

GET DIRTY FOR EARTH DAY AT THE CHARLOTTE MUSEUM OF HISTORY
Become a naturalist for a day and learn how to protect our natural resources

CHARLOTTE, N.C., April 16, 2019 – Come celebrate Earth Day at The Charlotte Museum of History on Saturday, April 27, and learn about our region’s natural environment and what you can do to protect it.

Visitors can become naturalists for the day and learn how to engage in citizen science amid the museum’s natural landscape along Briar Creek and inside its exhibit “Keeping Watch on Water: City of Creeks.”

Special guests include representatives from Crown Town Compost, the Carolina Thread Trail, the Charlotte Herb Guild, Cloister Honey, Whitewater Middle School and Dr. Larry Mellichamp, biology professor and director of the Botanical Gardens at UNC Charlotte, who will lead a nature walk at the museum’s campus.

“The Charlotte Museum of History is pleased to share the natural beauty of our historic site with the public, and we encourage visitors of all ages to join the museum to learn more about how we can each help shape and preserve our community, including our natural resources,” said Adria Focht, president & CEO of The Charlotte Museum of History.

Activities and Experiences

Visitors of all ages can:

- Learn about **Bee Keeping and Honey Production** with Cloister Honey.
- Take a **guided nature walk and learn about native plants** on the museum grounds with Dr. Larry Mellichamp of UNC Charlotte (1 p.m.).
- Take part in citizen science by testing water** and learning about tips and tools to keep our water clean.
- Use plastic bags to create art** as part of our reuse and recycle activity.
- Learn how to compost** with Crown Town Composting.

- Find out how Whitewater Middle School students are helping Charlotte become a **zero-waste city**.
- See how **Charlotte residents planted and cooked food in the 18th century**.
- **Tour the 1774 Rock House** and Home Site (\$5 per person).
- **Learn how to explore nature in our region** with information from the Carolina Thread Trail.
- Listen as Mary Newsom, Charlotte writer and chair of the museum's trustees, discusses **the little-appreciated creeks that shaped our city** and the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute's "Keeping Watch on Water" project, which has a permanent exhibit at the museum (noon and 2 p.m.).

How to Go

The museum's Earth Day Celebration is Saturday, April 27, from 12-4 p.m. at The Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive. Online [registration at charlottemuseum.org](#) is requested but not required.

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 and Twitter (@CLThistory).

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