliseum. The Virginia Duals Wrestling Tournament is the largest college and high school tournament in the world. For more information, visit virginiaduals.mattalkonline.com. Hampton Coliseum. 8 a.m. Friday; 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Finals 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission Fee. 757/838-4203. www.hamptoncoliseum.org (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

11-12 MADE Hoops Boys Tournament

Boo Williams sportsplex. www.madehoops.com (5 Armistead Ave. Hampton, VA 23666)

11-12 Southeastern Guns & Knives Show

Southeastern Guns and Knives is an organized and legal gun show event that promotes understanding of the shooting sports, appreciation of American history, and an opportunity to view historic and contemporary weapons. A variety of people, from professionals to blue-collar workers, attend gun shows. Gun show patrons attend the shows as collectors, hobbyists, sportsmen, and hunters; many also attend because they are interested in home defense. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. \$10 Adults, \$7 Ages 13 - 17, Free admission for children 12 & under accompanied by an adult 21 years or older. 757/315-1610. www.guns-knives.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

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16 Conversations With...Connie Schultz

Praised for providing “a voice for the underdog and underprivileged,” Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Connie Shultz isn’t afraid to speak her mind. Nor does she shy away from some of the hard-hitting topics that divide our nation. Her work has appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, Politico, and the Atlantic. Schultz’s groundbreaking series “The Burden of Innocence” earned her the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Social Justice Reporting, the National Headliner Award's Best of Show and journalism awards from Harvard and Columbia universities. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. \$35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

17-19 Monster Jam

Monster Jam® is adrenaline-charged family entertainment featuring some of the most recognizable trucks in the world including Grave Digger®, Scooby-Doo and many more. Our world-class drivers push these perfectly engineered Monster Jam trucks to their limits in Freestyle, 2-Wheel Skills and Racing competitions that promise to put families on the edge of their seats in this unexpected, unscripted and unforgettable event! Hampton Coliseum. 7 p.m. Friday; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. Sunday. Tix start at \$15. 757/838-4203. www.hamptoncoliseum.org (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

18 Barefoot Puppets

Inspired by the classic tale of The Little Red Hen, this version reveals the truth about what really happened that fateful day when a chicken decided to bake a loaf of bread! Were the other farm animals just lazy or was there something else stewing in the barnyard? Journey to a small European bakery as we cook up the answers to these questions and more in this hilariously tasty retelling. Barefoot Puppets’ award-winning shows feature handcrafted puppets and original music and scenery. These reimagined tales pack plenty of interactive elements to keep the whole family laughing and clapping all morning long! The American Theatre. 11 a.m. \$10. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

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24-26 Coastal Virginia Bluegrass and Brew Festival

Returning for its 3rd year, the Coastal Virginia Bluegrass and Brew Festival once again gathers some of the nation's most extraordinary musical talent. In what has become one of the most anticipated events of the season, this jam-packed concert weekend also features Coastal Virginia's award-winning craft beers and spirits — but this year there's a twist! The American Theatre. 8:00 p.m. \$35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

25-26 Mid-Atlantic Power League Volleyball

MAPL [pronounced "M-apple"] is a power league for elite junior girls' volleyball teams along the mid-Atlantic coast. MAPL provides high level inter-regional competition while minimizing travel costs [NO Stay-to-Play requirements] and missed days of school. MAPL events are held exclusively on the weekends and guarantee a minimum of six [6] matches. If you want it ALL - cost-effective, weekend only, quality competition - MAPL is the PERFECT FIT. Boo Williams Sportsplex & Hampton Roads Convention Center. Admission fee. 757/315-1610. www.maplvb.com (1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA 23666) (5 Armistead Pointe Parkway Hampton, VA 23666)

25-26 World Class Gymnastics Invitational

Hosted by World Class Gymnastics. Hampton Coliseum, Children 4-17 & Seniors \$6, Children 3 and Under Free. 757/727-8311. www.worldclassgym.com (1000 Coliseum Dr. Hampton, VA 23666)

February 2020

1 Clowning Around with Avner the Eccentric

If anyone ever told Avner the Eccentric to stop clowning around, he didn't listen! From Broadway to abroad, the comedian delivers laughs for the entire family. His latest show, Exceptions to Gravity, defies the barriers of language and culture — once again, breaking new ground as a master of physical comedy. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. \$35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

8 23rd Annual Black History Month Breakfast

Celebrate the start of Black History Month with members of the Aberdeen Gardens Historic and Civic Association at the 23rd annual breakfast. Queen Street North Worship Center. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. \$30. 757/722-2345. (190 W Queens Way, Hampton, VA 23669)

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7-8 Mrs. Krishnan's Party

Get ready for a party, but none like you've ever experienced before! New Zealand's Indian Ink Theatre Company will transport you to the colorful world of Mrs. Krishnan — where anything can happen. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. \$35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

7-9 2020 Showstopper Dance Competition

If you are looking for the largest, most glamorously fun dance competition in the world, you've come to the right place! You can find us at all of the biggest and best venues all across the country — we are in over 50 cities a year! You might leave our competition covered in glitter, but we guarantee you'll also leave with the best memories you'll have all year. Hampton Roads Convention Center. www.goshowstopper.com (1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA 23666)

8-9 Hampton Roads Home Show

Shop, compare and save from experts in remodeling, landscaping, decorating and building. Leisurely stroll through wall-to-wall displays show casing the latest trends and unveiling the newest products. Professionals are on hand to provide you with comparative information. Enjoy the entertaining and interactive demonstrations to motivate you. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday. \$10 adults, free for individuals 18 and younger. 757/222-2945 <http://hamptonvahomeshow.com/> (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

8-9 MADE Hoops Girls Rose League Tournament

Boo Williams sportsplex. www.madehoops.com (5 Armistead Ave. Hampton, VA 23666)

15 That Golden Girls Show: A Puppet Parody

Get ready for an evening of laughter, jazzercise, shoulder pads and quick-witted one-liners as The Golden Girls take to the stage — as puppets! That Golden Girls Show! parodies some of your favorite classic episodes. From Sophia's get-rich-quick schemes and Rose's tales from St. Olaf to Blanche's insatiable hunt for men and Dorothy's daily struggle to make sense of her life, devoted fans will fondly remember our four girls from Miami. And for first-timers, it's a joyful introduction to the brilliance of the television series. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. \$35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

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21-23 World of Pets Expo

The World of Pets Expo is a fun and educational experience for the entire family, including children and pets of all kind. For less than the price of a movie ticket you and your family can experience a full day of education and entertainment. There is truly something for everyone, from animal lovers to the casual pet owner. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. \$9 Adults; \$5 Children (ages 5-12); Children under 5 are free. 800/882-9894. www.worldofpets.org (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

22 The Jazz Side of Aretha Franklin

Roots is one of Coastal Virginia's brightest talents, honoring Franklin while delivering her unique spin with a soaring vocal range and lush quality that celebrates this rarely heard portion of Franklin's repertoire. Accompanied by Dr. Weldon Hill and Lucy Kilpatrick on piano and keys, James "Saxsmo" Gates on saxes, Keith Willingham on trumpet, Michael Hawkins on bass, and Billy Williams on drums, this promises to be a tribute to Aretha Franklin like none other! The American Theatre. 8 p.m. \$35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

22 Professional Bull Riders

The PBR Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour is the top expansion series of the PBR featuring some of the best athletes of the sport going head to head with the fiercest bulls in the country. The PBR Velocity Tour will bring all the high-energy sound, lighting, special effects and edge of your seat action that fans have come to expect from the world leader in the sport of bull riding. Hampton Coliseum. 7 p.m. Tix start at \$15. 757/838-4203. www.hamptoncoliseum.org (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

27-March 1 Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival

Join us as we celebrate the 31st annual Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival at the Hampton Roads Convention Center! The Merchants Mall will feature everything for quilt, fiber, wearable & textile artists and home sewers. In addition, MAQF will present the finest collection of quilt, garment and fiber art exhibitions including quilt and wearable art prize money competitions. Rounding out the event will be workshops and lectures presented by leading instructors along with demonstrations throughout the Merchants Mall. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. \$15 includes readmission, \$13 Sunday only, Ages 16 and under free. 215/862.5828. www.quiltfest.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

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28-29 VHSL Indoor Track State Championships

Boo Williams Sportsplex. www.vhsl.org/indoor-track (5 Armistead Ave. Hampton, VA 23666)

29 Linda Eder in Concert

Eder's latest album, *If You See Me*, pays tribute to Broadway and beyond, delivering her unique song interpretation of Rodgers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Frank Wildhorn, and more—chosen from a wish list submitted by her fans after requesting suggestions on her social media sites. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear one of the most versatile and purest voices of our generation live onstage! The American Theatre. 8 p.m. \$35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

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7-8 Grit Fitness Festival

Established in 2010 and has grown each year. Grit Fitness Festival has become one of the premier competitive fitness events in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Over the years athletes from up and down the East Coast have traveled to the Hampton Roads area to participate in this test of fitness and community building event. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 12 p.m.- 5 p.m. Registration Fee. 757/315-1610. <http://gritfitnessfestival.com> (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

7 Che Malambo

The heart-throbbing world of malambo comes alive in this brand new production! Inspired by the precision footwork, rhythmic stomping, drumming and song of the gaucho (South American cowboy), renowned choreographer Gilles Brinas transforms Malambo's origin as a test of agility, strength and dexterity into a sexy and spectacular stage performance. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. \$35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

7 1st Day of Destruction

Langley Speedway. 6 p.m. 757/865-7223. www.langley-speedway.com (11 Dale Lemonds Dr. Hampton, VA 23666)

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8 Young Artist Competition Showcase

Winners from the fourth annual Young Artist Competition perform chosen selections of concertos and virtuosic showpieces with the orchestra. Be inspired by the best of the future generation of performers that Coastal Virginia has to offer! The American Theatre. 2:30 p.m. \$20. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

13 Sturgill Simpson: A Good Look'n Tour w/ Special guest Tyler Childers

Following the release of his new album and Netflix Original Anime movie Sound & Fury, Sturgill Simpson just announced A Good Look'n Tour with very special guest Tyler Childers. Hampton Coliseum. 7 p.m. 757/838-4203. www.hamptoncoliseum.org (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

13-15 Virginia RV Expo

The Virginia RV Show is back for with great deals on motorhomes, travel trailers, and fifth wheels! Stock up on all the essentials and gather great ideas for your next RV vacation. Come ready to shop the newest in accessories for RVs, as well as campgrounds. Insurance and financing will also be available on site. Plus, attend daily seminars to pick up some new info and tips. Hampton Roads Convention Center. Friday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. - 5p.m. \$10 at the door (Cash only); 16 and under free. 757/315-1610. www.varvexpo.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

1-15 Hampton Restaurant Tour

Enjoy a 2-course lunch for \$10 and/or a 3-course meal for either \$20 or \$30 at participating restaurants. www.visithampton.com

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14 (RE)Launching Air Power Park

Join us to celebrate the restoration of notable aircraft and rockets that shaped the history of flight and the Space Age. Stroll the grounds to hear stories of these pioneering vehicles and the heroes that piloted them. Enjoy hands-on activities and other family fun. Air Power Park. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (413 W Mercury Blvd. Hampton, VA 23666)

15 Hustle & Motivate Expo

Hustle & Motivate Expo is the biggest networking event for Entrepreneurs, in the Hampton Roads Area. Entrepreneurs will connect with each other through a speed-networking activity, learn from successful leaders on our Panel Discussion in Business, Marketing, Finance and Mindset. Lastly, we are hosting a Pitching Competition for Entrepreneurs to win start up funds for their business. Entrepreneurs will walk away from this event motivated to check off goals on their to-do list. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 10:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. 757/315-1610. www.hustlemotivateexpo.com/ (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

20-22 Virginia USA Gymnastics Level 6/7 State Meet

Boo Williams Sportsplex. www.vausag.com. (5 Armistead Ave. Hampton, VA 23666)

20-22 10th annual Hampton Roads Tattoo Festival

Presented by Folk City Tattoo and Twisted Ink magazine, this is the largest tattoo event in Virginia. Hundreds of tattoo artists, vendors, and live music all weekend.! During the event, interested attendees have the option of speaking with tattoo artists and having the work performed on-site. The cost of each tattoo is in addition to the entrance fee price and is negotiated between customer and artist. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 12 p.m. - 12 a.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. Saturday; 12 p.m.- 8 p.m. Sunday. \$25 daily, \$45 Weekend Pass, \$35 Military Weekend Pass. 757/484-1319. www.hrtattoofest.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

21 10,000 Maniacs

Get ready for an exhilarating evening of chart-topping hits! 10,000 Maniacs have been entertaining fans for nearly 40 years with their “proudly eclectic” style, and today tours with a six-piece line-up that’s sure to have audiences on their feet. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. \$35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

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21 Dock Party & Sock Burning

Celebrate the Spring Solstice with a sock burning and bring a pair of socks to donate to the Salvation Army, live entertainment, beer, seafood and children's activities. Phoebus Waterfront Park. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Free Admission. 757/826-1862.
www.phoebusvaevents.com (E Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

21 Annual Country for Kids Concert

This will be our 21st year of Country for Kids and we have featured some of the best country music stars, featuring Chris Janson. Join us at Country for Kids 2020 for an awesome night of country music all to support the programs and services of the Center for Child & Family Services. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 6 p.m. \$25 General Admission, \$60 VIP.
www.countryforkids.com(1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA 23666)

27-29 Virginia USA Gymnastics Level 8, 9, 10 State Meet

Boo Williams Sportsplex. www.vausag.com. (5 Armistead Ave. Hampton, VA 23666)

28-29 Atlantic Indoor Association Championships

Formed in 1994 to support and benefit organizations which engage in or support youth activities in the performing arts. AIA currently offers contests throughout Virginia and North Carolina. AIA is one of the largest circuits in the United States. Hampton Coliseum. 757/838-4203.
www.atlanticindoor.org (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

28 Opening Night Nascar

Langley Speedway. 6 p.m. 757/865-7223. www.langley-speedway.com (11 Dale Lemonds Dr. Hampton, VA 23666)

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