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2nd Annual "BrewHaHa" Craft Beer Festival at Virginia Museum of History & Culture Features Local Breweries and a Rare Historic Recipe

Richmond, VA — In recognition of Virginia Craft Beer Month, the Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) will host its second annual "BrewHaHa" craft beer festival on Saturday, August 4, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. An exclusive VIP tasting with Virginia beer historians and brewers will take place 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. and will include a "Battle of the Brews" tasting of six brews inspired by a lemon beer recipe found in the collections of the Virginia Historical Society. VIP tasters will cast their vote for the best modern twist on this fruity classic from the 1850s. Colonial Foodways historian Frank Clark and local beer historian and author Lee Graves will act as official judges of the *Battle of the Brews*.

"We are thrilled to invite guests to sip a little history on our beautiful campus. Food and drink culture is an ever-present and critical part of our state's history. We are excited to bring together some of the best breweries in the commonwealth as we open our doors to the community for a relaxing evening at the museum," said Jamie O. Bosket, President and CEO.

The lemon beer recipe was found within the Edmunds Family papers collection. The recipe is from a cookbook kept by Jane Watkins Edmunds (1790–1870) of Charlotte County, Virginia. The handwritten recipe is thought to be from the mid-1800s. The recipe is signed "Dr Edmunds," a relative of the family. The cookbook contains many different types of handwriting throughout. The recipe may be attributed to "Dr Edmunds" but may not have been written by him into the cookbook. The book includes recipes for food, drink, medicine, dyeing clothes, making ink, and more.

Beers and cider produced by brewers from across the commonwealth will also be on tap at the *BrewHaHa*. Alewerks Brewing Co., Ballast Point Brewing Co., Blue Bee Cider, Blue Mountain Brewery, Buskey Cider, Fair Winds Brewing Co., Smartmouth Brewing Co., South Street Brewery, Stone Brewing, Trapezium Brewing Co., Virginia Beer Co., and Wild Wolf Brewing Co. will participate. Live bluegrass music and games on the museum's lawn will add to the evening.

Purchase *BrewHaHa* tickets before July 20 at the reduced price of \$24 per adult for General Admission and \$36 for VIP. General Admission after July 20 will cost \$30 per adult. Tickets to the VIP discussion and special tasting are limited and will increase to \$40 after July 20. All tickets include free admission to special exhibitions *The Commonwealth and the Great War* and *Inside Looking Out: The Art of Queena Stovall*, a commemorative tasting cup, and access to paid food concessions and live music. Designated drivers and non-tasters 21 years and older may purchase a \$10 ticket to enter the event. Visit VirginiaHistory.org/Beer for tickets and more information.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is owned and operated by the Virginia Historical Society — a private, non-profit organization established in 1831. The historical society is the oldest cultural organization in Virginia, and one of the oldest and most distinguished history organizations in the nation. For use in its state history museum and its renowned research library, the historical society cares for a collection of nearly nine million items representing the ever-evolving story of Virginia.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond's Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the research library. For more information call (804) 358-4901, visit VirginiaHistory.org, or connect with the Virginia Museum of History & Culture on Facebook and Twitter.

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