

MUSEUM OFFERS FREE ADMISSION FOR “CHAMPIONS OF HISTORY” ON JUNE 2

CHARLOTTE, N.C., May 30, 2018 – The Charlotte Museum of History will celebrate those who support local history and preservation efforts on Saturday, June 2, with its first-ever Champions of History Day. History teachers, members of history organizations and others who champion history will receive free admission to this special event.

Guests will enjoy tours of the historic Hezekiah Alexander Home, Charlotte’s oldest standing home and the only home in Mecklenburg County that pre-dates the Revolutionary War. Visitors also can experience demonstrations of 18th century life, including cooking, spinning, weaving and rifle demonstrations. Members of the Charlotte Herb Guild will be sharing stories in the kitchen garden about how Colonial people used the various herbs and plants growing there. The Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society will be on hand to share information about how to conduct research into your own family history.

As part of the event, the museum will present a lecture by Dr. Kevin Cherry of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources titled “The Power of Place.” The talk will focus on the benefits of historic preservation, the logistics of making preservation happen and the ways people are shaped by the narratives that surround them. A native of Denver, N.C., Cherry is the deputy secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and director of the state’s Office of Archives and History. He also is secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission and the state historic preservation officer. Cherry’s lecture is part of the *Ron Hankins “History Talks”* lecture series, sponsored by the Wells Fargo Foundation.

“Our first-ever Champions of History Day honors those who work hard each day to help preserve Charlotte’s history for future generations,” said Adria Focht, president & CEO of The Charlotte Museum of History. “At The Charlotte Museum of History, we believe that when citizens and students know our history, our community as a whole benefits from



more informed civic discourse and perspective about current events. That's why it's so important to preserve our history and celebrate the people who share and support it."

How to Go

Champions of History Day takes place on Saturday, June 2, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive.

- "The Power of Place" lecture by Dr. Kevin Cherry takes place at 1 p.m.
- Museum president & CEO Adria Focht will present "Preserving Your Family Heirlooms" at 2 p.m.
- Home site tours and 18-century demonstrations will take place throughout the day.

History teachers, members of history organizations and others who champion history will receive free admission to the event. Other members of the public can attend for [normal admission prices](#).

More information and registration can be found at charlottemuseum.org/events.

About The Charlotte Museum of History

The Charlotte Museum of History engages a broad audience in the history of the Charlotte region through the stories of its people, places and events to promote dialogue and historical perspective. The museum is the steward of the Hezekiah Alexander House (ca. 1774) and home site, a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. To learn more, visit charlottemuseum.org and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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