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Administrator's Letter

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

This issue marks a continuing milestone in the life of the Historic Resources and Museum Program as the City of Raleigh Museum celebrates their 30th anniversary with exciting exhibits and programs. This month, the Friends of the COR Museum are sponsoring an exhibit titled, *Pour Me Another*, which interprets North Carolina's beer, wine, and spirits history. The traveling exhibit, *Oasis Spaces: Green Book Project* arrived in June exploring the Green Book guides published for African American travelers during Jim Crow. Finally, *Diamond Days: The History of Baseball in Raleigh* will open in October highlighting the city's long love affair with baseball.

Speaking of baseball, this issue of the *Raleigh Register* focuses on "America's favorite pastime" with articles and features highlighting baseball. Please be sure to mark your calendars for all our upcoming events and programs. We are excited to offer these experiences to you. We hope you enjoy reading this issue of the *Raleigh Register* and as always, please stay tuned and stay involved!



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Chair's Letter

"We play it as kids, we watch it and listen to it as adults, and we pass down our love of the Game through generations. Baseball is an American family tradition.

This Game is closely tied to us in a very personal way, but what you may not realize is how much it is also tied to history. Often referred to as America's National Pastime, baseball has had a very active role in the shaping of this nation.

From the Civil War to Civil Rights and all points in between and beyond, the game of baseball supports and reflects many aspects of American life, from culture to economics and technological advances. It inspires movements, instills pride, and even heals cities."

This quote from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum perfectly describes the intersection of history and sports that shaped our country. Founded in 1934, the museum in Cooperstown, New York captures all aspects of the history of our country's love of baseball.

Reflect on Raleigh's connection between the sport and history in this edition of the *Raleigh Register*. Did you know that in 1900 Raleigh got its first professional baseball team, the Raleigh Senators?



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Cover Photo:
Photograph from an album entitled, "Social Activities Sponsored by Raleigh Recreation Department, Raleigh, North Carolina," June 1971

Curator Corner: It's Right Out of the Park!

Kathryn Neuhart, Curator of Exhibits and Design

Ainsley Powell, Curator of Collections

In preparation for the City of Raleigh Museum's exhibit, *Diamond Days: The History of Baseball in Raleigh*, this month's Curator Corner will highlight elements of the exhibit design process and feature baseball-related items from the Collection.

The sights, sounds, and smells of a live baseball game are all incorporated into the design of *Diamond Days: The History of Baseball in Raleigh*. Visitors will begin the exhibit on homebase, and Raleigh's baseball history will unfold as visitors round the bases. Font and color choices have been pulled from baseball cards, programs, and illustrations. Authentic game broadcasts will play from a jukebox and smells synonymous with a live game will waft through the gallery. There are more surprises in store; visit *Diamond Days* later this fall to experience the history of Raleigh baseball!



1913 Raleigh Capitals

This photo is featured in the exhibit *Square Roots: The History of Moore Square*, located in the Moore Square Visitor Center, 26 E. Martin Street. View online at: raleighnc.gov/parks/virtual-museum-exhibits

Top row (l to r): Mahaffey-pitcher; Elmer Myers, pitcher; President J.C. Ellington; George Neild, third base; Charles O'Keefe, left field; Butts, right field.

Middle row: Jerry Belanger, pitcher; Press Cruthers, shortstop; Manager Earle Mack, first base; Harold Mack, left field; McLaughlin, catcher.

Bottom row: Gunderson, pitcher; Zibell, second base; Quincy Adams, center field.

Image Courtesy of State Archives of NC



Digital team photograph of Raleigh's Recreation Department Baseball League, sponsored by Golden Tap, ca. 1940



Patch from Raleigh Little League Baseball, ca. 1952

Bruce E. Lightner Plaque Dedication

Troy Burton, Administrator

On Saturday, April 29th, the City of Raleigh dedicated a plaque to Bruce E. Lightner during a ceremony at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Gardens located on 1215 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

The memorial plaque honors the life and legacy of the esteemed civil rights advocate, Bruce E. Lightner, who made both significant and lasting contributions to the fight for social justice in our Raleigh community. The ceremony brought together community leaders, family, friends, and supporters to celebrate the indelible impact Mr. Lightner made in advancing civil rights, fair housing, and economic empowerment. The ceremony featured remarks from distinguished guests, local community leaders, and family members, as well as Mr. Lightner himself.

The plaque now serves as a permanent tribute to Mr. Lightner's unwavering commitment to social justice, as well as a reminder of the ongoing work towards achieving equality and justice for all.

HRM staff worked with the Lightner family to first craft and then designate the memorial plaque.



Front Row: Frank Lightner (left), Honoree Bruce Lightner (right)
Back Row, (left to right) Jocelyn Daniels, Claire Lightner, Nicholas Lightner, Debra Lightner, Erin Lightner Taylor, Nathan Taylor, Kenny Taylor



Bruce Lightner shares a moment with his sister, Debra Lightner.



Mayor Mary-Ann Baldwin (left), Bruce Lightner (center), Mayor Pro Tem Corey Branch (right)



Bruce Lightner Plaque placed along King Memorial Wall.

Upcoming Events

2023 Summer Concert Series

Select Sundays, July - September

6 p.m. start

Pullen Park and Fred Fletcher Park

Bring your own chair or blanket and join us to support local musicians for an evening of music. Concerts are free and can be canceled for inclement weather. Please check social media for an up-to-date list.

Adult Recess at Fletcher Park

Saturday, July 1 and Saturday, August 19

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Fletcher Park

Join Let's Get Social Raleigh as we spread joy, positivity, and happiness throughout the city while we have a great time, make new friends, and support local, small Black-owned businesses! We know how hard adulting is, so we've made it easy to relieve that stress and make new friends!

Moore Square Market

Sunday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Moore Square

Pick up local produce and treats, meet up with friends, and listen to live music all in one place at Moore Square Market! The market features vendors selling fresh, seasonal goods as well as original, high-quality crafts.

First Friday Market & Movie

Friday, July 7, August 4, and September 1

5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Moore Square

Join us every month for First Friday Markets and Movie Night at Moore Square with food trucks, live entertainment, local market, free games, and a free outdoor movie night.

Soccer Fan Fest – Women's World Cup

Friday, July 21

6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Moore Square

Worldwide soccer fans unite for soccer's biggest event of the year! Join Raleigh Parks and the Downtown Raleigh Alliance (DRA) at Moore Square to experience a soccer celebration like no other. USA vs Vietnam game showing at 9 p.m.

Jazz in the Square

Thursday, August 3, 17, and 31

Thursday, September 14 and 28

6 p.m. start

A free concert series presented by Downtown Raleigh Alliance.

African American Musicians of North Carolina Exhibit Opening

Friday, August 4

6 p.m. start

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African American Musicians of North Carolina celebrates the contributions of individuals and bands to regional and popular culture. These include string bands, blues, gospel, jazz, soul, funk, and hip hop. Also highlighted is the N.C. Arts Council's African American Music Trail through the state's central coastal plain. The exhibit will close on September 28.

Fanny's Room: A New Furnishing Plan for an Original Slave Dwelling

Friday, August 4

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

City of Raleigh Museum

Public historian Vera Cecelski, site manager at Historic Stagville, will present on the research for the site's furnishing plan for the original slave quarters at Horton Grove. Inspired by the household of a matriarch named Fanny, this project traced Fanny's life, family, and community to contextualize her household. Despite the scarcity of sources about enslaved people's furnishings, careful research and comparative sources reveal the likely materials enslaved families used to furnish their home spaces.

Upcoming Events

Lindsey Maymon: No One Bathed and Everyone Died

Saturday, August 5

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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There are so many myths and misconceptions that get shared around social media that center around how/why women wore corsets, if/when they bathed, what life expectancy was, how menstruation was handled, and so on. Join Lindsey Maymon's crash course in myth-busting through the lens of experimental archaeology.

50th Anniversary of Hip Hop Street Festival

Saturday, August 12

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

City of Raleigh Museum and Fayetteville St.

The Friends of the City of Raleigh Museum are sponsoring a huge street festival to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Hip Hop. There will be a classic car show, dance performances, DJ classes, an African American music symposium, graffiti public art, food trucks, vendors, and much more! Admission is free.

50th Anniversary of Hip Hop Sneaker Ball

Saturday, August 12

6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Raleigh Union Station

The Friends of the City of Raleigh Museum are sponsoring a sneaker ball at Raleigh Union Station complete with a red-carpet experience during the first hour. There will be Hip Hop performances and honorees that will be recognized during this ticketed event.

Historic Raleigh Trolley Food Tour

Saturday, August 19

12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

Mordecai Historic Park

The Historic Raleigh Trolley is taking guests on a tasty tour of downtown. The Trolley Food Tour will introduce you to some of Raleigh's oldest and best local restaurants, from barbecue to healthy eats. The tickets are \$15, and tours leaves from Mordecai Historic Park.

Hopscotch

Thursday, September 7 - Saturday, September 9

Hopscotch is back and curating an even bigger and better experience in 2023. Don't miss a jam-packed weekend with Pavement, Denzel Curry, Japanese Breakfast, King Krule, Margo Price, Dinosaur Jr., and many more! 3-day GA and VIP passes are on sale now.

Cultural Experience: Fiesta del Pueblo

Sunday, September 17

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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The Friends of the City of Raleigh Museum, in collaboration with Artist Studio Project, invite you to an afternoon filled with culture, music, art, and friendship. This family-friendly cultural event forms part of the 9th Annual El Quixote Festival.



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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