

Selected Fall Event Descriptions Newport News, Virginia

Stationary Voyages: The Boat in Photograph

The Mariners' Museum

Continuing through March 16, 2008; Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.

This truly unique special exhibition focuses on twenty vessels from the renowned International Small Craft Collection and their contours, craftsmanship and aesthetic qualities as seen by 19 professional photographers from around the country. The merging of these unique vessel's complexities with the observations and creativeness captured by the camera lens create the heart of the *Stationary Voyages* exhibition. Included in regular admission. Adults, \$12.50; AAA members, military, seniors, \$11.50; children (6-17), \$7.25. 100 Museum Drive, (757) 596-2222, www.marinersmuseum.org.

The Reality Show 2

Peninsula Fine Arts Center

September 1 – October 28; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Reality Show 2 will explore the theme of realism and its many points of view as seen by contemporary artists. The exhibition includes *The Big Picture*, a showing of several large scale works by Erik Benson, Audrey Flack and others. An installation by Richmond artist Greg Stewart called *Trace Extender* will have a challenging and commanding presence in the Ferguson Gallery. A solo show of the intriguing collages by Judy Goodkind will occur in the Halsey Gallery. The surrealistic and often irreverent works of Sidney Meers, well know to Hampton Roads audiences through his culinary skills, will grace the Ranhorne Gallery. The precision and eloquence of the simple still life will be on view through the exquisite silkscreen prints of California artist Joe Price. Included in regular admission. Adults, \$5.00; children (4-15), \$3.00; seniors, students and military, \$4.00. 101 Museum Drive, (757) 596-8175, www.pfac-va.org.

Vineyards by the Fountain

City Center at Oyster Point

September 15; Noon to 6 p.m.

Come join the festivities! Take part in several wine tastings – red to white and everything in between, personally selected by one who really knows his grapes. Fabulous, wine-friendly foods will be available for purchase. Marvelous music, live all afternoon will enhance the fun. Look for the big party tent; some seating provided. Bring your own picnic, if you like. No carry-in alcoholic beverages or pets allowed. Ticket prices and sale locations to be announced. Fountain Plaza, Town Center Drive, (757) 757-327-0947, www.citycenteratoysterpoint.com.

An Evening with Mark Twain

Lee Hall Mansion

September 15; 7 p.m.

It is 1900, and America's beloved storyteller is at the height of his literary power and popularity. Join us for an evening with the man who was called "the Lincoln of Literature." \$15.00 per person. Reservations required. 163 Yorktown Road, (757) 888-3371, www.leehall.org.

Ales for Archeology

Endview Plantation

September 22; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Beer tasting and sales, barbeque dinner, history, archeological displays, children's activities and musical entertainment by Special Ed and the Shortbus, as well as Fat Tony. Proceeds benefit the Division of Historic Services' archeology program. \$22.00 for tasting tickets; \$17.00 for non-tasting tickets. Tickets available at Endview Plantation (362 Yorktown Road); Lee Hall Mansion (163 Yorktown Road) and the Virginia War Museum (9285 Warwick Boulevard). 362 Yorktown Road, (757) 887-1862, www.endview.org.

Steel Magnolias

Peninsula Community Theatre

September 28 – October 14; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

Steel Magnolias is a comedy-drama about the bond among a group of Southern women in northwest Louisiana. First produced on off-Broadway in 1987, it was made into a successful 1999 movie starring Sally Field, Shirley MacLaine, Julia Roberts and Dolly Parton. The action centers around Truvy's beauty parlor and some women who regularly gather there. \$15.00. 10251 Warwick Boulevard; Peninsula Community Theatre Box Office, (757) 595-5728, www.peninsulacommunitytheatre.org.

Seventh Annual Military Vehicle Show

Virginia War Museum

September 29 – 30; 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. 9285 Warwick Boulevard, (757) 247-8523, www.warmuseum.org.

34th Annual Newport News Fall Festival of Folklife

Newport News Park

October 6 – 7; Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Southeast Virginia's biggest traditional craft show with over 250 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. 13560 Jefferson Avenue, (757) 926-1400, www.nnparks.com.

Annie

Ferguson Center for the Arts

October 12 – 13; Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Leapin' lizards! The timeless tale of Little Orphan Annie is back, giving a whole new generation the chance to experience this beloved musical about the little girl who never gave up hope. The winner of seven Tony Awards, including "Best Musical," *Annie* features one of Broadway's most memorable scores, including such classics as "It's a Hard- Knock Life," "Easy Street," "Little Girls" and the ever- optimistic "Tomorrow." \$42.00 to \$52.00. One University Place; Ticket Office, (757) 594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe

Lee Hall Mansion

October 13; 7 p.m.

Join us for an evening with the master of mystery and terror as he discusses his life and recites some of his more notable works. \$15.00 per person. Reservations required. 163 Yorktown Road, (757) 888-3371, www.leehall.org.

Third Annual Port Warwick Art & Sculpture Festival

Port Warwick

October 13 – 14; 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 good food while shopping from some of the finest award-winning artisans in the country. Over 100 artists and sculptors from across the nation take over the square for two great days of exhibits and sales. Enjoy artist demonstrations, performing arts groups, and a great educational sculpture walk. And back by popular demand the Young Collector's Tent where children under 10 can learn to be art collectors! Food and beverage vendors; items for sale. Free parking and trolley service available from the City Center at Oyster Point garage (Thimble Shoals at Town Center Drive). Free. Loftis Boulevard at Jefferson Avenue; (757) 369-3032, www.pwartfest.org.

Amy Grant

Ferguson Center for the Arts

October 14; 7 p.m.

If you want to know Amy Grant's life story, all you really have to do is listen to her songs. From the first time she picked up a guitar as a teenager and sang for her school friends, to the albums she's recorded that have racked up multi-platinum awards, Grant has always found a musical way to share her life. And in the process, she's not only become an icon in Christian music, but one of the most celebrated artists in pop music today. \$37.00 to \$52.00. One University Place; Ticket Office, (757) 594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

Peter Frampton

Ferguson Center for the Arts

October 15; 7:30 p.m.

British rock legend and Grammy Award winner Peter Frampton is simply one of the biggest stars in musical history. A 70's icon, Frampton scored his biggest hits with "Baby I Love Your Way," and "Show Me the Way." These songs paved the way for the biggest-selling live album of all time - *Frampton Comes Alive*. In 1976, Frampton was named Rolling Stone Magazine's "Artist of the Year" and received innumerable industry accolades for album and concert sales. Frampton continues to write new music and tour to critical acclaim, having recently won a 2007 Grammy Award for his latest release "Fingerprints." Prices to be announced. One University Place; Ticket Office, (757) 594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

Bruce Hornsby and Ricky Skaggs with Kentucky Thunder

Ferguson Center for the Arts

October 19; 8 p.m.

Virginia cool meets Kentucky Thunder in collaboration between genre-bending pianist Bruce Hornsby and multi-instrumental virtuoso Ricky Skaggs that expands the terrain of bluegrass. In spring 2007, they released the self-titled CD *Ricky Skaggs & Bruce Hornsby* - as fascinating and masterful as the two stars that created it. \$47.00 to \$59.00. One University Place; Ticket Office, (757) 594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

William Shakespeare's The Tempest

Ferguson Center for the Arts Music and Theatre Hall

October 19 – 21 and 26 - 28; Times to be announced

It is widely believed that *The Tempest* is based on the 1609 shipwreck of the *Sea Venture*, commanded by Captain Christopher Newport. The vessel was heading toward the Jamestown Colony with supplies and a new deputy governor, Sir Thomas Gates, when it ran around on the island of Bermuda. This production of *The Tempest* by the Theatre Department at Christopher Newport University will mix theatre students and professionals. Ticket prices to be determined. One University Place; Ticket Office, (757) 594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

5th Annual Virginia Fall Classic

Newport News Park

October 26 – 28; Event times and locations vary, call for more information

The Virginia Fall Classic includes cruise-ins, music, car/truck/motorcycle shows, cool lights and big sounds. Special events and programs for show participants on all weekend, including a "Fun Run" on Sunday. Admission and entry fees vary by event. Friday events will be held at Ferguson Enterprises, 12500 Jefferson Avenue. Sponsored by the City of Newport News and the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council, with proceeds from all events to benefit the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. 13560 Jefferson Avenue, (757) 867-6336, www.vafallclassic.org.

Mark Russell

Ferguson Center for the Arts

November 3; 8 p.m.

Whenever Mark Russell is down in the dumps, he opens the newspaper and immediately cheers up. Practically everything he sees strikes him funny. "Some days," he says, "the jokes jump off the pages and write themselves." He works live - fresh and topical, performing stand-up comedy while accompanying himself on the piano. Often asked if he has writers, he answers... "Oh, yes...I have 535 writers. 100 in the Senate and 435 in the House of Representatives." \$32.00 to \$42.00. One University Place; Ticket Office, (757) 594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

Artful Holidays: Japanese Prints

Peninsula Fine Arts Center

November 3 – January 6, 2008; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Japanese Prints is an introduction to the art of the Japanese woodblock print and will include all the major genres of woodblock prints: those associated with the Kabuki theatre; pictures of beautiful women; pictures of warriors and scenes from myth and history; and landscapes. The broad ranging selection from a private collection will include works by famous and lesser known artists, including Moronobu, the first great woodblock master from the early 1600s, and Masanobu, who invented color woodblock printing. In conjunction with this exhibit, *Chinese Ceramics* will be on display in the Ranhorne Gallery. Ceramics have an extremely long and rich history in China, and their achievements in this field have been a beacon to the rest of the world. This exhibit will survey some of their most important works, covering such achievements as the early stoneware, the great glazes of the Sung potters and the prototypical Qing-bai porcelains and will fascinate and enthrall not just ceramic artists, but everyone with an interest in the fine arts. In addition, during *Artful Holidays*, Jean Peacock will exhibit her encaustic paintings in the Halsey Gallery and *Alternative Wreaths* will be presented in the Ascending Gallery. Included in regular admission. Adults, \$5.00; children (4-15), \$3.00; seniors, students and military, \$4.00. 101 Museum Drive, (757) 596-8175, www.pfac-va.org.

Clint Black

Ferguson Center for the Arts

November 9; 8 p.m.

Spend an unforgettable evening with country music superstar Clint Black. Voted Country Music's "Best Male Vocalist," Black is a seven-time, platinum-selling, Grammy Award winner. He will perform his new releases plus greatest hits including "A Better Man," "No Time to Kill," "Something That We Do," "Killin' Time" and "When I Said I Do." \$37.00 to \$57.00. One University Place; Ticket Office, (757) 594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

Marvin Hamlisch & Joel Grey

Ferguson Center for the Arts

November 17; 8 p.m.

An evening of elegant entertainment is guaranteed as the Ferguson Center welcomes Marvin Hamlisch & Joel Grey. As a composer, Hamlisch has won every major award: three Oscars, four Grammys, four Emmys, one Tony, three Golden Globes, and a Pulitzer Prize for *A Chorus Line*. Grey has been entertaining audiences for over 40 years, hitting the mainstream with his performances in *George M*, as the Master of Ceremonies in *Cabaret*, and most recently, as the Wizard of Oz in *Wicked*. Experience the rare treat of hearing two legends together on one stage. \$42.00 to \$52.00. One University Place; Ticket Office, (757) 594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

Native American Traditions

Virginia Living Museum

November 17 – 18; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.

Celebrate the cultural heritage of Virginia's Native American people. Enjoy storytelling, crafts, music, cultural exhibits, and live animal programs featuring native animals from traditional stories. In the Virginia Garden, discover the many ways that native plants were used by Virginia's original settlers. Kids will enjoy playing games that Indian children once played, and can make a craft to take home. Included in regular admission. Adults, \$13.00; children (3-12), \$10.00. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, (757) 595-1900, www.thevlm.org.

Harvey

Peninsula Community Theatre

November 30 – December 16; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

The classic stage hit tells the story of Elwood P. Dowd who makes friends with a spirit taking the form of a human-sized rabbit named Harvey that only he sees. After his sister tries to commit him to a mental institution, a comedy of errors ensues. Elwood and Harvey become the catalysts for a family mending its wounds and for romance blossoming in unexpected places. \$15.00. 10251 Warwick Boulevard; Peninsula Community Theatre Box Office, (757) 595-5728, www.peninsulacommunitytheatre.org.

NOTE: This calendar was compiled based on information submitted to the Newport News Tourism Development Office. All events are subject to cancellation and date and time changes. Attraction operating hours, as well as admission and event fees, are subject to change without notice. Please contact event planners directly to confirm information. Additional Newport News events can be found online at www.newport-news.org, www.dailypress.com and www.7cities.com.