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More Than Just Fall Foliage for Groups in Newport News, Virginia

Newport News, Va. – Fall brings pleasant temperatures, beautiful foliage and an array of events to Newport News, Virginia this year. During September and October, beer and wine tasting, vintage military vehicles, an art and sculpture festival, a traditional craft show and an oyster roast are just a few of the great happenings. Check it out; a new adventure awaits your group in Newport News!

Temperatures in the 60s and 70s, beautiful foliage turning every color imaginable, and events ideally suited for groups – fall is the perfect time to visit Newport News! **Ales for Archeology**, on September 20 at historic Endview Plantation, features fourteen breweries, pit-cooked barbeque, living history programs, archeological displays, various vendors and live entertainment. And, it's all for a good cause; proceeds benefit the Newport News Division of Historic Services' archeology program.

City Center at Oyster Point, an exciting urban village in the heart of Newport News which also offers amazing shopping and dining, hosts two events this fall. If ales aren't on the agenda for your group, consider **Vineyards by the Fountain**, also on September 20, with wine tasting, delicious food, great music and good company. The second group-friendly event at City Center is the **Oyster Point Oyster Roast** on October 24. Seafood is the star of this event, with shrimp, crab and oysters, plus live music, watermen's displays, maritime exhibits and various activities.

On September 27 and 28, the Virginia War Museum will host its **8th Annual Military Vehicle Show**. Groups will enjoy a variety of vintage military vehicles on display including a German half-track, an ambulance, an armored car, jeeps, and military motorcycles. For the collectors out there, vendors of

militaria will sell insignia, books, uniforms and accoutrements. In addition, groups can continue their military history adventure inside the Virginia War Museum.

Another event to consider for your group's tour is the **35th Annual Newport News Fall Festival of Folklife**, October 4 and 5, at Newport News Park. Southeast Virginia's biggest traditional craft show with over 200 vendors includes the sounds, sights and memories that have been carefully passed from generation to generation. The festival also includes craft and trade demonstrations, children's activities, food vendors and continuous entertainment on four stages.

The **4th Annual Port Warwick Art & Sculpture Festival**, on October 11 and 12, is also a "must do" festival for your group's fall schedule. This highly acclaimed event showcases a diverse collection of original works, including ceramics, jewelry, furniture, sculpture and photography from some of the finest award-winning artisans in the country. 120 artists and sculptors from across the nation take over Styron Square for two great days of exhibits and sales, as well as great music, good food and artist demonstrations. You can also tie this event with City Center's **Sidewalk Sale** on October 10 and 11 and give your group the chance to shop, shop, shop!

Finally, the **Endview Ghost Walk** on October 24 and 25 leads groups through an eerie outdoor tour of the very grounds occupied by Union troops during the Civil War. Completed in 1769, Endview Plantation is the perfect setting for lantern-led tours, where daring guests are guided through haunting scenes.

Give your groups a new adventure this fall with a visit to the many festivals and events in Newport News, Virginia. For more information about all our group-friendly events and to request a complimentary copy of our 120-page Group Planner and Resource Guide, contact Todd Swindell, group tour marketing manager with the Newport News Tourism Development Office at (757) 926-1442, toll-free at (888) 493-7386 or by e-mail at tswindell@nngov.com.

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Event Descriptions

Ales for Archeology

Endview Plantation

September 20; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Beer tasting (14 breweries) and sales, pit-cooked barbeque meal with all the fixings, living history, archeological displays, vendors and live entertainment. Proceeds benefit the Division of Historic Services' archeology program. Ticket prices to be determined. Endview Plantation, 362 Yorktown Road, (757) 887-1862, www.endview.org.

Vineyards by the Fountain

City Center at Oyster Point

September 20; 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A fabulous fall event to enjoy fruits of the vineyards, delicious food, great music and good company. Table reservations available. Taster tickets include a souvenir wine glass. Food and beverages for sale. Ticket prices and sale locations to be determined. Fountain Plaza. City Center at Oyster Point, Town Center Drive, (757) 757-282-2800, www.citycenteratoysterpoint.com.

8th Annual Military Vehicle Show

Virginia War Museum

September 27 – 28; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A variety of vintage military vehicles will be on display, including jeeps and military motorcycles. Vendors will sell insignia, books, uniforms, accoutrements and more. Sponsored in conjunction with the Hampton Roads Militaria Society, this event will be fun for the entire family. Free. Virginia War Museum, 9285 Warwick Boulevard, (757) 247-8523, www.warmuseum.org.

35th Annual Newport News Fall Festival of Folklife

Newport News Park

October 4 – 5; Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Southeast Virginia's biggest traditional craft show with over 200 vendors. Enjoy the sounds, sights and memories that have been carefully passed from generation to generation. The festival includes craft and trade demonstrations, children's activities, food vendors and continuous entertainment on four stages. \$5.00 parking fee per vehicle; food and beverages for sale. Newport News Park, 13560 Jefferson Avenue, (757) 926-1400, www.nnparks.com.

4th Annual Port Warwick Art & Sculpture Festival

Port Warwick

October 11 – 12; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Find the best in amazing sculpture and fine art all in a festival-friendly setting. Enjoy great music and food while shopping among 120 award-winning artisans from across the country. Enjoy artist demonstrations, performing arts groups, the Art Education Tent and the Young Collector's Tent, where children under 10 can purchase valued art work from \$5.00 to \$20.00. Food and beverage vendors; items for sale. Free. Port Warwick, Loftis Boulevard at Jefferson Avenue; (757) 875-9351, www.pwartfest.org.

Oyster Point Oyster Roast
City Center at Oyster Point
October 24; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Seafood is the star of this event, with shrimp, crab and oysters! Live music, watermen's displays, maritime exhibits and free children's activities. Food and beverages for sale. Free admission. Fountain Plaza. City Center at Oyster Point, Town Center Drive, (757) 926-1400, www.nnparks.com.

Endview Ghost Walk
Endview Plantation

October 24 – 25; 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

An eerie outdoor candlelight tour of the grounds. Lantern-led tours guide daring guests through haunting scenes. Not recommended for younger children. \$7.00. Endview Plantation, 362 Yorktown Road, (757) 887-1862, www.endview.org.