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First Annual “BrewHaHa” Craft Beer Festival at Virginia Historical Society Featuring Local Breweries and Rare Historic Recipes

Richmond, VA —In recognition of Virginia Craft Beer Month, the Virginia Historical Society (VHS) will host its first-annual “BrewHaHa” craft beer festival on Saturday, August 5, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The event will feature samples inspired by historical recipes (some found in the VHS archives), selections from local breweries, and a VIP exclusive tasting and discussion by Virginia beer historians and brewers from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

“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 local breweries as we open our doors to the community for a relaxing evening at the museum,” said Jamie O. Bosket, President and CEO.

Samples made from historic recipes and other beers produced by local brewers will be on tap. Ardent Craft Ales, Three Notch’d Brewing Company, Trapezium Brewing Co., Center of the Universe Brewing Company, Alewerks Brewing Company, The Virginia Beer Company, Stone Brewing Richmond, and Blue Bee Cider will participate. Live bluegrass music and games on the museum’s lawn will add to the evening, as well as local concessions. Colonial Foodways historian Frank Clark and local beer historian and author Lee Graves will speak at the VIP event, moderated by National Park Service ranger and historian Michael D. Gorman.

Purchase festival tickets in advance for \$18 before July 31. Admission after July 31 will cost \$24 per adult. Tickets to the VIP discussion and special tasting are available for an additional \$16. All tickets include free admission to the special exhibition, *Toys of the ’50s, ’60s and ’70s*, a commemorative tasting cup, and access to paid food concessions and live music. Non-tasters may purchase a \$10 ticket to enter the event, which includes free admission to *Toys*. Admission to the festival is free for children 12 or younger.

Founded in 1831, the Virginia Historical Society is the oldest cultural organization in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and one of the oldest and most distinguished history organizations in the nation. Located in the Museum District of Richmond, Virginia, the VHS houses its collection of nearly 9 million items and serves as the state history museum with permanent and special exhibitions as well as a vibrant portfolio of public programs. The VHS 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 library. For more information about the VHS call (804) 358-4901, visit vahistorical.org, or connect with the VHS on Facebook and Twitter.

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