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## **Fall into November at the History Center, as We Explore Florida's Indigenous Heritage, Presidential Visits, and the Fabulous Brownie Wise**

As Florida's autumn gets going in November, History Center guests can warm up for Election Day by time-traveling back to Central Florida visits by U.S. presidents including Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon. Our monthly History Alive event – a great time for families to visit – offers opportunities to learn more about our area's rich Indigenous heritage. As part of our free Third Thursday event, we're rolling out a new fun-filled, adult-focused program called "History After Dark," and this month also brings our newest special exhibition, *Brownie Wise: Tupperware's Poly-T Powerhouse* – which takes us back to the 1950s and '60s and the pathbreaking role of the Central Florida woman who blazed trails for women in business. It opens November 1.

Let that spring in your step from the cooler fall weather bring you right on over to the History Center for another month of fun, and learning, too. Find out more at [TheHistoryCenter.org/Events](https://TheHistoryCenter.org/Events).

### **Lunch & Learn**

#### **Welcome, Mr. President: Presidential Visits to Central Florida in the 20th Century**

*Friday, November 1, 2024, Noon – 1 p.m.*

Whether it was Dwight D. Eisenhower visiting Cape Canaveral, Lyndon Johnson campaigning in Orlando, or Richard Nixon making history at Disney's Contemporary Resort hotel, presidential visits have always been special occasions in Central Florida. This interesting Lunch & Learn program will get you ready for Election Day with a time trip to some of these memorable events.

Cost: Free for History Center Members; General Public \$5. Cost with lunch: \$9 for History Center Members; General Public \$14. (Lunch must be ordered by 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 31.)

**Details and to register:** [TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Lunch-Learn-Presidential-Visits/](https://TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Lunch-Learn-Presidential-Visits/)

### **History Alive**

#### **Indigenous Cultures and Ecosystems**

*Saturday, November 2, 2024, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

Explore the rich tapestry of Central Florida's Indigenous heritage. Learn about the cultures of the region and how people lived in harmony with the land. Enjoy activities for the whole family, and get an up-close look at rarely seen artifacts from our collection.

Guided museum tours: 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**Details:** [TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/History-Alive-Indigenous-Cultures/](https://TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/History-Alive-Indigenous-Cultures/)

### **Third Thursday @ The Museum**

*Thursday, November 21, 2024, 5 – 9 p.m.*

The History Center is open late on the third Thursday of each month with four hours of free admission! It's part of a wider event organized by Orlando's Downtown Arts District celebrating arts, culture, and history at various downtown venues through art exhibitions, live performances, drink specials, and more. Our November Third Thursday also includes our inaugural History After Dark event (see details below)

**Details:** [TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Third-Thursday-the-Museum-Nov/](https://TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Third-Thursday-the-Museum-Nov/)

### **History After Dark**

*Thursday, November 21, 2024, 5 – 7 p.m.*

Experience history like never before at this adult-focused event featuring immersive storytelling, interactive activities, and unforgettable encounters! Explore the museum at your own pace as historical figures roam the halls, ready to share their stories and secrets. Get hands-on with artifacts and crafts, and play a variety of nostalgic games. Watch mock trials in our historic courtroom. Whether you're a history buff or just looking for a special night out, History After Dark offers something for everyone.

At a special Curator Conversations program, our curator of exhibitions, Katie Kelley will discuss our latest special exhibition, *Cover Story: Celebrating Watermark's 30 Years*, with Rick Todd, owner of the Watermark Publishing Group. It's at 6 p.m. Guided museum tours will be offered at 5:30 and 7 p.m.

As part of Third Thursday, admission is free. Beer, wine, and mocktails will be available for purchase.

**Details:** [TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/History-After-Dark/](https://TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/History-After-Dark/)

### **The Historic Holiday Experience**

*Select dates, December 3 – 18, 2024*

Looking ahead to December, ticket sales are now open for The Historic Holiday Experience. This interactive and intimate holiday event will include seasonal activities, caroling, storytelling, and a private visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. During the one-hour experience, guests can enjoy decorating ornaments, making festive-themed crafts, writing letters to Santa, and playing reindeer games, all while munching delicious milk and cookies. Bring your cameras and phones to snap the priceless moments when your children share their heartfelt wishes with Santa. Our festively decorated setting offers the perfect backdrop for heartwarming photos and cherished memories.

**Details and to register:** [TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Historic-Holiday-Experience/](https://TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Historic-Holiday-Experience/)

**The Orange County Regional History Center**, housed in a historic courthouse at 65 E. Central Blvd. in downtown Orlando, features four floors of permanent and special exhibitions. The museum is a Smithsonian Institution affiliate and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. It is funded in part by Orange County Government through the Community & Family Services Department under Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings and the Board of County Commissioners. The Historical Society of Central Florida Inc. is supported by United Arts of Central Florida and sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture, and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. For more information, visit

TheHistoryCenter.org.

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