



THE EAST TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Free Admission at Museum of East Tennessee History for National Museum Day on September 23, 2017

WHAT: Free Museum Admission for
National Museum Day

DATE: Saturday, September 23, 2017
from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE!



(Knoxville, TN) – For the tenth year in a row, the Museum of East Tennessee History will participate in national celebration of *Museum Day Live!* by offering free admission on Saturday, September 23, 2017. *Museum Day Live!* is a program of *Smithsonian* magazine.

The event represents the commitment of the Smithsonian and other museums to make learning and the spread of knowledge accessible to everyone, giving museums across all 50 states the opportunity to emulate the admission policy of the Smithsonian museums in Washington, D.C. Last year's event drew more than 200,000 participants, and this year's event expects to attract more museum goers than ever before.

The *Museum Day Live!* ticket can be downloaded at smithsonian.com/museumday. Visitors who present the *Museum Day Live!* ticket will gain free entrance for two at participating museums on September 23 for this one day only. One ticket is permitted per household, per email address. Children 16 and under are always free.

About the East Tennessee Historical Society and Museum

At the Museum of East Tennessee History, visitors will enjoy a variety of exhibits, including the award-winning *Voices of the Land: The People of East Tennessee* exhibition, featuring three centuries of life in the region, and the *East Tennessee Streetscape* and *Corner Drug Store*. Also on exhibit is *Stories in Stitches: Quilts from the East Tennessee Historical Society's Permanent Collection*, an exhibition featuring more than two dozen quilts with dates ranging from c. 1820 to 2001. Through histories handed down to mysteries that remain, this exhibition provides visitors

the opportunity to learn the "stories in stitches" from the quilts that have been trusted to the East Tennessee Historical Society since 1992.

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society is one of the most active history organizations in the state and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in programming and education. For 183 years the East Tennessee Historical Society has been helping East Tennesseans hold on to our unique heritage—recording the events, collecting the artifacts, and saving the stories that comprise the history we all share.

The historical society pursues its education mission through publications, lectures, conferences, school programs, museum exhibits, and heritage programs such as the popular First Families of Tennessee and Civil War Families of Tennessee. The East Tennessee History Center houses the staff and programs of the East Tennessee Historical Society, the Museum of East Tennessee History, the Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection, Tennessee Archive of Moving Image and Sound, and the Knox County Archives.

The Museum of East Tennessee History is located in the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. For more information on exhibitions, programs, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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