

# Museums Connect

Connecting museums and their programming to those in our communities who most need engagement and enrichment at this time of crisis.



## Virtual Programs from Virginia's Museums: The Short List for July

### Live Programs

#### **Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace, Wytheville**

In partnership with the Lifelong Learning Institute of Virginia Tech, the Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum will present a virtual program on July 14 at 10:00 a.m.. The presentation shares Mrs. Wilson's life from her Bolling ancestry to her last visit to Wytheville. Below is a description of the presentation and the link to register for the class:

Your ZOOM presentation will be led by First Lady Mrs. Wilson herself – Edith, portrayed by reenactor Betsy Ely. Betsy will share with you the story of the little girl born and raised in Wytheville, Virginia, who grew up to marry the 28<sup>th</sup> president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson. Frequently cited as one of the most controversial women of the twentieth century, her role as First Lady has been heavily scrutinized, particularly in the aftermath of President Wilson's debilitating stroke in 1919. During the last seventeen months of Wilson's presidency, Edith assumed the "stewardship" of the executive office, acting as the gatekeeper of the west wing and protector of her husband's health and political legacy. As First Lady during the First World War, she became heavily involved in domestic and international affairs, and frequently served as a model of wartime sacrifice. During this time, she served as President Wilson's personal assistant, advisor, and confidante. And, like few First Ladies before her, she became active in political causes which served to support and advance President Wilson's policies.

Learn about Mrs. Wilson's early life in Wytheville, her life as First Lady, and the Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum that shares her journey, *From Wytheville to the White House*.

Registration is easy and there is no charge for the summer session. Below is the registration link:

[VT Lifelong Learning Institute Registration](#)

## Virginia Museum of History and Culture, Richmond



Join the VMHC as members of our education team “mythbust” some fan-favorite historical films! Watch the film in advance, whenever or however works best for you, and then log into an interactive Zoom presentation where we will chat about what’s true, what’s not, and make some interesting connections to our collection. Feel free to fill out the optional worksheet to get a sneak peek of our discussion, or just join us at 7:00 pm ready to learn!

- Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00 pm | [The Patriot](#) with Sam Florer, Virginia History Day Coordinator
- Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00 pm | [TURN: Washington's Spies \(Season 1, Episode 1\)](#) with Hailey Fenner, Manager of Digital Learning
- Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00 pm | [Disney's Pocahontas \(Family Friendly!\)](#) with Hailey Fenner, Manager of Digital Learning
- Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 pm | [The New World](#) with Maggie Creech, Manager of Museum Programs

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We hope that these resources are helpful. We will distribute new engaging activities and resources as they become available, with different topics to keep things interesting! Let us know if you are looking for anything specific to help keep your residents engaged. Email us at [membership@vamuseums.org](mailto:membership@vamuseums.org) anytime.