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Make your own time capsule, uncover untold Orlando stories, and more this August at the History Center

Visitors to the Orange County Regional History Center can transform August into a month brimming with discovery and inspiration. Embark on a journey through time, exploring interactive exhibits, hands-on workshops, and captivating guided museum tours that bring the past to vivid life. Hear little-known stories from Orlando's past, as presented in our *Orlando Collected* exhibition. Preserve your own special stories by making a time capsule using professional archival materials. From children to lifelong learners, our programs and exhibitions promise to spark curiosity and foster a deeper appreciation for the stories that have shaped our world.

Mark your calendars and learn more at TheHistoryCenter.org/Events!

Lunch & Learn: Untold Stories of *Orlando Collected*

Friday, August 1, 2025, Noon – 1 p.m.

Spanning 150 years, our *Orlando Collected* exhibition is packed with 150 items from the City Beautiful's past, ranging from the familiar to the downright peculiar. Join members of our collections team as they discuss the untold stories behind these captivating pieces. Participate online or in-person. Closed captioning is available online.

Cost: Free for History Center Members; General Public \$5. Cost with lunch: \$12 for History Center Members; General Public \$17. (Lunch must be ordered by 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 31.)

Details and to register: TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Stories-of-Orlando-Collected

History Alive: Highlights of the Museum

Saturday, August 2, 2025, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Did you know the Historical Society of Central Florida has been serving our community since 1942? Learn all the ways we preserve history, tell stories from the community, and prepare the next generation of historians through guided tours and family-friendly activities and guided museum tours. Activities include using items from our collection to create your own exhibit, exploring the fascinating ways the museum preserves items to make sure they last for generations, and playing a game to match labels with their correct artifacts.

Guided museum tours: 10:30 a.m., Noon, 1:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Details: TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/History-Alive-Highlights-of-the-Museum-2/

Preserving Your History Series: Making a Time Capsule

Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 1 – 4 p.m.

Create time capsules that will help preserve your precious heirlooms, including photographs, jewelry, fabric, and more. Participants are invited to bring items that can fit within a 12” x 10” x 5” box, and we will help you store them. Each participant will receive a Gaylord Archival Flip-Top International A4 Size Document Case. Additionally, we will have a lightbox available so you can photograph those heirlooms before they are stored.

This program is the second in a special three-part series presented in conjunction with our special *Orlando Collected* exhibition. The series continues next month on September 17, 1 – 4 p.m.

Details and to register: TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Making-a-Time-Capsule

Continuing On Display

Orlando Collected

Through January 11, 2026

Presented to honor Orlando’s 150th anniversary, *Orlando Collected* constitutes one of the History Center’s most ambitious exhibitions to date, designed to reveal the City Beautiful’s past through 150 objects. Working with contributions from local historians, community organizations, and individuals, the museum has thoughtfully collected and preserved complex stories of our community. These memories, photographs, documents, and artifacts weave the intricate tapestry of our city’s past.

Pocket Exhibit: *The 85’ers*

Through October 26, 2025

Before women’s soccer captured the world’s attention, the 17 athletes of the first U.S. Women’s National Team helped lay the foundation for the global success the sport enjoys today. Through striking portraits by acclaimed photographer and filmmaker Randy Bacon, *The 85’ers* captures the authenticity, strength, and tenacity of these groundbreaking athletes. This pocket exhibit also highlights the team’s meaningful connections to Central Florida. While the team’s popularity has grown nationwide, the athletes’ numerous ties to the local community make their achievements even more special for fans in the Orlando area.

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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