

FEBRUARY 2018 - 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 5 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays

Museums & Museum Store open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays

Museum Café open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily

Black History Month Programs

An American Story: Edith Cumbo – Saturday, February 3, 10 and 24 at 11:15 a.m.

Meet a free black woman with five brothers fighting in the American Revolution. Discover how free Black Virginians lived in the city that provided challenges to them. (45 minutes)

Joy in the Morning – Saturday, February 3, 10 and 24 at 2:15 p.m.

Gather with members of the enslaved community to experience a music-filled message of hope. A spirit-led celebration of songs and stories illuminate the struggles and triumphs of African Americans in 18th-century Williamsburg. (1 hour)

An American Story: Gowan Pamphlet – Sunday, February 4, 11 and 25 at 2:15 p.m.

Meet an enslaved man known locally as a popular preacher. He offers his perspective on slavery and religion, and the "revolutionary" ideals of freedom and liberty. (45 minutes)

An American Story: James Armistead Lafayette – Mon, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 2:15 p.m.

What does a man do when he is offered a chance for freedom? Meet James and discover how this enslaved man shared information that helped to free his very masters from "slavery" under English rule. (45 minutes)

An American Story: Aggy of Turkey Island – Tuesday, February 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 2:15 p.m.

Chosen by her master to fulfill the role normally held by a wife, Aggy, a slave, is forced to navigate the world she will never be welcomed into while separated from the enslaved community in which she was raised. (45 minutes)

Who Owns You? – Wednesday, February 7 at 3:30 p.m. and February 21 at 11:30 a.m.

Through dramatic presentations, meet three 18th-century Williamsburg female slaves. Their situations reveal the rules that they and their owners had to follow and what options were available to 18th-century slave holders. (1 hour)

John Rollison: Free Negro and Merchant – Friday, February 9 and 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Meet this free man of color who was never enslaved, but owned slaves. Learn his American story as a Virginia patriot who knew Washington, Jefferson and Henry and discover how he became a wealthy Williamsburg merchant. (1 hour)

To Be Seen as an American – Wednesday, February 14 and 28 at 3:30 p.m.

Meet three black women who didn't accept society's limits. The work of these Williamsburg women spanned three centuries, opening doors and providing new opportunities for the next generation. (1 hour)

Locks Opened: Chesapeake Waterways in the Underground Railroad – Thurs, Feb. 15 & 22- 3:30 p.m.

Master Storyteller, Sheila Arnold shares stories about local waterways that were part of the Underground Railroad. Discover these stories that will make you begin your own search into local history. (1 hour)

Are We Not One? – Friday, February 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Two women, one black and one Irish, once related by circumstance, find that despite Ireland calling for its people to become abolitionists, the American press and government pitted the Irish against blacks for jobs. (1 hour)

President's Weekend Programs

From a Virginia Governor – Saturday, February 17 at 1:45 p.m.

As Patrick Henry prepares to leave the office of governor of Virginia, hear what he thinks of his successor, Thomas Jefferson, and what he has to say about General Washington, commander in chief of the Continental Army. (1 hour)

Public Audience with the 1st President – Sunday, February 18 at 10:30 a.m. *free reservation required*

Meet with President Washington as he looks back over his long career in public service. Learn what it was like to serve as commander in chief during the War for Independence and to become the first president. (45 minutes)

Public Audience with the 4th President – Sunday, February 18 at 12:15 p.m. *free reservation required*

Join President James Madison as he discusses present affairs and the state of the union, and reflects on the invention of the executive branch of the United States. What will the future hold for this American Experiment? (45 minutes)

Public Audience with the 3rd President – Sunday, February 18 at 1:45 p.m. *free reservation required*

Meet with President Jefferson as he looks back over his long career in public service. Discover his personal insight on his roles as ambassador to France, first secretary of state, and third president of the United States. (45 minutes)

An Evening with the Presidents – Sunday, February 18 at 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Join George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison for a discussion of their experiences. Find out what issues stirred the most debate. (1 hour) *Program ticket required, available in the Museum Store.*

Tours

Quiltmakers – Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

Explore quilts from the 18th, 19th, & 20th centuries, while learning about the lives of quilters Amelia Lauke, Anna Jane Parker, Rita Mae Pettway and others. (45 minutes)

Top 5 at 5:00 – Fridays at 5 p.m.

Take a guided tour that explores five of the most popular or important objects in the decorative arts or folk art collections. They might surprise you! (45 minutes)

Printing Fashion – Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.

Explore the exhibit "Printed Fashions" and learn about popular patterns and how they were made. Then design your own printed textile sample to take home. (1 hour)

Hidden Artists in the Museum – Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.

Discover the talent and explore the accomplishments of African-American artists and artisans. This guided tour of the showcases a variety of the folk and decorative arts they created, as well as art that depicts their lives. (45 minutes)

Pop-Up Art – Tuesdays at 2:45 p.m.

Discuss one work of art and its mysteries will be revealed. Each week a different object; a portrait, fashion object, or piece of silver could be the focus of an in-depth confab. (20 minutes)

Poison or Porphyria? Was King George III Really Mad? – Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

On a guided tour hear about the king's bouts of illnesses, the commemorative objects that were created to celebrate his recovery, and learn what recent scientific findings have revealed. (45 minutes)

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