

## News Release

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## Hampton Horror Tours return October 25-30

With no sightings in over two years, figures from the city's storied past are once again going to roam the streets in the Hampton History Museum's popular "Hampton Horror Tours." Departing the museum's lobby twice nightly at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. from October 25-30, these 60-minute walking tours include eerie tales of old Hampton and the Coastal Virginia region.

Even if you've been a regular on our Horror Tours in the past, you won't want to miss their reincarnation! There are new stories, new personages to meet from the mists of time and plenty of surprises in store!

### ***Walk on the Wild Side***

Those who dare brave the journey will meet the first witch recorded in America, dastardly pirates, yellow fever victims, WWII German submariners who perished in the Chesapeake Bay and were buried in Hampton, drowning victim Jenny Kane (whose husband was acquitted of her death in the 1931 "Trial of the Century,") formerly enslaved Contraband William Roscoe Davis, prohibition-era Phoebus bootlegger George Andrews, a wandering "nzambi" and others. Each tour will include the grisly side of Hampton history, a spooky lantern tour of the St. John's graveyard and other chilling downtown Hampton sites.

### ***Reanimated with a New Script, New Director***

New to our Horror Tours for 2022, Script Writer and Director Robert Weathers has worked as a character interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg since 2008, and since 2019, he has portrayed George Wythe in the CW Nation Builder Unit. He has been acting and directing professionally since 2002. Additionally, Weathers has created an entirely new script, enlivening Hampton's tales of mystery and the macabre, and has added engaging characters and stories based on historical research to the new script.

### ***Tours Raise Funds for the Museum***

Adult tickets are \$14.00 in advance per person, \$16.00 at the door; Children 12 and under, \$12 (not recommended for children under age 8). Tickets are limited and may sell out. Advance purchase is strongly recommended. Tickets can be purchased at the Hampton History Museum gift shop, by phone 757-727-6824, and online at [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org/donate](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org/donate)

[thehamptonmuseum.securepayments.cardpointe.com]. Proceeds benefit 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.

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The Hampton Horror Tours Dress Rehearsal is on Thursday, October 20, 6-9 p.m. and is **open to the media.**

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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.