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## **This May, celebrate our Asian American community, go behind the scenes in Celebration, and get a kick out of remembering Orlando’s World Cup, and more!**

Visitors to the Orange County Regional History Center in May 2024 can enjoy an inside look at life in Celebration, Florida, and its unique history, celebrate Central Florida’s vibrant Asian American community through traditional dance, and go behind the scenes of Orlando’s World Cup during a Curator Conversation with Joanie Schirm, who helped lead efforts to bring the FIFA World Cup to Orlando 30 years ago. As usual, the History Center is open free in the evening of the third Thursday of the month.

This month, too, our Adventures in History Summer Camp begins on May 28 (continuing through August 2). It’s sure to be a summer filled with fun and learning; some spaces are still available. Here’s a brief look at what’s happening at the History Center in May.

### **Lunch & Learn: Celebrating Celebration: History and Perspectives**

*Friday, May 3, 2024, Noon – 1 p.m.*

Just south of Walt Disney World lies Celebration, Florida, heralded as an idyllic, all-American town straight from Walt Disney’s imagination. But is Celebration legally considered a “town,” and did Walt Disney even know it was being built? Join Griffon Binkowski, a lifelong Celebration resident and History Center educator, in an exploration of Celebration’s unique history, accompanied by firsthand accounts about growing up in “The Town That Disney Built.”

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, May 2.)

More information: [TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Lunch-Learn-Celebration](https://TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Lunch-Learn-Celebration)

### **Honoring Asian American History & Culture**

*Saturday, May 4, 2024, 2 – 4 p.m.*

Celebrate Central Florida’s vibrant Asian American community through performances of traditional dance by Thuyen May Productions and LTR Indian Dance. Introducing the program, Dr. Lanlan Kuang will explore the rich history of performance art in the Asian diaspora. Join us for music, dance, and hands-on activities for guests of all ages. Admission is free, thanks to support from Florida Humanities.

To register: [TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Honoring-Asian-American-Heritage-Culture](https://TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Honoring-Asian-American-Heritage-Culture)

### **Mother’s Day: Free Admission for Caregivers**

*Sunday, May 12, 2024, Noon – 5 p.m.*

Mother’s Day is a time to celebrate all the important women or caregivers in our life. It might be your mom, your grandmother, or anyone who has played an important role. On this special day, we offer free admission to any caregiver accompanied by their loved one (of any age)!

### **Third Thursday @ The Museum**

***Thursday, May 16, 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, and more.

More information: [TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Third-Thursday-The-Museum](https://TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Third-Thursday-The-Museum)

### **Curator Conversations: Orlando’s World Cup**

***Thursday, May 16, 2024, 6 – 7 p.m.***

Join the History Center’s curator of collections, Travis Puterbaugh, for a conversation highlighting our pocket exhibit *FIFA World Cup 1994*, which features one-of-a-kind soccer memorabilia. Talking with Travis, Joanie Schirm will share never-before-heard-stories about overcoming challenges and rallying the community to bring this historic event to Central Florida. As part of Third Thursday, this event is free. Registration is strongly encouraged.

**Details, registration:** [TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Orlandos-World-Cup](https://TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Orlandos-World-Cup)

### **Don’t miss *Highwaymen Kids, FIFA World Cup 1994***

More than 400 young artists participated in our seventh annual competition, taking their inspiration from the paintings of the legendary Florida Highwaymen. See the fine work of those selected for our *Highwaymen Kids* exhibition, on display through May 12. Our latest pocket exhibition, *FIFA World Cup 1994*, commemorates the World Cup games in Orlando that sparked The City Beautiful’s love affair with The Beautiful Game. It’s on display in the History Center lobby through June 9.

### **Adventures in History Summer Camp, May 28-August 2**

Our weekly camps for ages 6-8 and 9-11 are filling up fast. Camps feature a variety of activity-packed themes such as Moon Walkers & Ocean Trekkers and Globetrotting History. History Center members at the family level save 10 percent on camp registration. For details, visit [TheHistoryCenter.org/Education/Summer-Camp-2024](https://TheHistoryCenter.org/Education/Summer-Camp-2024).

**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](https://TheHistoryCenter.org).

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