



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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The Charlotte Museum of History is Scheduled to Open its Newest Exhibit:  
*The Carolina Mountains: Photography of Margaret Morley*

Margaret Morley first visited western North Carolina in the 1890s. By the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, her love for the area prompted her to move from New England to Tryon, NC, a town just south of Asheville.

A well-known biologist, writer, illustrator, and educator, Morley traveled throughout the land, observed its natural wonders, and befriended the mountaineers she met. In 1913, she published a book of photographs and text. The book provided an intimate look at a way of life that, thanks to changes being introduced by the railroads, industry, tourists, and home missionaries, was starting to vanish.

A year after her book was published, Morley donated 244 of her original photographs to the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh. This gift formed the basis of what then became a travelling exhibit, featuring more than 50 prints made from the book.

The Charlotte Museum of History will proudly host this exhibit starting June 27, 2009, enhancing it with exciting additions from its own internal collection. And in the fall, as part of its Living History Sunday series, the museum will add special programming that will focus on how Charlotteans lived and worked during the same period. The pairing of exhibit and series will take place on the first Sundays of October, November, and December, 2009, and will address and connect visitors to the themes of foodways, textiles, and photography that are found throughout the exhibit.

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### More

**The Charlotte Museum of History** is located at 3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte.

**Admission** range \$3-\$6 general, members free

**Hours:** Tue-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5 (*closed Mondays*)

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