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Women's History Month presentation, St. Patrick's Day concert at the Hampton History Museum

Hampton, VA – March will be an exciting month at The Hampton History Museum. Get ready for a lineup of inspiring and profound events. The Hampton History Museum celebrates Women's History Month with a lecture about iconic freedom fighter Harriet Tubman by noted historian Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander as part of its Port Hampton Culture Series on March 4. Returning for their annual celebration of St. Patrick and all things Irish, Celtic band Poisoned Dwarf performs for the Front Porch Music Series on March 13.

Port Hampton Culture Series

Harriet Tubman: Freedom Fighter, Conductor, Nurse, Soldier, Spy

Monday, March 4, 7-8 pm

Museum members free, non-members \$5

Harriet Tubman was a soldier, Underground Railroad conductor, nurse, and spy, and staunch advocate for African American rights. Yet, her most important role was that of a fierce advocate, defender, protector, and supporter of African American rights.

In her presentation, Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander will explore the life of this woman whose journeys took her from Maryland to Philadelphia, Auburn, New York, St. Catherine's, Canada, and Hampton, Virginia, where Tubman served as the head matron in the Colored Hospital at Fort Monroe.

Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander is the Endowed Professor of Virginia Black History and Culture, Emeritus Director of the Joseph Jenkins Roberts Center for the Study of the African Diaspora, and former Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Norfolk State University.

She's the author of *Virginia Waterways and the Underground Railroad* (2017), *An African American History of the Civil War in Hampton Roads* (2010), co-authored *Black America Series: Portsmouth* (2003), *Hampton Roads: Remembering Our Schools* (2009), and co-edited *Voices from within the Veil: African Americans and the Experience of Democracy* (2008). Dr. Newby-Alexander has appeared on a number of national programs and documentaries including PBS's *Many Rivers to Cross*, the History Channel's *Race, Slavery and the Civil War*, and C-SPAN's broadcasts on history.

Front Porch Music Series

Poisoned Dwarf

Wednesday, March 13, 6-8 pm

Museum members free, non-members \$5

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day a wee bit early with a lively concert of Celtic music with Poisoned Dwarf! This rollicking quintet plays innovative and passionate renditions of traditional Irish and Scottish tunes on acoustic instruments. These

six talented musicians create a driving sonic energy with whistles, flutes, violin, guitar, percussion, and Uilleann pipes with exciting and lyrical vocals.

Based out of Williamsburg, the members of Poisoned Dwarf are Thomas DeRose, Stewart Pittman, Lance Pedigo, Mei-Li Garcia, Wayne Hill and Patrick Rooney.

Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the museum. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Seating is first come, first served.

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, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00-5:00 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.

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Portrait of Harriet Tubman, Library of Congress

Poisoned Dwarf, courtesy of Poisoned Dwarf

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.