



## **American Visions of Liberty & Freedom**

**February 4-May 28**

What do the palmetto tree, rattlesnake, and Statue of Liberty have in common? To find out, visit *American Visions of Liberty & Freedom*, which depicts how generations of Americans, from Revolutionary times to the present, have drawn, carved, and quilted symbols to represent their sometimes conflicting definitions of liberty and freedom. This highly interactive exhibit has over 200 objects, including icons such as the Statue of Liberty, Uncle Sam, and the American flag, which have been revived, revised, reviled, or reinterpreted to express the concerns of succeeding generations. This exhibit sponsored by: American Express Company, Exervio Management Consulting and First Trust Bank.

### ***American Visions of Liberty and Freedom Programming***

#### **February 2006**

##### **Visions of the Civil Rights Era**

Saturday, February 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Explore the imagery of the Civil Rights Era in this hands-on workshop using exhibit objects and images from the National Portrait Gallery collection. Learn how to interpret various mediums and what they tell us about the era they were created in and depict. Coinciding youth and adult workshops make this a great opportunity for families! Regular Museum admission. Reservations required.

##### **Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Era** (*Smithsonian Scholars Series*)

Saturday, February 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Join the Museum in remembering the Civil Rights movement in America with a slide show and lecture provided by Tia Powell Harris of the National Portrait gallery. Light refreshments will be served. **Free admission.** Reservations requested.

##### **Museum By Moonlight**

Thursday, February 23, 5-9 p.m.

No time to visit the Museum during the day? Enjoy the Museum under the stars with *Museum by Moonlight*, the second in a new series featuring special programming, light refreshments and a cash bar. This event is the first in a series of Museum By Moonlights, that will be held the fourth Thursday of every month through May. In honor of Black History Month, special African-American experience tours of the *American Visions of Liberty & Freedom* exhibit will be given throughout the night. Regular Museum admission. R.S.V.P. by February 21 and receive a free drink ticket!

### **American Visions of Liberty and Freedom Family Day**

Saturday, February 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Visit the Museum and tour the newest exhibit, *American Visions of Liberty and Freedom*. Enjoy hands-on activities for all ages and African-American storytelling presented by "Voices from the Past". Stories will teach about slave life before and after the American Civil War. No reservations required. Regular Museum admission.

### **March 2006**

#### **Museum By Moonlight: Featuring Patti Proctor (family friendly)**

March 23, 2006 5-9 p.m.

No time to visit the Museum during the day? Enjoy the Museum under the stars with *Museum by Moonlight*, the second in a new series featuring special programming, light refreshments and cash bar. In honor of Women's History Month, special *her-story* tours of *American Visions of Liberty and Freedom* will be offered throughout the evening, and living historian Patti Proctor will delight visitors with a program at 7 p.m. Regular Museum admission. R.S.V.P. by March 21 and receive a free drink ticket!

#### **HER Vision**

Saturday, March 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Learn about the women's perspective of Liberty and Freedom through three centuries through objects, hands-on activities and a discussion at 3:00 p.m. No reservations required. Free with regular Museum admission.

### **April 2006**

#### **Oh Say! Can You SAVE? (Smithsonian Scholars Series)**

Saturday, April 1, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Learn about the preservation of our national treasure, *The Star Spangled Banner*. This flag, on display for decades at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, experienced one of the largest textile conservation efforts in American History. Meet senior curator and project manager Marilyn Zoidis, and explore methods of preserving your own family's treasures. Regular Museum admission. No reservations required.

#### **An Evening with David Hackett Fischer**

Thursday, April 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Examine the symbols of Freedom and Liberty used by Americans through history with a lecture and book signing by *American Visions of Liberty and Freedom* author David Hackett Fischer. Light refreshments will be served. No reservations required. Regular Museum admission. Veterans and students receive Free Admission.

#### ***Let Freedom Ring!***

Saturday, April 29, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Spend the day touring *American Visions of Liberty and Freedom* with your family, and enjoy a concert of patriotic music provided by the Army Reserve Band. Space is limited, arrive early! No reservations required. Free with regular Museum admission.

***General Museum info:***

Location:

3500 Shamrock Drive (between Sharon Amity & Eastway)  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28215

Hours:

Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Free every Sunday from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Closed Mondays.

*Guided tours of the Alexander Homesite:*

Tuesday - Sunday at 1:15 and 3:15 P.M.  
Free parking.

For more information:

Visit [www.charlottemuseum.org](http://www.charlottemuseum.org)

Call (704) 568-1774

Email [info@charlottemuseum.org](mailto:info@charlottemuseum.org)

The Charlotte Museum of History offers visitors the opportunity to reach out and touch the past. The Hezekiah Alexander House (circa 1774), oldest surviving house in Mecklenburg County, sits on its original homestead site. The Museum, with its core and visiting exhibitions, is housed along with the Homesite, the American Freedom Bell, the Backcountry Patriot Statue and eight acres of natural woodlands and gardens. In addition, the Museum offers: rental space for events and weddings, education programs for adults, schools and families, and a research library.