Gainesville Museum Month

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GAINESVILLE, FLA. June 9, 2022—The City of Gainesville has declared July 2022 as Museum and Cultural Center Month. The proclamation issued by Mayor Lauren Poe recognizes the vibrant system of world-class museums and cultural centers that the City of Gainesville boasts.

The proclamation states “Gainesville’s world-renowned museums and cultural centers not only strengthen ties within the community, but also bring visitors to Gainesville to strengthen the City’s economy...”

To celebrate Gainesville Museum Month, the Gainesville Museums Group (GNVMuseums) is offering prizes for visitors to the A. Quinn Jones Museum and Cultural Center, Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention, Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center, Florida Museum of Natural History, Harn Museum of Art, Historic Thomas Center, Kika Silva Pla Planetarium and Matheson History Museum.

GNVMuseums is a collaborative partnership established three years ago by the Cade Museum between Gainesville’s museums and cultural centers. Through regular meetings the group brainstorms collaborations, inform each other about upcoming events, seek and share advice, and support each other’s programming and exhibits.

From the Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center fostering appreciation of the African American experience to the Kika Silva Pla Planetarium inspiring us to reach for the stars, Gainesville is filled with a wide variety of experiences that enhance the lives of Gainesville’s residents and visitors.

Beginning July 1, 2022, through July 29, 2022, visitors to GNVMuseums member institutions can enter drawings to win surprise grab bags featuring exciting prizes collected from each institution—the more museums you visit, the more times you can enter the drawing, and the more chance you have of winning! Winners of each weekly raffle will be able to pick up their prizes at the Matheson History Museum.

This is an opportunity for Gainesville residents to visit their favorite institutions and finally make it to the places they’ve wanted to visit. Visitors are encouraged to use the hashtag #GNVMuseums on social media to share their favorite moments from their visits.

Participating Institutions:

A. Quinn Jones Museum and Cultural Center
aqjmuseum.org
Located in the home of influential educator Allen Quinn Jones, exhibits and programs tell the story of Florida's educational history and the Civil Rights Movement.
Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention
ademuseum.org
The Cade is a hands-on, interactive science center that encourages to visitors to think like an inventor through exhibits, experiments, games, and creative challenges.

Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center
cottonclubmuseum.com
The Cotton Club fosters and facilitates an understanding of and appreciation for the African American experience and its resulting African-derived culture, thereby inspiring all humankind to embrace it.

Florida Museum of Natural History
floridamuseum.ufl.edu
Through exhibitions and hands-on programs, the Florida Museum strives to preserve and share Florida's biological diversity and cultural heritage.

Harn Museum of Art
harn.ufl.edu
The Harn uses the power of visual arts to enrich people's lives and open conversations about our shared cultural history and contemporary issues through exhibitions, collections, scholarship, and programming.

Historic Thomas Center
historichomasoncenter.org
Built in 1910, this Mediterranean Revival-style historic home is now the setting for contemporary art exhibits, restored period rooms, and historical exhibits.

Kika Silva Pla Planetarium
sfcollege.edu/planetarium
The Pla Planetarium employs state-of-the-art technology to create an immersive experience, with topics ranging from astronomy to ancient cultures, meteorology, geology, and even music videos.

Matheson History Museum
mathesonmuseum.org
The Matheson preserves and interprets the shared history of Gainesville and Alachua County through exhibitions and programs held at the museum complex's four historic buildings.
About the Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention

The mission of the Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention in Gainesville, Florida, is to transform communities by inspiring and equipping future inventors, entrepreneurs, and visionaries. Named after Mary Cade and her husband, Dr. James Robert Cade, the lead inventor of Gatorade, the project has been spearheaded by their daughter, Phoebe Cade Miles, and her husband, Richard Miles, since 2006. They encourage the development of innovation ecosystems through the Cade Prize for Innovation, the Cade's proprietary Innovation Education learning framework, and the 2018 opening of a 21,000 sq. ft. hands-on learning museum designed to promote the development of an inventive mindset which the Cade calls Inventivity™. The Cade believes every person should have access to the right to invent and innovate inherent in the DNA of the United States and works diligently in outreach efforts to bring this understanding to all, with an emphasis on the underserved. To learn more about the Cade Museum visit cademuseum.org