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Historian Launches “Lost Attractions of Hampton Roads” Book at Hampton History Museum Event on June 10

Hampton, VA - Take a trip down memory lane with author Nancy E. Sheppard to beloved destinations for fun and families across Virginia's tidewater at the release of her new book “Lost Attractions of Hampton Roads” at the Hampton History Museum on Monday, June 10, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Sheppard’s book brings readers to a Hampton Roads of yesteryear. Cruise the rails of Ocean View Amusement Park's "The Rocket" roller coaster, dig for fossils at Hampton's Rice's Fossil Pit, celebrate the winter season at Portsmouth's Coleman's Nursery and learn the significant role that Buckroe Beach's Bay Shore Beach Park played in American history. From the Great White Fleet to a Wild West park, journey through this vibrant history with author and historian Nancy E. Sheppard and discover whether such cherished places can ever truly be lost.

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“Lost Attractions of Hampton Roads” (The History Press 2019) is available in the Hampton History Museum gift shop for \$21.99. The book will be available to museum members for \$16 for this event.

About the Author

Nancy E. Sheppard is a historian, author and native of Hampton Roads, Virginia. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in history from American Military University. Her first book, “The Airship ROMA Disaster in Hampton Roads” (The History Press, 2016), earned a nomination for the 2017 Virginia Literary Awards. She is the editor-in-chief and photojournalist for the Yorktown Crier-Poquoson Post. Her most recent book is “Hampton Roads Murder & Mayhem” (The History Press, 2018).

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For more information call 757-727-1102 or visit www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

During 2019, Hampton commemorates the 400th anniversary of the first African landing in English North America at Hampton’s Old Point Comfort on Fort Monroe National Monument. In addition to honoring the men and women who arrived in 1619, the city

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will also celebrate the contributions of African Americans have made to our city, state and nation. A commission has planned events across the entire year to recognize and celebrate African American impact, including a three-day long Commemoration event, August 23-25.

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