

MAY — Meet Our Museum!

Go “*behind-the-scenes*” with *American History* every Thursday. Get the details from Museum staff on how the collections are preserved and interpreted and the exhibitions and programs are researched, designed, and produced. The half-hour sessions feature a 15-minute presentation and an opportunity for questions and answers.

Thursdays | Noon–12:30 p.m. | Meet at 2 Center | Invite your colleagues!

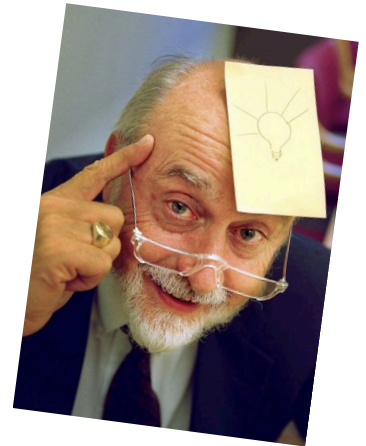
May 7 | Tortillas, Tamales, Lettuce, and Grapes: Mexican Americans’ Role in Food Production

Curator Steve Velasquez talks about Mexican Americans and Mexican nationals whose role helped shape U.S. agriculture and food production for the family, community, and the country.



May 14 | Come Sail Away with the Conservators of *On the Water*

Join conservators Mary Coughlin and Michelle Savant as they discuss conservation treatments required for objects in the upcoming exhibition *On the Water*.



May 21 | Inventors: Personality and Process

Explore the Invention at Play exhibition with Lemelson Center director Art Molella; learn about the inventive development process (and the personalities) of both well-known and lesser-known American inventors.



May 28 | Visualize Chinese Exclusion

Curator Nancy Davis explains how two late 19th-century ceramic objects made by Union Porcelain Works provide a graphic illustration of the exclusionary policies toward the Chinese during this period.



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