



CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AT THE CHARLOTTE MUSEUM OF HISTORY

Events include a documentary film screening about Native music, guided tours of the Catawba pottery gallery and a panel discussion about Catawba leader Sally New River

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Oct. 24, 2022 – Join the Charlotte Museum of History in November for a series of public events to learn about the history and ongoing traditions of Native peoples in the Carolinas during Native American Heritage Month.

“Native American peoples are the original North Carolinians. In fact, archaeological evidence shows that Native peoples were living in the Charlotte region at least 12,000 years ago, during the Ice Age,” said Terri L. White, president & CEO of the Charlotte Museum of History. “No history of our region is complete without Native history. One way to honor this legacy is to learn about the ongoing traditions and cultures of tribes like the Catawba Nation, whose ancestral land extends through the Piedmont region of the Carolinas and into southern Virginia.”

Most events are free or included with museum admission.

Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m. – Documentary Film Screening about Native music

Join the museum for a screening of three short documentary films about Native music. Films include a short on Cherokee singer Karen Dalton, a documentary about Peter La Farge and Native influences in rock & roll and a music video based on La Farge’s Drums song. The event will include a short introduction and Q&A with the films’ producer, Sandra Hale Schulman. Free. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Nov. 12, 2 p.m. – Guided Tour of Catawba Pottery Exhibit

Take a guided tour of the museum’s Catawba Indian Pottery gallery with Dr. Stephen Criswell, director of Native American Studies at USC Lancaster. This traveling exhibit leaves the museum at the end of the year. Criswell will discuss the world’s oldest



unbroken pottery tradition and explore the symbolism behind key pieces in the exhibit. Free with admission.

Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Homeschool Day: Catawba Pottery & Storytelling

Explore Catawba cultural traditions and get a guided tour of both the Catawba pottery gallery and Mecklenburg County’s oldest home at this history event for homeschool groups and other young people. \$15/student and \$5/adult ticket price covers the guided tours, crafts and activities. Registration required.

Nov. 22, 6 p.m. – Virtual Panel About Catawba Leader Sally New River

Join Alex Osborn, digital artist from the Catawba Nation, to hear about his recent portrait of Catawba leader Sally New River, the most recent addition to the museum’s “Path of Portraits” series. Osborn will be joined by Ensley Guffey, tribal archivist at the Catawba Nation, to explore New River’s legacy and the importance of women in Catawba history. Free. This program will be livestreamed.

How to Go

Details about the museum’s Native American Heritage Month events at charlottemuseum.org/events.

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About The Charlotte Museum of History

The Charlotte Museum of History exists to save and share the Charlotte region’s history, helping create a better understanding of the past and inspiring dialogue about the future. The museum is the steward of the [1774 Hezekiah Alexander Rock House and homesite](#), which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest home in Mecklenburg County, and the future home of the [historic Siloam School](#). Visit charlottemuseum.org and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). The museum is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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