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Unraveling Histories and Holiday Magic: Hampton History Museum's November Events You Can't Miss!

Hampton, VA— This November, prepare to be captivated as the Hampton History Museum presents a dynamic lineup of events designed to enlighten, entertain, and inspire. From the ancient wisdom of Indigenous storytelling to the pivotal moments of American history and the joyous spirit of the holidays, there's something for everyone to experience. Join us as we explore the rich tapestry of culture, history, and festive cheer woven into the heart of our community.

[“No Rusty Ears” Storytelling Series: Aio Sufi presents “Answers, Origins and Connections”](#)

Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

FREE

Hampton Storytelling will hold their free November storytelling program for all ages, as part of their “No Rusty Ears” series encouraging listeners to stay attuned to the art of storytelling in the museum's Great Hall.

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the theme of November's storytelling event is “Answers, Origins and Connections”. There are many things taken for granted among indigenous people that leave those outside the culture with questions. This presentation takes a few of these and turns the answers into stories.

November's storyteller is Aio Sifu, a storyteller and artist of Muscogee and Cherokee descent, one of whose storytelling tools is the Native American flute.

Port Hampton Lecture 1775: The Conflict Spreads

Monday, November 10, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Museum Members FREE, Non-members \$5

Discover Virginia's pivotal role in the early days of the American Revolution. In this engaging lecture, author and historian Michael Cecere explores how, in 1775, Virginia

shifted from political unrest to armed resistance—marking a turning point in the South's path toward independence.

Based on Cecere's book "March to Independence," this talk reveals how Virginia emerged as a key player in the fight against British rule, setting the stage for revolution beyond New England.

This talk, presented in conjunction with our exhibit "Revolutionary Hampton: Journeys of Freedom," is a prelude to our "Revolutionary Hampton" Community Day on Saturday, November 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Mike Cecere is the author of 25 books and numerous articles on the American Revolution and Revolutionary War. His most recent book, "Spark of Independence," examines the New England colonies in 1775-1776. It completes a three-book series that also examines the Middle colonies, (United for Independence) and the Southern colonies (March to Independence) from the start of the war through independence.

Winter Whimsy at the Hampton Carousel

November 25 through December 31, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

602 Settlers Landing Road, Downtown Hampton

Free Admission, Rides \$1

Make new holiday memories while enjoying festively adorned horses and the historic Hampton Carousel decked out for the season, along with classic holiday tunes. Enjoy a free candy cane. Closed Mondays, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Get your carousel fix before it closes for winter!

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Images attached:

- Aio Sifu, courtesy of Hampton Storytellers
- Mike Cecere, courtesy of Mike Cecere
- Revolutionary Hampton Exhibit, courtesy of the Hampton Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Hampton Carousel Winter Whimsy, Courtesy of the Hampton Convention & Visitors Bureau

Hampton History Museum

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is plenty of free parking in the garage across from the museum. Open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m. Closed major holidays. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, active military, active NASA, AAA, children 4-12, free to children under 4. For more information, call 757-727-1102, visit www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org, or follow the Hampton History Museum on

Facebook and Instagram.

About Hampton, VA

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.