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This March at the History Center, We're Madly in Pursuit of Hidden History, Florida Landscapes, Women's History, and More!

In March 2024, visitors to the Orange County Regional History Center can step far back in time with fun family activities, learn how the Florida landscape has inspired artists from Audubon to the Florida Highwaymen, and even explore the History Center's own story over eight decades.

It's the month, too, for our Courthouse Cup Golf Tournament and Women's History Breakfast – special events that support the museum's mission while offering good times and inspiration. As usual, the History Center is open free in the evening of the third Thursday of the month.

March also brings a fine chance to see the beautiful, detailed paintings by artist Jim Quinlan (1926-2018) in the History Center's latest pop-up exhibition, *The City Beautiful: Scenes of Downtown Orlando*, featuring well-known vistas from the 1930s through '50s. It's in our lobby through Saturday, March 30.

For many events, registration is recommended due to limited capacity. Here's a brief look at what's happening at the History Center in March. Learn more at TheHistoryCenter.org/Events.

Lunch & Learn: History Happens Here – The Story of the History Center

Friday, March 1, 2024, Noon – 1 p.m.

The Orange County Regional History Center's rich history spans eight decades, from humble roots in 1942 to today's multi-national-award-winning, five-story museum and vast historical collection. We'll deep dive into the history of the place and the people who made it happen. Participate online or in-person.

Cost: Free for History Center Members; General Public \$5. Cost with lunch: \$9 for History Center Members; General Public \$14. (Lunch must be ordered by 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 29.)

More information: TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Lunch-Learn-Story-of-the-History-Center/

History Alive: Ancient Explorers

Saturday, March 2, 2024, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Step back in time on a journey of discovery to unearth the hidden history of Central Florida. This immersive event offers an exciting opportunity for families to engage in hands-on activities that will ignite the curiosity of folks of all ages. Activities at History Alive are included with museum admission. Experiences vary each month and may include crafts, artifact exploration, story time, games, and more!

More information: TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/History-Alive-Ancient-Explorers/

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Courthouse Cup Golf Tournament

Monday, March 11, 2024, starting at 9 a.m.

Our eighth annual four-person golf scramble, the Courthouse Cup, supports the History Center's mission and programs. This year's event, at the Country Club of Orlando, begins at 9 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast, followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m. and lunch and awards after play concludes.

More information: TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Golf/

Hint of History Workshop: Florida's HerStory

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 1 – 4 p.m.

The History Center's monthly Hint of History drop-in sessions allow families to customize their learning experience and participate in activities at their own pace. Our program is geared towards children ages 5 to 11 years old and is ideal for homeschool students and nontraditional classrooms, but all ages and families are welcome. This month, we'll highlight some of Florida's women trailblazers.

More information: TheHistoryCenter.org/Education/Home-School-Days

Women's History Month Breakfast: Daring Women of the Skies

Thursday, March 14, 2024, 8 – 10 a.m.

Our fifth annual Women's History Month event honors the historic impact of women on Florida and the world and highlights the importance of women's often untold stories. Proceeds support the History Center's HERstory: Women in History Internship program. This year's theme celebrates pioneering aviators Bessie Coleman, "Grace the Ace," Ruth Elder, and Betty Skelton. We'll also cheer on pathbreaking aviation adventurer Martha Esch and novice pilot Delia Miller, in training today.

More information: TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Womens-History-Breakfast-Daring-Women-of-the-Skies/

Third Thursday @ The Museum

Thursday, March 24, 2024, 5 – 8 p.m.

The History Center is open late on the third Thursday of each month with three hours of free admission. Third Thursday @ The Museum is part of a wider event at various downtown Orlando venues organized by the Downtown Arts District celebrating arts, culture, and history through art exhibitions, live performances, drink specials, and more.

More information: TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Third-Thursday-The-Museum

The Orange County Regional History Center, housed in a historic courthouse at 65 E. Central Blvd. in downtown Orlando, features four floors of permanent and special exhibitions. The museum is a Smithsonian Institution affiliate and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. It is funded in part by Orange County Government through the Community & Family Services Department under Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings and the Board of County Commissioners. The Historical Society of Central Florida Inc. is supported by United Arts of Central Florida and sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture, and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. For more information, visit TheHistoryCenter.org.

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