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The Lemurs Need Your Vote

There are 223,284 members of the human species living in Durham, but few know about the 23 different species of lemurs that also call Durham home. The [Duke Lemur Center](#), (DLC) formerly the Duke University Primate Center, is a facility dedicated to the study and care of prosimian primates, especially lemurs, which are endemic only to Madagascar.

The Duke Lemur Center has applied to the Pepsi Refresh Project for \$50,000 to help share these animals with the community.

The money would go toward creating an improved public tour path, building four additional state-of-the-art outdoor animal habitats, and making other improvements to prevent the extinction of more than 70 species of lemurs.

In order to win this money, the Lemur Center needs to collect enough votes to be in the top 10 of their category.

To place a vote, visit <http://www.refresheverything.com/thepathtosavinglemurs>. DLC is currently in 21st place, so please follow the link and vote. Participants can vote for up to 10 ideas **each day**.

Click here to [continue reading](#) about the Duke Lemur Center.



Wayfinders Lead the Way

Durham has 14 [Signature Events](#), highly recognized celebrations – nationally or regionally – that have significant out-of-state and in-state visitor appeal. It also has eight [Celebrated Annual Events](#), the best-loved, unique annual festivals that rarely exist in other destinations; and more than 25 [Noteworthy Annual Events](#), mainstream or emerging events that are well-attended and have day-trip visitor appeal.

The success of these events is due in part to thousands of volunteer hours provided to festivals by area residents.

Many people offer volunteer services directly through their favorite non profits, but there is another way to become involved in multiple festivals without needing to do a lot of research.



[DCVB](#) administers the [Durham Wayfinders](#) program, a volunteer scheduling service available to all Durham cultural facilities, events and festivals, as well as hospitality desks at conventions and meetings. Currently there are more than 800 registered Durham Wayfinders!

Interested volunteers can enlist at www.DurhamWayfinders.com. Once enlisted, volunteers go through an orientation, and then are enrolled to receive [special website alerts](#) with details of upcoming volunteer opportunities. Wayfinders then schedule themselves for the days and shifts that are convenient using the website to keep track of upcoming opportunities.

Here are a few of the upcoming events that are currently scheduling volunteers through Durham Wayfinders:

[Equinoxalizer - Race to Benefit Haiti](#), March 20

[1st Annual Bull City Multi-Cultural Festival](#), April 3

[Durham Art Walk](#), April 17 & 18

[Earth Day Festival](#), April 24

[Bimbe Festival](#), May 22





Durham Hosts NCAA First and Second Rounds

Both Duke's [men's](#) and [women's](#) basketball teams have done well this ACC season. Each shared a portion of the regular season title, went on to win their respective ACC tournaments, and each are continuing their run into the NCAA tournament, with the men's team the top seed in the South.

Although selection for the women's NCAA tournament is not until tonight (7pm on ESPN) Durham is guaranteed a piece of the action as it hosts games in both the first and second round of the women's tournament. Duke is one of only 16 host sites for the 2010 NCAA Tournament and will host games on Saturday, March 20, at 12:00 and 2:30pm. The second round contest will take place at 7:00 pm, Monday, March 22.

Ticket prices for both sessions are \$32 for reserved, \$22 for youth/senior reserved, \$27 for general admission and \$17 for youth/senior general admission.

For single game session, tickets are \$16 for reserved seats, \$11 for youth/senior reserved, \$14 for general admission and \$9 for youth/senior general admission seats. Tickets are available through www.goduke.com.

Known as Coach P around the college basketball world, Duke women's coach [Joanne P. McCallie](#) became the first Division I coach in NCAA history to win a conference championship in four different leagues -- North Atlantic, America East, Big Ten, and the ACC.



Be sure to follow both teams as they represent the great sports happening in Durham.



Feature in Full - Art Museums

*This is an installment in the Durham News Service series **Feature in Full**, a periodic highlight of one of the many fun, interesting, and educational features in Durham.*

Durham is a great place to view art. From the prestigious [Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University](#) to the [quiet gem on NCCU's campus](#), and from a unique [photography museum](#) in a park-like setting to a [cultural landmark](#) with multiple galleries, there is a lot of variety to

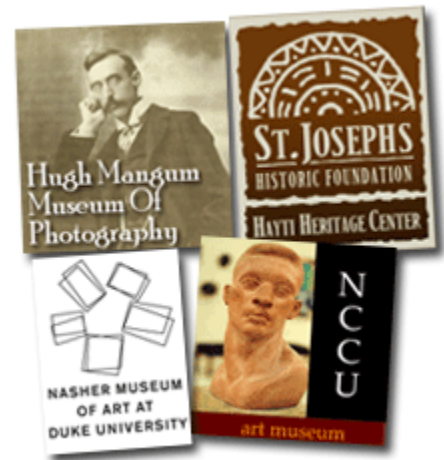
explore.

This article features descriptions of these four Durham-based art museums; however, work is underway with the visitor bureaus in Raleigh, Chapel Hill, and Durham to start cooperatively promoting all of the art museums throughout the Triangle. This will include the Ackland Museum in Chapel Hill as well as the Museum of Art in Raleigh, scheduled to reopen with a Grand Opening Festival April 24-25, after an \$86 million renovation and expansion.

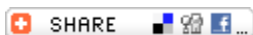
[Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University](#)


The Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University is a major center for the arts with a focus on modern and contemporary art. Presenting exhibitions that travel to major venues around the country, Nasher was one of only two locations in North America to host the national tour of “El Greco to Velazquez: Art during the Reign of Philip III.” Both Vogue and Time magazine selected shows as top cultural highlights of 2008.

The museum fosters the understanding and appreciation of the visual arts by providing direct experiences with original works of art supported by a range of exhibitions, programs, and publications.



Click here to [continue reading](#) about art museums in Durham.



HiFiber Durham *Join the crowd!* Come to the DBAP Thursday around 11 am alongside hundreds of others to spell out "Durham wants Google!" Please wear a primary color or black if you can. 

Tons and Tons of Food

Just how much is 254.6 tons of food? It is a world record that the [North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics](#) hopes to break this Saturday, March 20, by collecting the greatest number of edible items at one location within 24 hours. The collection is for a worthy cause - supporting the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.

There are several ways to become involved in the pursuit of what will hopefully be one more accolade for Durham. And this one is right in line with Durham's brand of being a caring, activist community.

A "[virtual food drive](#)" website has been created to gather funds that will in turn buy food that will officially be collected at the Science and Math campus March 20. Because the Food Bank is able to buy in bulk, each dollar can purchase the equivalent of four meals. Participants may also bring nonperishable food to the school on March 20.



For more information, check out these four websites and resources, [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [NCSSM Website](#), and the [Virtual Food Drive Website](#).



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