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Hampton History Museum to host futuristic event, Indigenous sexuality/gender talk in June

Hampton, VA—June is slated to be a busy month for the Hampton History Museum. Guests can enjoy a myriad of new and returning events including the Steampunk: Visions of Futures Past exhibit, a Juneteenth play, the history of gender and sexuality in Native North America talk, and the Front Porch Concert Series. The museum will be partnering with the Sankofa Projects for this year's 12th Annual Day of Remembrance Ceremony at Fort Monroe.

Steampunk: Visions of Futures Past
Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, June 4, 1-5 p.m.

Admission to the museum, Steampunk exhibit are free during Blackbeard Weekend

Artisans Dave Lee of Hatton Cross Steampunk and Mike Parodi of Master Creations Enterprises, Inc. are returning to the Hampton History Museum for the creative exposition "Steampunk: Visions of Futures Past." Experience contraptions and conveyances that conjure up an alternative Victorian era and an imagined Wild West frontier. After a much-missed absence of several years, the merchants from A Steampunked Life will be returning to the museum, bringing an array of their carefully curated wares.

Port Hampton Culture Series

“Reclaiming Two Spirits:

Sexuality, Spiritual Renewal, and Sovereignty in Native North America”

Monday, June 5, 7-8 p.m.

Museum members free, non-members \$5

Join Dr. Gregory Smithers, Winner of the 2023 Prose Award in Cultural Anthropology and Sociology, and Finalist for the 2023 Publishing Triangle Randy Shilts Award for Gay Nonfiction, for a sweeping history of Indigenous traditions of gender, sexuality, and resistance. Reclaiming Two-Spirits decolonizes the history of gender and sexuality in Native North America. Presented in Partnership with the Hampton Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Sankofa's Day of Remembrance Ceremony
Saturday, June 10, 11 a.m.
Outlook Beach, Fort Monroe

Free and open to the public, registration required

Hosted by The Sankofa Projects, Remembrance honors the millions of African men, women, and children who perished during the Middle Passage. This moving program includes traditional African drumming, songs, dance, poetry, historical presentations and a traditional African libation. Partners for this event include the Hampton History Museum, Fort Monroe Authority, Fort Monroe National Monument. To register for this event, please send your name and email address to thesankofaprojects@gmail.com.

A Juneteenth Pageant-THE PLAY!

Friday, June 16, 7 p.m.

Northampton Community Center

1435 Todds Lane, Building A

Free and Open to the Public

A Juneteenth Pageant-THE PLAY is like no pageant that you've ever seen before! Written and directed by Hampton playwright Marie St. Clair, this memorable experience will illuminate the origins and meaning of Juneteenth, the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

This special original performance is presented by the Hampton History Museum and The Fort Monroe Authority and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. For more information call 757-825-4805 or visit www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org

Front Porch Music Concert

The Storyweavers

Wednesday, June 21, 6-8 p.m.

Museum members free, non-members \$5

Getting set to release their second C.D., this talented group, debuted their first C.D. "Fallen Sparrow" at the museum in August 2018. The evolution of the Storyweavers has been an exciting one with the addition of Anne Thow, drummer/vocals Amy Ferebee, and Cat Sprague on guitar and vocals. Returning are Beth Whyte on bass and vocals, Jennifer McLaughlin Performance Artist, Annie James as ASL Interpreter and Sheela Fortner Singer/Songwriter.

Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Hampton History Museum.

Prohibition Legacies: Taste of Summer

Sunday June, 24, 12-2 pm

Admission is free, registration is required

In conjunction with the museum's recent exhibition "Teetotalers and Moonshiners, and Hampton's Prohibition Story," a couple of beer tasting events will be held to highlight the breadth, depth and diversity of establishments catering to imbibing beer aficionados. As we enter summer, a trio of Hampton breweries, St George, Oozlefinch, and The Vanguard, bring their latest releases, and some of their favorite offerings to sample.

Registration begins Monday, June 12 by calling the Visitor Center at 757-727-1102. The event will be held in the Great Hall and courtyard, and limited to the first 150 registrants.

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For more information call 757-727-1102.

Images:

HHM 1: David Lee in his Battle Roadster creation, courtesy of Hatton Cross Steampunk

HHM 2: “Two Spirits” book cover, courtesy of the author

HHM 3: Sankofa’s International Remembrance Day Ceremony, courtesy of The Sankofa Projects

HHM 4: The Storyweavers, courtesy of The Storyweavers

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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.