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**‘On This Day in Hampton History’ Author Talk and Book Signing at  
the Hampton History Museum June 20**

*--Celebrate a Year of Hampton’s Past, One Day at a Time--*

**Hampton, VA** - Authors Wythe Holt and Edward B. Hicks discuss their new book “On this Day in Hampton History,” which celebrates a year of the city’s past with daily entries, as part of the Hampton History Museum’s free “Lunch in Time” series on Wednesday, June 20, Noon- 1 pm.

Hampton is a historical jewel of the Commonwealth. One day at a time, authors Wythe Holt and Edward B. Hicks offer up fascinating stories of the people and events that shaped it. The city’s story begins at the origins of Old Point Comfort as early as 1608, long before the American Revolution. The Emancipation Proclamation was first read to

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the public on the grounds of today’s Hampton University under what would soon be called the Emancipation Oak. NASA’s Langley Research Center helped send astronauts to space and tested such icons as the Apollo lunar lander. Fort Monroe encompasses nearly two centuries of service to the country as the largest moated fort in North America. Join Holt and Hicks and enjoy the rich historical legacy every day of the year.

After their talk, the authors will sign copies of the book, which is available in the Hampton History Museum gift shop at a special discount price of \$17.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a bag lunch. The museum will have free dessert.

### **About the Authors**

Following his graduation from Arkansas State University, Edward B. Hicks worked for more than three decades as a newspaper advertising executive. He is coauthor of *Battle of Big Bethel: Crucial Clash in Early Civil War Virginia* and has edited and provided extensive research for several historical publications. For six years, he was assistant to the curator of the Hampton History Museum.

Wythe Holt received a JD and a PhD in American history from the University of Virginia and taught at the University of Alabama School of Law for 39 years, where he is University Research Professor of Law Emeritus. He completed a legal history of the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794.

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](http://www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org).

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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.

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