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Administrator's Letter

Greetings from the Historic Resources and Museum (HRM) Program.

In this issue of the *Raleigh Register*, we celebrate "Raleigh History Month" coming in April. Raleigh History Month promises many events and programs this year and includes an important HRM Program milestone as the City of Raleigh Museum turns thirty years old. Founded in April of 1993, the museum became one of the first in the country to interpret local municipal history. The Museum is planning programs and events in April as well as throughout the year to celebrate their 30th anniversary. Another exciting development this April will be the return of egg hunts at Mordecai Historic Park and Pullen Park!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for all the upcoming events and programs at our sites including those themed around Raleigh History Month. We are excited to offer these experiences to the public throughout the HRM Program. Feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns and as always please stay tuned and stay involved!



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Chair's Letter

Author Stephen King wrote, "**Sooner or later, everything old is new again.**" His words capture the impact of Raleigh's historic resources on sports as citizens enjoy outdoor activities.

The open space at **Fred Fletcher Park** hosts activities ranging from yoga and pickleball on the basketball court; soccer, rugby, and football practice; sledding on rare snow days, tennis, softball, volleyball, running and lots of walking for canines and their human companions. This property was established in 1899 as the Methodist Home for Children whose residents enjoyed many of the same sports we do today.

Dedicated in 1938, the newly renovated 29-acre **John Chavis Memorial Park** features indoor and outdoor spaces designed for a variety of sports. The park offers a gymnasium, outdoor track, fitness center, tennis courts, pool, and a game room.

For those seeking more leisurely activities, The **City of Raleigh (COR) Museum, Moore Square, and Mordecai Historic Park** promote walking tours as the key to discovering the history that shaped our communities. Yoga has gained a following at **Moore Square** and the **COR Museum**. When riding historic carousels is deemed a sport you can enjoy rides at **Chavis and Pullen Parks**. Enjoy your HRM sites every day!



Esther Hall
Chair
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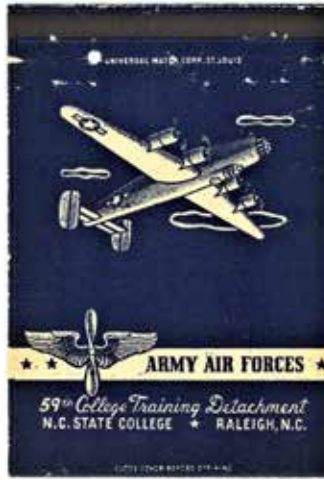
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Vinyl recording of the Cold Cuts, the wash-tub band from Saint Mary's School, 1968

Collections Corner: Raleigh's History

Ainsley Powell, Curator of Collections



Autographed Shaw University CIAA Women's Basketball Champions, 2003



Matchbook from 59th College Training Detachment at N.C. State College, 1943-1944



Photograph of Fayetteville Street looking South from Hargett Street, ca. 1961

Ask A Curator

Kathryn Neuhart, Curator of Exhibits and Design

Q Can I access an exhibit after hours?

A Yes! In honor of Raleigh History Month, the HRM Program will debut six virtual walk-through exhibits. Check out *Square Roots: The History of Moore Square*, *The Mordecai Story: Faith, Family and Community in Raleigh*, *Portraits of a Park: 50th Anniversary of Mordecai Historic Park*, *You Really Stuck it to Me Today: Political Cartoons of Dwane Powell*, *Hello, We Are Raleigh!*, and *Women of Change: The Legacy of the 19th Amendment* by visiting: raleighnc.gov/parks/virtual-museum-exhibits.



The exhibit *Hello, We Are Raleigh!* can now be viewed virtually.

Navigating Freedom

By Kimberly Oliver, Historic Sites Program Assistant

Even seventy years later, Lucy Ann Dunn remembered the roar of cannons as U.S. troops approached Raleigh in 1865. "I ain't never [forgot] how Mis' Betsy cried when de news of de surrender come," she told an interviewer in 1937. Despite the end of the Civil War and Emancipation, little changed immediately for Lucy. Her family stayed for several years on the Wake County plantation where they were enslaved before finding their way to Raleigh.

Stories like Lucy's are the focus of a new exhibit opening at Mordecai Historic Park in June. *Navigating Freedom* will explore the lives of freedpeople as they encountered a new reality with the end of slavery. Freedpeople, formerly enslaved African American men, women, and children, faced both challenges and new opportunities in Raleigh during the Reconstruction era following the Civil War. What changed for them? What remained the same? Be sure to visit *Navigating Freedom* to learn more about this important, yet often misunderstood, topic and time in our history.



Freedwoman Mittie Ann Ruffin at Mordecai Spring, c. 1900, Image courtesy of Capital Area Preservation, Inc.

Red Sox, Green Books, and White Sneakers: Celebrating the COR Museum's 30th Birthday

Ernest Dollar, Museums Director

The celebration surrounding Raleigh's bicentennial in 1992 inspired community members to create a place where the city's history could be preserved and shared. The following year, the Raleigh City Museum opened its doors. After three decades of service, much has changed, but the museum remains dedicated to its original mission.

For its 30th birthday, the museum is celebrating with exciting exhibits and programs. In May, the Friends of the COR Museum will sponsor an exhibit titled, *Pour Me Another*, which celebrates North Carolina's beer, wine, and spirits heritage. Another traveling exhibit, *Oasis Spaces: Green Book Project* arrives in June and explores the guide published for African American travelers during Jim Crow. But the year's biggest exhibit is guaranteed to be a home run. *Diamond Days: The History of Baseball in Raleigh* will open in July and will highlight the city's long love affair with "America's pastime."

Besides new exhibits, the COR Museum has a full slate of fantastic programs. The year began with a bi-monthly lecture series called *Timely Connections* that explores a wide range of historical topics. The biggest party of the year will be celebrating another birthday. August marks the 50th anniversary of Hip Hop, and the museum is hosting a day-long event of fashion, art, and music. The birthday festivities culminate with a 30th anniversary party in September. It will be a great night to look back at the museum's contributions to the community and plan.



Members of St. Paul's A.M.E. Church perform songs that were a part of historic Emancipation Day celebrations.



Juanda Holley recites a poem entitled "The Harbinger" which was a part of the 1878 Emancipation Day ceremony.

Upcoming Events

Third Thursday Community Chess

Every Third Thursday

Thursday, April 20, May 18, June 15

12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Moore Square

Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, all are welcome to participate in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere of chess lovers. Visit RecLink and search "chess" to register.

First Friday Market and Movie

Every First Friday

5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Moore Square

Friday, April 7 *The Lego Movie*

Friday, May 5 *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings*

Friday, June 2 *Mamma Mia*

Raleigh Parks and Pop-up Carolinas are bringing together local vendors, delicious food, and a fantastic movie experience! Browse the market stalls and find unique gifts, artisanal products, and tasty treats to take home. Movie starts at dusk.

Egg Hunt at Mordecai Historic Park

Saturday, April 1

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mordecai Historic Park

Egg hunts will begin at 11 a.m. for age groups 0-4, 5-9, and 10 and up. Crafts, games, and activities will be available before and after egg hunts. This is a free event and registration is not required. This event will take place rain or shine.

Holiday EGGspress

Every day in April

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Pullen Park

Some bunny has hidden eggs around the train track. The only way to spot the eggs is to ride the train! All ages, Cost: \$2 per person/per ride (A ticket is required for each person 12 months and up.)



Friends of COR Museum Appraisal Fair

Saturday, April 15

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

City of Raleigh Museum

Six antiques appraisers from internationally renowned Leland Little Auctions will be onsite to offer their expertise. Participants will enjoy a one-on-one session with the experts, and learn exactly what they have and how much it is worth.

Black History Trolley Tour

Sunday, April 16

1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Mordecai Historic Park

Celebrate Raleigh's Black history on this special tour highlighting the downtown area's Black heritage. Learn more about the historic homes, schools, churches, and businesses important to the capital's Black history. Registration is \$10. Visit RecLink and search 'trolley'.

Annual Heirloom Plant Sale

Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mordecai Historic Park

Get your gardens started for the season! All plants are started from seed by the Mordecai Historic Park gardeners. Plants include tomatoes, peppers, squash, herbs, and more. Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions!

Earth Day at Moore Square

Saturday, April 22

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Moore Square

Learn about the latest environmental initiatives, connect with like-minded individuals, and be inspired to make a difference. Check the Moore Square Calendar for hourly programming details using the link: Raleighnc.gov/Moore-Square.

Beyond The Book Children's Book & Art Festival

Saturday, April 29

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Moore Square

Join us for Chapter 2: Heroes and Villains! Discover author and illustrator workshops, interactive performances, art installations, crafts, vendors, and food. This is a free event and registration is requested. Visit RecLink and search 'beyond'.

Upcoming Events

War Work: Labor During the Civil War Symposium

Saturday, May 6

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

City of Raleigh Museum

Historians Dr. David Zonderman, Dr. Christopher Graham, and Kaitlin O'Connell explore what labor went on off the battlefield. Entrenchments, quartermasters, and African American labor have been often overlooked as the essential factors that made the war work. This event is free.

Jewish History Trolley Tour

Sunday, May 14

1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Mordecai Historic Park

Uncover Raleigh's Jewish heritage and history. We will explore the buildings, sites, and lives of those who built Raleigh's Jewish community. Tickets are \$12 per person and are available at reclink.raleighnc.gov under the Tours section.

Moore Square Market

Sundays, from May 14 – October 22

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Moore Square

The market features vendors selling fresh, seasonal goods as well as original, high-quality crafts. Fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, eggs, dairy, artisanal goods, pastries, and more! All vendors operate within 90 miles of Raleigh.

Letterland

Monday, May 15 - Sunday, May 21

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Pullen Park

Your favorite Letterlanders will be hiding around the park. Visit wcpss.net for a daily schedule of activities. Activities and entrance to the park are free. Ride tickets can be purchased using reclink.raleighnc.gov.

Ever After: Fairytales, Food, and Flowers

Saturday, June 3

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Fletcher Park

Explore different vendors for samples and demos. Purchase plants and produce from local nurseries. Free crafts, Fairytale characters, and a garden-wide scavenger hunt for kids! This event is free. Go to Paper and Stars Studio's Eventbrite page to register for event updates.



Hands-On History: Food and Flower Workshops

Saturday, June 3

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Borden Building at Fletcher Park

Make butter from scratch with different seasonings and herbs. Try your hand at dying fabrics or pressing flowers. Pre-registration available at reclink.raleighnc.gov starting May 1. There will be a limited number of seats available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

LGBTQ+ Trolley Tour

Sunday, June 4

1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Mordecai Historic Park

Join us for Raleigh's 'Pride Ride' celebrating the city's LGBTQ+ history. This ride will highlight historic locations, neighborhoods, businesses, churches, and other points of interest. Tickets are \$12 per person and are available at reclink.raleighnc.gov under the Tours section.

Navigating Freedom Exhibit Opening

Saturday, June 17

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Mordecai Historic Park Visitor Center

Join us for an exhibit opening exploring the lives of Black Americans in Raleigh after emancipation throughout the Reconstruction era up to the turn of the century. This exhibit is free and open to the public.

Hands-On History: Explore Juneteenth's History

Saturday, June 17

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mordecai Historic Park

Learn about the first Juneteenth with a Storywalk of *All Different Now* by Angela Johnson with a walk-and-read story time session every hour and a bracelet craft to commemorate and celebrate Juneteenth. This program is free, and no registration is required.

Historic Resources and Museum Program

In July 2012, Raleigh City Council created the Historic Resources and Museum Program, hereinafter the HRM Program, with the express purpose of protecting and programming identified cultural, museum, and historic resources within the City of Raleigh.

The HRM Program manages operations and programs at:

- Borden Building and Stone Circle at Fletcher Park
- City of Raleigh Museum
- Fred Fletcher Amphitheater at Fletcher Park
- John Chavis Memorial Park Carousel – Conservation
- John P. "Top" Greene Community Center
- Latta University Historic Park
- Moore Square
- Mordecai Historic Park
- Pope House Museum
- Pullen Park Historic Attractions
- Raleigh Trolleys
- Tucker House

Additionally, The HRM Program manages an artifact collection consisting of more than 25,000 fine and decorative material culture objects.

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