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Fall 2016

Highlights and Happenings from the City of  Newport News Virginia

FALL'S A FINE TIME FOR FESTIVALS!



Brazilian Festival September 17

City Center at Oyster Point

Enjoy lively, authentic Brazilian heritage with live music, food, costumes, dancing, art workshops, cultural demonstrations, children's activities and more!

www.citycenteratoysterpoint.com

Fall Festival of Folklife October 1 & 2

Newport News Park

Newport News' most popular festival is now in its 43rd year with a wide array of performances, artisans and crafters, music and food. This is Coastal Virginia's biggest traditional craft show, featuring more than 200 skilled vendors. The wooded, lakeside setting is ideal, too, in Newport News Park, now celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. \$10.00 per car parking fee. www.nnparks.com



Port Warwick Art & Sculpture Festival October 8 & 9

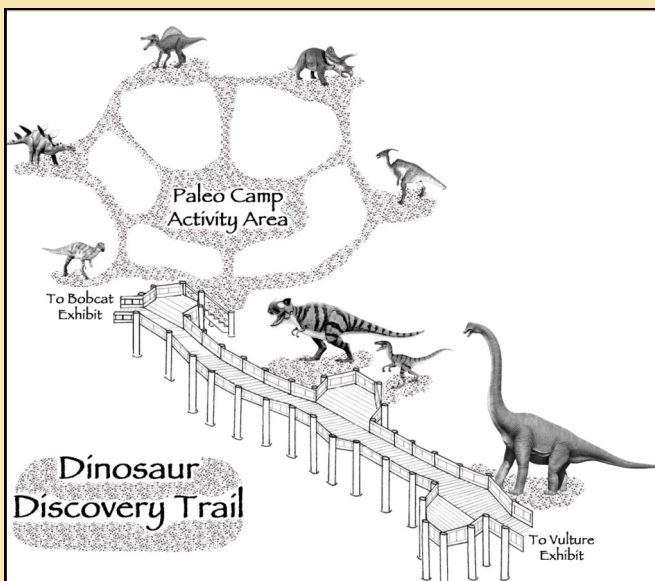
Admire and buy world-class fine art, designed by artists in a variety of media that demonstrates innovation and originality. On the lawn at Styron Square in Port Warwick. www.pwartfest.org

Performances Set to Honor Newport News' Legendary Native Daughter—

The One and Only *ELLA FITZGERALD*

The Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center proudly announces its new season, **"Reflections: 100 Years of Ella."** Several performances in the coming months pay tribute to Newport News' legendary native daughter, Ella Fitzgerald, born in the city on April 25, 1917. The season kicks off at the center September 10th with a live show entitled **"I Am Ella,"** which features regional vocalists. A four-day Ella Fitzgerald Music Festival is planned for April and several special events are scheduled throughout the year.

www.downing-gross.org



Virginia Living Museum Celebrates 50 Years with New Dinosaur Trail

On October 15, the Virginia Living Museum will open a permanent outdoor Dinosaur Discovery Trail, as part of its 50th anniversary. It showcases 16 of the majestic animals that ruled the earth for more than 150 million years! Visitors will explore the wooded trail and marvel at realistic one-third to full-size dinosaurs from the Jurassic and Cretaceous eras. A half-size Tyrannosaurus Rex and baby T. rex photo op are sure to be crowd-pleasers. The trail will also feature a children's play area and "fossil" dig pits for amateur paleontologists. www.thevlm.org

Take Note! November 13, pay just 50 cents admission when this ever-popular natural science attraction celebrates its 50th Anniversary!

HISTORY COMES TO LIFE AT ENDVIEW PLANTATION

Revolutionary War Reenactment – Battle of Yorktown September 24-25

Tour camps and redoubts as soldiers build fortifications and artillery batteries exchange fire. www.endview.org.



WWII Living History Weekend November 19 -20

Experience the sights and sounds of the world’s largest conflict by speaking with reenactors portraying members of both Allied and Axis armed forces and witnessing demonstrations of their weapons and tactics. See what life was like overseas for the hundreds of thousands of American servicemen who passed through Hampton Roads on their way across the Atlantic from 1942 to 1945, and gain a better understanding of those known today as “The Greatest Generation.” www.endview.org

New Exhibit! Polynesian Voyagers

THE MARINERS’ MUSEUM & PARK

October 1 through June 11

Explore the remarkable culture of Polynesian voyagers, whose time-honored navigational skills relied solely upon knowledge of waves, wind, stars, and nature. See some of the real history behind Disney's upcoming animated film, “Moana.” Exhibits demonstrate the origin of the maritime-focused Polynesian culture and the exploration and settlement of the vast Pacific islands. www.marinersmuseum.org



**Ground Zero Artifact to be Displayed
At Virginia War Museum**

A three foot metal piece from the Twin Tower wreckage will be displayed permanently starting September 11 at the Virginia War Museum’s exhibit on the global war on terror. www.warmuseum.org

**MIRADAS! Ancient Roots in Modern
and Contemporary Mexican Art Works**
PENINSULA FINE ARTS CENTER

October 22 – January 8

Unique and colorful works of art, celebrating Mexican culture. www.pfac-va.org

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

The Mariners’ Pirate Run October 15

Get into your sportiest pirate attire for the 15th annual 10k Pirate Run through the beautiful Noland Trail at The Mariners’ Museum & Park. 5K and Kids’ Fun Run, too. www.marinersmuseum.org

An Evening at Endview October 21

After-dark tours of the historic plantation house create an eerie ambiance as visitors encounter interpreters portraying characters from centuries past. www.endview.org.

Night at the Army Transportation Museum October 24

Kids 12 and under get to explore the museum under the cover of darkness and watch the exhibits from past wars come to life. Fort Eustis. www.transchool.lee.army.mil/

Night of the Living Museum October 29

This not-so-spooky family event at the Virginia Living Museum features animal shows, costumes, creepy crafts, pumpkin-carving tips and more. www.thevlm.org



Oyster Roast at City Center

October 21

Fresh regional oysters, live music, kids’ activities.
www.citycenteratoysterpoint.com

Virginia Living Museum’s Oyster Roast

November 12

Juicy oysters from local waterways, music and animals.
www.thevlm.org



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