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Virginia War Museum  Thursday-Saturday  9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  757-247-8523

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WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK
FEBRUARY 18 - 24, 2021

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES AT NEWPORT NEWS ATTRACTIONS AND PERFORMING ARTS VENUES

FEBRUARY 18TH

AFRICA’S KINGDOMS AND MARITIME CULTURES: CARThAGE
The Mariners’ Museum and Park
February 18; 1 p.m.
Journey online with The Mariners’ Museum and Erika Cosme, content and interpretation developer, as Erika introduces a new virtual program series titled “Africa’s Kingdoms and Maritime Cultures.” For Black History Month, the series will feature the ancient city of Carthage and how its history has influenced Tunisia. Along the Mediterranean coast of North Africa sits the Republic of Tunisia. Although a small country today, Tunisia’s role in maritime history has been significant. Why? Because this area was once home to the great city of Carthage. As a major port, Carthage was at the epicenter for trade and commerce in the ancient world. But like ancient Egypt, the continued influx of European and Eurasian cultures heavily influenced how Tunisia developed within the African continent, and has impacted modern views in the African and Black communities in the country. This presentation will introduce the history of Tunisia through Carthage’s influence and development, and discuss the connection between the country’s past and present. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222. Advance registration is required. Click here for more information.
CITY CRITTERS: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM STUDYING WILDLIFE IN CITIES?
Virginia Living Museum
February 18; 6:30 p.m.
When most people think of wildlife research, they think of studies done in rainforests, mountains, or deserts, far away from people. But did you know that research discoveries have been made in cities and neighborhoods just like yours? Ela Carpenter will talk about the history of urban wildlife research, why it’s important, and share some of her past research with birds and bats in Baltimore. 524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., 757-595-1900. Click here for more information.

FEBRUARY 19TH

CIVIL WAR LECTURE: AFRICAN AMERICAN MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS
The Mariners’ Museum and Park
February 19; 12 p.m.
Presented by John V. Quarstein, director emeritus of the USS Monitor Center. Join us for a virtual lecture with author and historian John V. Quarstein when he presents on African Americans who fought in the Civil War to free their people from slavery. Viewers are welcome to send Quarstein any comments or questions during the presentation, and he will answer following his talk. Their brave service beyond the call of duty helped to propel the Union to victory during this bloody conflict. Each of the 25 African American Medal of Honor recipients performed heroic deeds as they fought to free the rest of their people still held in bondage. Black sailors, like Ordinary Seaman Joachim Pease, proved his mettle when serving as a loader on the USS Hartford’s gun No. 2 during the Battle of Mobile Bay. He was highly lauded for his gallantry under fire, thus earning the Medal of Honor. His motivation, along with that of the others awarded the Medal of Honor distinction, helped change the course of American history. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222. Advance registration is required. Click here for more information.

FEBRUARY 20TH

THE CARTER G. WOODSON FESTIVAL WITH ATUMPAN EDUTAINMENT
Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center
February 20; 12 p.m.
This February, we are celebrating the rich history and legacy of the African-American community by starting at the source. This festival will be one of international proportions, featuring Atumpan Edutainment joining with special guests for an unforgettable virtual event. This event will be held as a livestream. Access to the livestream is available for sale through ShowTix4U with a ticket price of $15. An early bird discount is available. Purchase your tickets in advance to get them for a discounted rate of $12. Atumpan Edutainment & Co. presents a 4-hour Black History Month Celebration named after Carter G. Woodson, an American historian and the father of Black history. The festival will be comprised of eight, 25-minute performances and presentations. 2410 Wickham Avenue, 757-247-8950. Click here for more information.

DINO ON THE LOOSE!
Virginia Living Museum
February 20; 1 p.m.
**FEBRUARY 21**

**BIRD WALK**  
Newport News Park  
February 21; 7 a.m.  
Join other bird enthusiasts and enjoy viewing birds in their natural habitat. No experience necessary! The group meets in Picnic Area 1, behind the ranger station at Newport News Park, but may drive to other areas of the park during the program. Dress for the weather, bring water and hand sanitizer, and don't forget your binoculars! When you get home, share your best photos with us on Instagram. Use #nnvirtualbirdwalk and #nnparks for possible feature! You can also post them here in the Facebook event. 13560 Jefferson Avenue, 757-886-3333. Click here for more information.

**FEBRUARY 22**

**VIRTUAL MARITIME MONDAYS**  
The Mariners’ Museum and Park  
February 22; 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Hop online for a reading adventure every Monday!  
Fun for both children and caregivers, enjoy an interactive book reading with Lauren T. Furey, manager of visitor engagement. Designed for children from 18 months to 8 years, Lauren takes you and your little champions on a journey to show how we are all connected to the world’s waters. Be sure to register in advance, and join us for a new book every week! 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222. Click here for more information.

**FEBRUARY 23**

**VIRTUAL MARITIME MONDAYS**  
The Mariners’ Museum and Park  
February 23; 1 p.m.  
Presented by: Wisteria Perry, manager of interpretation and community outreach. Come explore a coastal area of the Indian Ocean in Southeast Africa inhabited by the Swahili people in a new program series titled “Africa’s Kingdoms and Maritime Cultures.” Learn more about their distinct culture, demography, religion, and geography. Stretching 1,800 miles down the eastern coast and with its indigenous African, Middle Eastern and Asian influences, the Swahili coast has been a place of historical, cultural, economic, and political interactions and exchanges for thousands of years. Viewers are welcome to send comments or questions Wisteria, which she will answer following the program. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222. Click here for more information.

**CONTINUING EVENTS**

**SCENES FROM QUARANTINE**  
Peninsula Community Theatre  
Continuing through March 1  
Streaming via YouTube  
An online selection of original Scenes written by local theatre artists to keep our audiences engaged during this trying time. Three pieces consisting of: “NIOBE ON THE BEACH” written by Dana Margulies Cauthen – A story of Quinn who packs up her baby’s things as Nana watches and prepares to take him away. Perhaps forever? “OUT THERE” written by Laura Maney –
Totally realistic characters are trapped in a totally realistic mall when totally realistic zombies invade the town. Finally, A “RUDDIGORE” QUARTET PARODY, written by Jeff Joyner.

10251 Warwick Avenue, 757-595-5728. Click here for more information.

EXPLORATION ICE AGE: UNEARTHING EXTINCTIONS
Virginia Living Museum
Continuing through April 11
The sixth mass extinction is happening right now! Called the Quaternary Extinction, it includes the loss of the animals found in North America at the end of the ice age, such as saber-tooth cats, mammoths, and mastodons. Many of their relatives are still around today – some even live in a habitat along the Virginia Living Museum’s outdoor trail. It is predicted around one million animal and plant species are currently threatened with extinction. Discover how you can help the outlook of our future biodiversity by unearthing extinctions of the past in this temporary exhibit. Extinctions are not just historical events, they are also happening right now. To protect Earth’s biodiversity in the present day, we can look to the past to learn how ancient life survived. 524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., 757-595-1900. Click here for more information.

RESTAURANTS AND CLUBS

CODY CHRISTIAN
Hilton Tavern Brewing Co.
February 18; 5 p.m.
10184 Warwick Blvd
(757) 873-2337
www.facebook.com/HiltonTavernBC/

JAZZ FRIDAY
The Train Station
February 19; 6 p.m.
2295 Harbor Road
(757) 247-7512
www.thetrainstation757.com

JOCELYN OLDMAN
Tradition Brewing Company
February 18; 5 p.m.
700 Thimble Shoals Blvd
(757) 592-9393
www.traditionbrewing.com

NICK WEBER
Manhattan's NY Deli & Pub
February 19; 6 p.m.
601 Thimble Shoals Blvd
(757) 873-0555
www.manhattansdeli.com

NO SLEEP ENTERTAINMENT
Manhattan's NY Deli & Pub
February 18; 6 p.m.
601 Thimble Shoals Blvd
(757) 873-0555
www.manhattansdeli.com

NATHAN LIENARD
Tradition Brewing Company
February 19; 6:30 p.m.
700 Thimble Shoals Blvd
(757) 592-9393
www.traditionbrewing.com

Cecil Edwards
Hilton Tavern Brewing Co.
February 19; 6 p.m.
10184 Warwick Blvd
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DJ Chuck
Manhattan's NY Deli & Pub
February 20; 6 p.m.
601 Thimble Shoals Blvd
(757) 873-0555
www.manhattansdeli.com
RICH RIDOLFINO
Hilton Tavern Brewing Co.
February 20; 6 p.m.
10184 Warwick Blvd
(757) 873-2337
www.facebook.com/HiltonTavernBC/

THE HEARD
Tradition Brewing Company
February 20; 6:30 p.m.
700 Thimble Shoals Blvd
(757) 592-9393
www.traditionbrewing.com

JOSHUA HENSLEY
Manhattan's NY Deli & Pub
February 22; 6 p.m.
601 Thimble Shoals Blvd
(757) 873-0555
www.manhattansdeli.com

PATRICK RYAN
Hilton Tavern Brewing Co.
February 23; 5 p.m.
10184 Warwick Blvd
(757) 873-2337
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FELICIA HOYOS
Manhattan's NY Deli & Pub
February 23; 6 p.m.
601 Thimble Shoals Blvd
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www.manhattansdeli.com

RUSTY ANCELL
Hilton Tavern Brewing Co.
February 24; 5 p.m.
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