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Share Your History Days at Vulcan® Park and Museum

First Wednesday of each month - Beginning Wednesday, June 5

Birmingham, AL - Vulcan Park and Museum (VPM) presents *Share Your History Days*. On the first Wednesday of each month (beginning Wednesday, June 5) from 8am to 5pm, VPM's Director of Education and Museum Specialist invite members of the community to contribute historical items, photos or oral histories concerning Vulcan and/or the Birmingham region to be considered for future educational programs, exhibits and research. Items will be considered for accession or loan. Help us preserve the stories of Birmingham's unique past!

If you hold an interesting item you would like us to consider for the exhibition, please contact:

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or bring your items by during Share Your History Days and we will review them for possible display.



UPCOMING EXHIBITION

Vulcan Keepsakes: Iron Man Memorabilia from the Birmingham Community

On View October 7, 2013 through August 17, 2014

Since his display at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, Vulcan has inspired an untold numbers of souvenirs. There have been Vulcan watch fobs, statuettes, paperweights, postcards and posters. Some items are inexplicable; recently a Midwesterner contacted Vulcan Park and Museum about a zinc donkey figurine whose saddle is imprinted with the statue's image.

Vulcan-inspired keepsakes tell another story, of a nation's love affair with the iron giant on Red Mountain. Vulcan tchotchkes are scattered across the country for at least a couple of reasons. First and foremost, people love Vulcan, for his classical grandeur, the technical mastery of sculptor Giuseppe Moretti, and maybe because, in an age of mass production, Vulcan is utterly unique.

2014 marks 110 years since Birmingham's colossal icon was cast from local iron to become the world's largest cast-iron statue. To celebrate his amazing journey and history, Vulcan Park and Museum will present ***Vulcan Keepsakes: Iron Man Memorabilia from the Birmingham Community***. The exhibition, running October 7, 2013 through August 17, 2014, will feature Vulcan souvenirs loaned to us by the local community as well as oral histories from citizens with unique stories to share. Vulcan's 110-year history resides within quirky, curious keepsakes and the local people who witnessed significant moments from his past. Vulcan Park and Museum is asking anyone who holds interesting art, artifacts or stories concerning Vulcan and/or the Birmingham region to share these to be considered for the exhibition.

For more information about the upcoming exhibition, log on to www.visitvulcan.com or call 205.933.1409.

About Vulcan® Park and Museum

Vulcan Park and Museum is one of Birmingham's most popular attractions with state-of-the-art facilities that provide visitors from all over the world with insightful history lessons about our region. The centerpiece of this historic complex is Vulcan, the largest cast iron statue in the world. The museum shares with all visitors the city's history, its influential residents and the events that not only shaped our city, but an entire nation. The park also features meeting and event space indoors and out for public events or private functions, and a gift shop with Birmingham and Vulcan memorabilia perfectly suited to welcome new residents, visitors to the region, or to have in a home or office.

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