ROAR

Celebrating O. Henry’s Birth 150 years ago

“It ain’t the roads we take; it’s what’s inside of us that makes us turn out the way we do.”
—Will Porter, best known as O. Henry

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Feedback and Recognition

This superb museum and its energetic staff drew me here from New York, but it is the voices of the people of this city, the ones that I am hearing every day, that will keep me here. Matthew Young, our new Assistant Director, and I have only been in Greensboro eight months, but we already feel at home thanks to the warm welcome you all have given us.

It is an honor to be directing the Greensboro Historical Museum. I expected to find a high caliber museum because of its AAM accreditation and Smithsonian Institution affiliation. However, the exceptional professionalism and dedication of the staff, the stewardship of the amazing collections and historic buildings by the GHM Inc. board and City of Greensboro, as well as the support of the membership, volunteers and community, continue to surprise and delight me. Most importantly, they are the resources we need to have an impact and truly make a difference in our community.

My vision for the museum is to engage and embrace the community in the pursuit of wisdom through connections that challenge. In the spirit of O. Henry, I am mindful that “it ain’t the roads we take” or the direction I am setting for the museum; it is touching and engaging people’s minds and hearts that makes the impact. Help us discover new pathways to engagement. I hope to see you soon at an upcoming event, membership meeting or on a visit to the museum.

Carol Ghiorsi Hart, Director

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On the Cover
(l-r) Stephen Hale as O. Henry, with O. Henry Quartet Ray Stewart, Lee Kirkman, Brian Kilpatrick and Scott Icenhower
Happenings
Dinner with O. Henry

O.Henry Magazine invites you to a gala in celebration of William Sydney Porter’s 150th Birthday, on September 21. You’ll enjoy a gourmet five-course dinner from America’s Gilded Age, elegantly served at the O.Henry Hotel, and take delight in the music and characters from the author’s short stories. This truly unforgettable evening will benefit the museum’s educational programs, thanks to Presenting Sponsor O.Henry Hotel, Sponsors Greensboro Day School, Prudential Yost & Little Realty, Bermuda Village, and Kriegsman Luxury Outerwear, and Dessert Sponsor Ward Black Law. $150 per person. Seating limited; deadline September 14. For reservations, call 336.617.0090.

The President is Here!
On Exhibition August 23, 2012 - January 21, 2013

A new exhibit shares stories from visits to Greensboro by American presidents from George Washington to Barack Obama. These presidential visits, by at least 17 of our nation’s leaders, have become part of our shared public memory, occasions that have been talked and written about during four centuries of Greensboro history.

The President is Here!, timed to open before the Democratic convention in Charlotte and on view through the 2013 inauguration, makes you part of the crowd.

You might imagine yourself at Guilford Battleground as George Washington arrived on horseback or when Gerald Ford helped celebrate the Bicentennial. Maybe you were there when Bill Clinton ate at Robinson’s Restaurant, or when George W. Bush met Jane Lambert at GTCC Aviation Center, and honored her as an exemplary community volunteer?

Whatever your interests, you’ll learn where and when presidents have been in Greensboro, and enjoy seeing presidential memorabilia. If you feel like giving a stump speech of your own, a podium is waiting, through January 21, 2013. Group tours available by calling 373-6831.

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Calendar of Events

AUGUST
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23
THE PRESIDENT IS HERE!
Exhibition Opens
On view through January 21, 2013

SEPTEMBER
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
Offices closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
HAPPY 150TH BIRTHDAY, O. HENRY!
First-Day-of-Issue Ceremony at 12:30 p.m.
USPS National Launch O. Henry Forever Stamp
O. HENRY: HIS SURPRISE ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS
Dr. Elliot Engel
NewBridge Bank Series
For Wait List, Call 373.2982

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT 10:00 AM
GUILD MEETING
DOLLEY’S GOWN GOES TO WASHINGTON
Museum Director Carol Ghiorsi Hart
Guests Welcome

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
O. HENRY MAGAZINE INVITES YOU TO DINNER WITH O. HENRY
Gilded Age 5-Course Gourmet Dinner & Entertainment at the O.Henry Hotel, 6:30 p.m.
Tickets $150 per person; Limited Seating, Call 617.0090

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE MUSEUM DAY LIVE!
Bring family and friends to enjoy exhibits, refreshments and 10% Shop discount
WHAT DO O. HENRY AND A BROWN BAG HAVE IN COMMON?
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
With partners ArtQuest and the Greensboro Public Library
Draw a cartoon and write a very very short story!

In the Shop
Bright white serving pieces, rimmed with captivating illustrations of Greensboro people and places by artist Alex Tomlinson. Made in the USA. Let us help you shop for birthdays, weddings and other special occasions. Now offering specialty baskets as business gifts. Call 336.373.2949 for assistance with mail order service.

SEPTEMBER
5 by O. Henry 26th Season
September 6 - 9, 13 -16
3:00 p.m. on Sept. 8, 9, 15, 16
7:30 p.m. on Sept. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15
Tickets on Sale Now!
$15 General Admission
$12 Members, Seniors and Students
Purchase in the Museum Shop, Triad Stage Box Office at 272.0160 or www.triadstage.org/tickets.
Service charge may apply.

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