

MAY 2017 - PROGRAMMING AT THE ART MUSEUMS OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

Call 1-800-447-8679 for reservations or tickets. Programs are included in museum admission, unless indicated otherwise.

Museums & Museum Store open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Museum Café open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily

Exhibition Opening – We the People: American Folk Portraits – Saturday, May 6

In this 60th anniversary year, the Folk Art Museum celebrates with a new exhibition featuring a wonderful collection of American folk portraits - children with their favorite pet or toy, companion portraits of husband and wife, and paintings of individuals. These early American folk portraits are treasured for their historical significance as well as their aesthetic appeal. *This exhibition is made possible through the generosity of Don and Elaine Bogus.*

Folk Art Focus celebrates the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum's 60th Anniversary – Mondays at 4 p.m.

May 8 – Learn about Folk Art Quilts.

May 15 – Discover how Abby Aldrich Rockefeller began collecting American folk art.

May 22 – Learn about folk art sculpture and walking sticks in our collection.

June 5 – Explore folk art ceramics and pottery.

Special Programming

An Art Museum Mystery – Fridays at 4:30 p.m. (2 hours)

Join the fun and solve fictitious crimes, including a suspicious murder and an attempted theft of an unusual object. Will you have the sleuthing skills to solve the mystery? \$20 for adults/senior/students/military and \$10 youth/child

Distinguished Scholar Lecture – Revolutionary Dissent – Wednesday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. (1 hour)

Stephen Solomon discusses his recent book: "Revolutionary Dissent: How the Founding Generation Created Freedom of Speech." Book signing. *Additional \$5 ticket – CW Employees/Volunteers and W&M Faculty/Students – free reservations*

Johnny has gone for a Soldier - Saturday, May 27 at 4:30 p.m.

Lynn and Barry Trott explore songs of the soldier's life and the life of those on the home front, from the 17th century through the Napoleonic wars. (1 hour) *Additional \$4 ticket – \$2 for children/seniors/military/Good Neighbors*

In the Hennage Auditorium

Are We Not One? - Monday, May 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Two women, one black and one Irish, once related by circumstance, find that despite Ireland calling for an end to slavery, the American press and government pitted the Irish against blacks, for jobs and a sense of belonging. (1 hour)

Magical Strings: Harps and Dulcimers Migrate from Europe to America - Tuesday, May 2 at 4:30 p.m.

Philip and Pam Boulding, composers, instrument builders and teachers, share lively traditional arrangements of Celtic music and soulful compositions, augmented by stories of world travels and instruments they play and build. (1 hour)

Remembering the Civil War Battle of Williamsburg, May 5, 1862

- **Why Aren't They Smiling: A New Look at Civil War Photographs – Thursday, May 4 at 11:15 a.m.**
- **Rally 'round the Banjo: A Civil War Soldier's Playlist – Thursday, May 4 at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Yankees in the Streets: Williamsburg During the War – Fri, May 5 at 11:15 a.m. & Sat, May 6 at 3 p.m.**
- **The Civil War in 7 Songs – with Carson Hudson and Arden Clark – Friday, May 5 at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Custer's First Stand: George A. Custer at Williamsburg – Saturday, May 6 at 11:15 a.m.**
- **Letter's Home – songs and stories with Kent LaRue and Wayne Hill – Saturday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m.**

Drum to the Beat - Tuesday, May 9 and Sunday, May 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Experience the fun of drumming in a group with Drum Major Lance Pedigo. (1 hour)

Venus Tells All – Thursday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Meet Venus, a most inspiring comical, singing 18th-century storyteller that will leave you in stitches as she tells thought provoking stories. Fun for the young and young at heart! Audience participation is a requirement! (1 hour)

Tag, Rag & Bobtail: Women Belonging to the Army – Fri, May 12 at 2 p.m. & Sat, May 27 at 11:30 a.m.

The war for American Independence rages on! Join two women belonging to the army as they discuss loyalty to their country, their duty to their family, and what they are willing to sacrifice for everything they hold dear. (1 hour)

Rose and Thistle: Music of the Tudor and Scottish Courts - Saturday, May 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Join Wayne Hill and Lynn and Barry Trott for music from the late 16th and early 17th centuries on lute, cittern, viol, hurdy gurdy, recorders, violin, and voice. (1 hour)

Fiddle Music from Jamestown to Yorktown - Tuesday, May 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Take a journey through 174 years of music and history with David Gardner. The award-winning fiddler and music historian has an entertaining story to tell on a collection of historically appropriate instruments. (1 hour)

From Revolution to Restoration – Wednesday, May 17 at 4:30 p.m.

What happened in Williamsburg after the Revolution? Historian Carson Hudson shares how the town survived hard times until it was restored to its former glory in the early 20th century. (1 hour)

The Mischievous Fey - Thursday, May 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy tales of Spring Festivals and the otherworldly Fey as told by Master Storyteller Donna Wolf. (1 hour)

Letters Home - Saturday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. *Special program for Armed Forces Day*

Balladeers Kent LaRue and Wayne Hill share music, songs and soldiers' personal correspondence to celebrate the wisdom, courage and sacrifice that has made America the champion of democracy. (1 hour)

Birds, Bugs, Blooms and the Peaceable Kingdom in Song and Music - Tuesday, May 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Lively and family-friendly, Kelly Kennedy uses a variety of folk instruments and plenty of audience participation to honor the natural world in song and dance. (1 hour)

The People Who Forged Civilization - Thursday, May 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Join master storyteller Shel Browder for myths and stories about the men and women who forged the tools of war and peace, creating civilizations out of sweat and fire. (1 hour)

Music the Settlers Knew - Tuesday, May 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Balladeers John Turner and Cliff Williams share tunes on recorders, guitar, pipe and tabor, fiddle and kit that were familiar to the English inhabitants of Virginia in the first quarter of the 17th century. (1 hour)

Tours

Meet the Curator or Conservator – 4 p.m. Join our specialists to learn more. (30 minutes)

- Mon. May 1 – Shelly Svoboda, conservator of paintings, conservation concerns involved in exhibiting paintings
- Fri. May 5 – Patty Silence - director of preventative conservation, shares conservation concerns
- Fri. May 12 – Amanda Keller – assoc. curator of historic interiors, discusses techniques used to furnish houses
- Fri. May 26 – Janine Skerry - curator of metals, explore silver as a material, decorative techniques and it's social role

Quiltmakers – Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Explore quilts while learning about the lives of quilters Anna Jane Parker, Rita Mae Pettway and others. (45 minutes)