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South Carolina State Museum Announces April 2014 Calendar of Events, Public Programs and Exhibitions

COLUMBIA, S.C., Wednesday, March 5, 2014— The South Carolina State Museum announces its April 2014 calendar of exhibitions, events and public programs. The following will be held at the State Museum, located at 301 Gervais Street in Columbia. The museum and store are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 – 5 p.m.

Special Events:

Statewide Star Party: April 4-5

Join the South Carolina State Museum and partners from around the state to discover the night sky on April 4 and 5 during the inaugural South Carolina Statewide Star Party. Each partner organization will present a stargazing and telescope viewing session in their area, free and open to the public. Visit scmuseum.org to check for updates on the time and location of the State Museum's free Star Party events that will take place on Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5.

\$1 Sunday: April 6

General admission to the South Carolina State Museum is only \$1 for guests on the first Sunday of every month.

History Day: April 12

Celebrate South Carolina's rich and vast history during the Inaugural History Day at the South Carolina State Museum on Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The day will be pack full of exciting history activities, including military reenactors, C.S.S. Hunley talks given by Hunley expert, Stoney Hilton, and a book reading and signing by the author of the *Sal and Amanda* children's book series, Dr. Mary Anne Solisbee, who will be reading her latest edition to the series, *Sal and Amanda Take Morgan's Victory March to the Battle of Cowpens*. History Day is included with museum general admission or membership. To learn more, visit scmuseum.org.

Clay Rice Silhouette Cutting and Book Signing: April 26

In conjunction with the changing exhibit, "[Mama, Let's Make a Moon](#)," the South Carolina State Museum is hosting a Clay Rice silhouette cutting and book signing event on Saturday, April 26. It is an opportunity to bring the kids out to have their silhouette cut by award winning artist and children's book author, Clay Rice. Space is limited, so please reserve your portrait sitting today. The available time slots are between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The silhouette cuttings are \$42 for two copies of the same person and \$10 for each for additional copy. Please call (803) 898-4967 or email lorraine.glandon@scmuseum.org to reserve your spot.

Nefertiti's Golden Spa: April 27

Back by popular demand, Nefertiti's Golden Spa returns to the South Carolina State Museum on Sunday, April 27 from 2 - 4 p.m. Enjoy a "girl's day out" at the museum and learn about the beauty secrets of ancient Egyptian women, including Nefertiti who was considered the most

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beautiful woman of her time. Guests will have the chance to make luxurious Egyptian concoctions, enjoy mini-treatments and tour the blockbuster exhibition, [Tutankhamun: Return of the King](#). Tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-museum members. Advance ticket purchase recommended by calling (803) 898-4999. Visit scmuseum.org or email publicprograms@scmuseum.org for additional information.

Public Programs:

Camp-ins at the State Museum: April 4-5, 11-12 and 25-26

The South Carolina State Museum is offering an Egyptian-themed Camp-in season full of discovery and wonder. Campers will unearth the mysteries of the ancient civilization of Egypt and enjoy exclusive access to the blockbuster exhibition, [Tutankhamun: Return of the King](#), as well as after-hours exploration of museum galleries. In addition, campers will craft an original Egyptian masterpiece, embark on a scavenger hunt of ancient Egypt, watch a special movie about Egyptian life and much more. The museum will host Camp-ins on the following dates:

- Boy Scouts: April 4-5
- Girl Scouts: April 11-12, April 25-26
- Private group Camp-ins are also available

Groups of 50+ can schedule a private sleepover. Camp-ins are \$25 per camper and there is a minimum of five years of age. For more information, email campin@scmuseum.org, call (803) 898-4999 or visit scmuseum.org.

Museum and a Movie: Every Saturday and Sunday

Movies are offered twice a day on Saturdays (11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.) and once a day on Sundays (1:30 p.m.) to guests during their visits to the South Carolina State Museum. "Museum and a Movie" is included with museum general admission or membership. [Click here](#) for the full schedule.

Museum Highlights Tours: Every Saturday

Every Saturday, docents lead 60-minute tours of the South Carolina State Museum. Museum Highlights Tours will be held every Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tours are included with museum general admission or membership.

For additional information about these exhibitions and events, please call (803) 898-4921 or visit scmuseum.org. General admission to the museum is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for children. Children two and under are admitted free. Become a member of the State Museum to enjoy free admission, store discounts and much more. [Click here](#) for more information about visiting the museum.

Exhibitions:

Tutankhamun: Return of the King: Open through June 1

Held over by popular demand, [Tutankhamun: Return of the King](#) has been extended to **Sunday, June 1** at the South Carolina State Museum. This exciting blockbuster exhibition is a breathtaking display of 124 reproductions of the treasures of "King Tut" that awed the world when they toured decades ago and represents the greatest archaeological discovery in history. Admission to the exhibition is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$11 for children and includes general museum admission. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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Mama, Let's Make a Moon: Open through June 29

The South Carolina State Museum presents, *Mama, Let's Make a Moon*, an exhibition featuring original artwork from award winning artist and children's book author, Clay Rice. The exhibition will feature illustrations from Rice's most recent children's book, [Mama, Let's Make a Moon](#), which artfully weaves its way through the mountains towards core family values such as love of family, making something from nothing and just plain having fun. The exhibition will run through Sunday, June 29, 2014 and is included with museum general admission or membership. Visit scmuseum.org to learn more.

About the South Carolina State Museum: *On Oct. 29, 1988, the South Carolina State Museum opened its doors, bringing to the citizens of the Palmetto State the newest, and one of the finest, state museums in America. The Museum has four large floors devoted to the disciplines of art, history, natural history and science/technology. It houses both long-term exhibits and several changing exhibit galleries. For more information about the museum, visit scmuseum.org or follow @SCStateMuseum on Twitter.*

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