

CELEBRATE CHARLOTTE'S HISTORY AT THE QUEEN CITY'S OLDEST HOME

Author Tommy Tomlinson to Speak about History and Southern Identity

CHARLOTTE, N.C., April 23, 2019 – The Charlotte Museum of History will celebrate the Queen City's history at its annual Colonial Gem event on Thursday, May 9. The evening raises critical funds for the museum by inviting guests to dine on the lawn of the 1774 Rock House, the city's oldest home and the only one built before the Revolutionary War that is still standing in Mecklenburg County.

Guests will enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres while they listen to folk music by Two Quarts Low. They'll also get a chance to taste Colonial-style mead and tour the historic Rock House home site and gardens. Costumed interpreters will share daily scenes of Colonial life with demonstrations of cooking in the historic kitchen, spinning and weaving, and muskets.

Author Tommy Tomlinson is the evening's speaker. He will discuss the role of history in Southern identity. Tomlinson has written for publications including Esquire, ESPN the Magazine, Sports Illustrated, Forbes, Garden & Gun and many others. He spent 23 years as a reporter and local columnist for The Charlotte Observer, where he was a finalist for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize in commentary. His first book, "The Elephant in the Room," was published in 2019. Tomlinson also hosts the WFAE podcast, "SouthBound."

All proceeds from the event support the mission of The Charlotte Museum of History to preserve and share Charlotte's history, including ongoing preservation of the Hezekiah Alexander House and Home Site.

How to Go

Colonial Gem is Thursday, May 9, from 6-8:30 p.m. on the lawn of the historic Hezekiah Alexander House (c. 1774), just minutes from uptown, at The Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive. Dress is business or business casual attire.



Tickets are \$125 and include dinner, drinks, home tours and a special mead tasting. More information and tickets can be found at [charlottemuseum.events](https://www.charlottemuseum.org/events). Sponsorships are available starting at \$1,000.

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](https://www.charlottemuseum.org) and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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