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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK FEBRUARY 7 - 13, 2019

PERFORMING ARTS

DREAMGIRLS LIVE!

Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center

February 8: 7 p.m.; February 9: 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Join us for this incredible production about a female singing trio from Chicago, Illinois who become superstars! The musical is based on the successes of R&B acts such as The Supremes, The Shirelles, and James Brown. Performances are directed by Dana S. Hubbard. The musical will run until February 23 with three performances every weekend! 2410 Wickham Avenue, 757-247-8950, www.downinggross.org.

TYLER McLAUGHLIN AND THE SOUNDS OF ZAMAR

Ferguson Center for the Arts

February 10; 6 p.m.

Trey McLaughlin & The Sounds of Zamar has made a name for themselves by performing with gospel greats, such as William McDowell, Kierra “Kiki” Sheard, Richard Smallwood, Earnest Pugh, and James Fortune. After being featured on Vashawn Mitchell’s “Chasing After You,” off the Grammy nominated *Triumphant*, TreyMcLaughlin & The Sounds of Zamar are becoming sought after the world over for their expressive vocals and intricate arrangements of classic gospel hymns. 1 Avenue of the Arts, 757-594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT NEWPORT NEWS ATTRACTIONS

SPRING LECTURE SERIES: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE WAR FOR DEMOCRACY

The Mariners’ Museum and Park

February 7; 7 p.m.

For many of the 386,000 African Americans who served in the military during World War I, the Great War was their civil rights movement. Indeed, the generation before Martin Luther King forged their civil rights ideology by appropriating President Woodrow Wilson’s rhetoric in service to their own visions of self-determination and by protesting his Administration’s expansionist vision of Jim Crow. This talk will focus on the experience of African American civilians and soldiers in the war years, with a particular focus on how World War I shaped the black freedom struggle. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.marinersmuseum.org.

BACCHUS WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL

Virginia Living Museum

February 8; 7 p.m.

Bacchus, the God of Nature, Vine and Wine! The Virginia Living Museum's Golden Bacchus Wine & Food Festival – a Best of the 757 Gala! Enjoy delicious samplings of fine wine, local restaurant fare and an eclectic mix of live music, entertainment and games. Mingle with friends and colleagues amongst the beautiful museum galleries and exhibits. Taste the bounty of Peninsula's finest establishments, sway to the beat of live local musicians and make plans for your next get together with friends. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, www.thevlm.org.

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE: BAD UNION GENERALS

The Mariners' Museum and Park

February 8; 12:30 p.m.

Join USS *Monitor* Center's Director Emeritus John V. Quarstein in the Mariners' Park Café for this stimulating Civil War themed discussion. Although there are many notorious incompetent Federal officers such as Ben Butler, numerous others failed to live up to expectations or suffered from human frailties that caused devastating defeats and failures in their command. Learn about generals like John C. Fremont, Nathaniel Banks, and Ambrose Burnside as well as a host of others who were unable to successfully perform their missions time and time again. There is no charge to participate. Lunch will be available for purchase at the café! 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.marinersmuseum.org.

CIVIL WAR LECTURE SERIES: FORTS HENRY AND DONELSON

The Mariners' Museum and Park

February 9; 3:30 p.m.

Brigadier General U.S. Grant seized the strategic initiative when he organized the capture of Fort Henry on the Tennessee River, and then Fort Donelson on the Cumberland River. Fort Henry's poor design and the arrival of Flag Officer Andrew Hull Foote's Union ironclad squadron's bombardment forced the fort to quickly surrender. Fort Donelson, however, was a very well-designed fortification with a well-positioned water battery. The Confederates were able to damage and defeat Foote's fleet. Nevertheless, Grant was able to force the fort to capitulate due to poor Confederate leadership. This forced the Confederates to abandon Nashville, Tennessee, and earned the Union leader the nickname, 'Unconditional Surrender Grant. The talk will be held in a classroom in the *Monitor* Center. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.marinersmuseum.org.

FOLLOW THE DRINKING GOURD

Virginia Living Museum

February 9; 4:30 p.m.

"Follow the Drinking Gourd" takes us back to the days when freedom was nothing more than a dream for those held in slavery. Some looked for hope to a certain constellation with its bright shining star. The story is a poignant and inspiring tale of one African-American family's desperate flight to freedom and how they used constellations to guide the way. The program is based on a children's book, "Follow the Drinking Gourd," written and illustrated by Jeanette Winter. This production incorporates historical images from the local region, Winter's original artwork and music by Lovey Williams into a timeless experience that can be enjoyed by all ages. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, www.thevlm.org.

MASTODON SNEAK PEAK TOUR

Virginia Living Museum

February 9; 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Be one of the first people to see one of Virginia's Top 10 Endangered Artifacts. 16,000 years ago Mastodons would have roamed Virginia. Mastodon bones found in Yorktown were recently donated to the Virginia Living Museum's Collections. It is only the second set of Mastodon bones found in the Commonwealth! This 30 minute tour will only be available during February and proceeds will go towards preservation. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, www.thevlm.org.

STAR GAZING/LASER EVENING

Virginia Living Museum

February 9; 6 p.m.

The Virginia Living Museum offers free star gazing beginning at sunset on the second Saturday of every month. Star gazing is weather dependent. Several telescopes are set up on the grounds and staff astronomers are available to help visitors identify objects in the night sky. The evening also includes a planetarium program and several laser shows. Shows are \$3 for VLM members, \$6 for non-members. Double features are \$5 for VLM members and \$10 for non-members. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, www.thevlm.org.

WATERS OF DESPAIR & HOPE: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

The Mariners' Museum and Park

February 9; 1 p.m.

Join The Mariners' Museum and Park during the month of February as we celebrate Black History Month through programs, living history, lectures, and hands-on activities for children and adults. All programs are free with \$1 Museum admission. Discover the major influences and impact that Africans and African Americans have had on the Chesapeake Bay since the early 1600s through today. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.marinersmuseum.org.

FRIENDLY HOURS

The Mariners' Museum and Park

February 10; 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Have a family member, friend, or loved one that needs a tailored museum experience? Join us for Friendly Hours on the second Sunday of each month. Friendly Hours is an inclusive time where guests with mobility, cognitive, or physical challenges can experience the Museum in a less crowded environment with reduced sound and lighting. Free with \$1 Museum admission. Friendly Hours will be from 9:00 – 11:00 AM, before the Museum opens to the public. Space is limited, so please register in advance to let us know you are coming. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.marinersmuseum.org.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Mariners' Museum and Park

February 11; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Museum is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive. The drive aligns with our exhibit, Answering America's Call: Newport News in World War I, which commemorates the 100th anniversary of America's involvement in the "war to end all wars." Blood donation has its roots in WWI. The first blood depot was established by an Army doctor in advance of a battle during the war. The American Red Cross was a valuable resource to those serving in World War I, and several Red Cross facilities in Newport News provided support to soldiers and sailors in the area. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.marinersmuseum.org.

MARITIME MONDAY

The Mariners' Museum and Park

February 11; 10:30 a.m.

Designed for children 18 months to 8 years. FREE with Museum admission. Fun for children! Join us Monday mornings for engaging learning activities for children that include story time and a craft! This week's book selection: *Anansi and the Magic Stick* which is written by Eric A. Kimmel and illustrated by Janet Stevens. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.marinersmuseum.org.

LECTURE: THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOLDIER IN VIETNAM AND AT HOME

U.S. Army Transportation Museum

February 13; 11:30 a.m.

The presentation will discuss African Americans' memory of their military service in Vietnam and racial tension during the 1960s. In this session, problems with the literature on this topic will be explained and the role and challenges African American military families faced as the war raged in Vietnam while the country was experiencing unrest during the Civil Rights Movement. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.marinersmuseum.org.

NNPS STUDENT ART EXHIBITION RECEPTION

Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center

Continuing through March 9

Students' artwork is featured in a display of NNPS student art at the Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center! The exhibit will be on display every day between February 2 and March 9, and you are welcome to visit any time between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.! (Closed on Sundays). 2410 Wickham Avenue, 757-247-8950, www.downinggross.org.

AFRICAN ART: POWER AND IDENTITY AND CASH CROP

Peninsula Fine Arts Center

Continuing through April 28

The event commemorates the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Africans to Virginia with African artworks including textiles, masks, pottery, jewelry, and "Cash Crop," a piece composed of 15 life-sized casts representing the 15 million African people brought to the New World. 101 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.pfac-va.org.

AMERICAN ADVENTURE

Virginia Living Museum

Continuing through April 21

Do you have what it takes to survive? Take a step back into history to find out. In 1607, settlers landed on the shores of Virginia and called it home, creating the first permanent European settlement. Little did they know that less than half of them would survive the year in this new wilderness. Minotaur Mazes' American Adventure takes visitors on an immersive, educational role-play adventure that asks people to conquer one great challenge: survive the year as one of the original Jamestown colonists. Sound easy? Think again. Only 38 of the 104 settlers survived. But don't worry – you're not tied to their destiny. You can beat the odds and determine your fate – it all depends on the choices you make...and a bit of luck. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, www.thevlm.org.

OLD DOMINION OVER THERE: VIRGINIA MILITARY UNITS IN WWI EXHIBIT

Virginia War Museum

Continuing through May 2019

9285 Warwick Boulevard, 757-247-8523, www.warmuseum.org

NEWPORT NEWS PORT OF EMBARKATION IN WWI EXHIBIT

Virginia War Museum

Continuing through May 2019

9285 Warwick Boulevard, 757-247-8523, www.warmuseum.org.

BEYOND TET: THE VIETNAM WAR 1968 - 1969

Virginia War Museum

Continuing through September 7, 2020

RESTAURANTS AND CLUBS

COMEDY OPEN MIC

Cozy's Comedy Club

February 7; 9 p.m.

9700 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 595-2800

www.cozzys.com

DJ BRYAN ONE

Manhattan's

February 8; 8:30 p.m.

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

www.manhattansdeli.com

KARAOKE

Hilton Tavern Brewing

February 7; 8 p.m.

10184 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 873-2337

www.hiltontavernbc@wixsite.com

DRIVIN AND CRYIN

Boathouse Live

February 8; 9 p.m.

11800 Merchants Walk

(757) 534-7987

www.boathouselive.com

KARAOKE

Hoss's Deli

February 7; 8 p.m.

806 Old Oyster Point Road

(757) 596-9104

www.hosssdeli.com

JAZZ FRIDAY

The Train Station

February 8; 7 p.m.

2295 Harbor Road

(757) 247-7512

www.thetrainstation757.com

UNITED SOULS

Manhattan's

February 7; 9:30 p.m.

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

www.manhattansdeli.com

KENNY MILLER

Cozy's Comedy Club

February 8 & 9; 8 p.m.

9700 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 595-2800

www.cozzys.com

DIRTY TOYS

Hoss's Deli

February 8; 9:30 p.m.

806 Old Oyster Point Road

(757) 596-9104

www.hosssdeli.com

BRIAN GRILLI BAND

Tradition Brewing Company

February 9; 8 p.m.

700 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 592-9393

www.traditionbrewing.com

BOBBY BLACK HAT**Manhattan's****February 9; 3 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

www.manhattansdeli.com**DJ STEADY ROCKIN****Manhattan's****February 9; 9 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

www.manhattansdeli.com**LIVE MUSIC****Hilton Tavern Brewing****February 9; 7 p.m.**

10184 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 873-2337

www.hiltontavernbc@wixsite.com**"NEW JACK SWING" LEGENDS****Boathouse Live****February 9; 9:15 p.m.**

11800 Merchants Walk

(757) 534-7987

www.boathouselive.com**SOUR MASH REVIVAL****Hoss's Deli****February 9; 9:30 p.m.**

806 Old Oyster Point Road

(757) 596-9104

www.hosssdeli.com**THE SUNDAY FUNNIES****Cozy's Comedy Club****February 10; 7 p.m.**

9700 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 585-2800

www.cozzys.com**ERIC INSLEY****Hoss's Deli****February 11; 8 p.m.**

806 Old Oyster Point Road

(757) 596-9104

www.hosssdeli.com**KARAOKE****Manhattan's****February 11; 7 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

www.manhattansdeli.com**CIPHER TUESDAYS****The Train Station****February 12; 8 p.m.**

2295 Harbor Road

(757) 247-7512

www.thetrainstation757.com**HIP HOP KARAOKE****Manhattan's****February 12; 7:30 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

www.manhattansdeli.com**TRIVIA NIGHT****Hoss's Deli****February 12; 7 p.m.**

806 Old Oyster Point Road

(757) 596-9104

www.hosssdeli.com**FELICIA HOYOS****Manhattan's****February 13; 7 p.m.**

601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard

(757) 873-0555

www.manhattansdeli.com**KABOOMBOX****Hoss's Deli****February 13; 9 p.m.**

806 Old Oyster Point Road

(757) 596-9104

www.hosssdeli.com**OPEN MIC****Aromas****February 13; 7 p.m.**

706 Town Center Drive

(757) 240-4650

www.aromasworld.com

OPEN MIC

Craft 60

February 13; 10 p.m.

13361 Warwick Boulevard

(757) 988-0506

www.craft60.com