

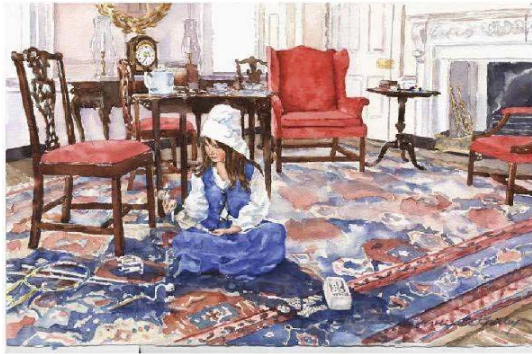
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The Charleston Museum

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New Hands-On Children's Exhibit



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The Charleston Museum is pleased to announce the September opening of *Kidstory*, a hands-on, educational exhibit that will teach children of all ages the rich history of Charleston and the South Carolina Lowcountry. Interactive components and wall-length murals of the Museum's Dill Sanctuary and Heyward- Washington House, as well as other notable Charleston scenes, will captivate children and promises to spark their love of history for many years to come. The *Kidstory* Grand Opening,

featuring games, crafts, re-enactors, live animals, balloon art, face painting, and more, is Saturday, September 16 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Admission is free for members, or \$10 for adults and \$4 for children 3- 12 (under 3 free).

"Introducing local heritage through a combination of real artifacts and specimens, as well as child-scaled interactive exhibits, *Kidstory* will be unique in focus and intent among Charleston's cultural organizations," says Director John Brumgardt. "It will help children enjoy the entire Museum, appreciate the Lowcountry, and regard museums as welcoming institutions of family learning throughout their lives."

Four fictional child guides take young visitors on a fun and educational exploration of the following areas:

- **Natural Discoveries**, where children will become familiar with plants, birds, animals, scientific observations and more.
- **Lighting up the Coast**, featuring a child-size replica of the Morris Island lighthouse where visitors can turn on the light and learn about its history.
- **The Wharf**, emphasizing Charleston's maritime history, trade and immigration, where children can rummage through immigrant trunks and open barrels and crates to discover the goods that once came and went through this busy port city.



- **Lowcountry Stories**, featuring an interactive video unit with local storytellers recounting Gullah tales, ghost stories and other Lowcountry lore that highlight the importance of oral tradition to our community history.
- **Heyward-Washington House**, where children step through the door to experience the life of a colonial child through tea time, reproduction clothing, and colonial toys and games.
- **Day in the Life**, featuring rotating mini-exhibits on the daily lives of Lowcountry children from historic Native Americans to youngsters of the present day.

[For details on the exhibit areas, click here...](#)

Award-winning, local artist Caroline Street Trickey has created original watercolor renderings of the child guides and four story book panel illustrations featuring the children. Trickey used local children on location as models for her work. The exhibit is being constructed and installed by Technical Theatrical Solutions, LLC. Technical Theatrical Solutions is well-known for their work for clients including Spoleto Festival USA and the Disney Cruise Line. Their local staff has worked on many Broadway shows, national tours and films.



About The Charleston Museum

The Charleston Museum, founded in 1773, is America's first museum. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Holding the most extensive collection of South Carolina cultural and scientific collections in the nation, it also owns two National Historic Landmark houses, the Heyward-Washington House (1772) and the Joseph Manigault House (1803), as well as the Dill Sanctuary, a 580-acre wildlife preserve. Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. Museum admission is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children.

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