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### News Release

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### **Hampton History Museum welcomes new exhibit, free weekend with beer tasting for February**

*Hampton, VA* – Several events are coming to the Hampton History Museum this February. To mark the final weekend of the “Teetotalers and Moonshiners: Hampton’s Prohibition Story” exhibit, the Hampton History Museum will host a beer tasting event February 3, and will waive museum admission on February 3-4. Additionally, descendants of free and enslaved Black landholders and entrepreneurs will share the history of a pre-Civil War settlement in “Life in the Reservation Community” on February 5 as part of the museum’s Port Hampton Culture Series. In celebration of the 100th birthday of Hampton native and NASA pioneer, the exhibit “Chris Kraft: Hampton’s Unlikely Space Hero” opens to the public on February 29.

#### **Prohibition Legacies: Last Call**

**Saturday, February 3, 3-5 p.m.**

**Beer tasting is free, but registration is required**

To close out our exhibit, “Teetotalers and Moonshiners, and Hampton’s Prohibition Story,” we’re hosting one final free beer tasting event, highlighting establishments catering to today’s beer aficionados. Join us and Hampton breweries Capstan, Oozlefinch, and St. George as they bring their favored creations for your tasting pleasure! Registration starts Monday, January 22. Call 757-727-1102. Limit 150 registrants. Must be 21 years or older to partake!

**Museum admission is free for Prohibition exhibit final weekend, Saturday, February 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sunday, February 4, 1-5 pm**

#### **Port Hampton Culture Series**

**“Life in the Reservation Community”**

**Monday February 5, 7-8 p.m.**

**Museum members free, non-members \$5**

In the decades before and after the Civil War, free and enslaved Black landholders and entrepreneurs settled on the banks of the York River to build families and livelihoods. The community they established became known as the Reservation. In 1918, the U.S. government commandeered the land to create what is now known as the Naval Weapons Station in Yorktown. Over the following years, families at the Reservation were displaced – pushed from their land and community. Join Reservation descendants Chief Charles Bowman, Mary Lassiter, Rosa Lee, and Johnette Weaver as they tell their stories.

#### **New Exhibit: “Chris Kraft: Hampton’s Unlikely Space Hero”**

**Opening to the public on February 29**

February 28, 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Hampton native Christopher Columbus Kraft, Jr. On this occasion, the Hampton History Museum is opening an exhibit celebrating his life and accomplishments as a preeminent NASA scientist. Featuring previously unseen collections donated by the Kraft family and images taken by NASA

documentary photographer Bill Taub, the exhibit conveys Kraft's legacy as a local of Hampton and Phoebus, a highly regarded engineer at NASA Langley Research Center, and a central figure in the manned space flight program.

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 or visit [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org)

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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.