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Enjoy a Haunted Evening at Henricus Historical Park

Event Includes Thomas Dale High School Dramatic Presentation of "Dark of the Moon"

CHESTER, Va., October 5, 2010 – Henricus Historical Park, site of the second permanent English settlement in the "New World," will present "Haunted Henricus: Things That Go Bump in the Night" on October 22 and 23. Visitors to the park will experience an evening of spellbinding accounts and legendary tales as period-dressed interpreters revive old English and American Indian folklore and legends. Join colonists and Virginia Indians by the fireside of 1611-1622 Virginia as they recount eerie and strange tales of their homeland.

Activities planned for "Haunted Henricus" will capture the essence of what it felt like to be a colonist in a dark, mysterious and wooded landscape, exposed to uncertain perils. Visitors will understand the connection of the harvest season to many European superstitions and listen to tales of "Things That Go Bump in the Night." Prior to the guided site tours, visitors may enjoy a presentation of "Dark of the Moon" by the Thomas Dale High School Drama Department.

The fee for the play is \$3 per person with all proceeds benefitting the school. Performances will run from 5:00-6:45 p.m. Admission to "Haunted Henricus" is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children aged 5-12 with tours lasting approximately one hour between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Registration for "Haunted Henricus" is required by October 20 by calling (804) 748-1613. Tours not appropriate for children under 5. Apple cider, coffee and cookies will be served.

"There is no better time to bring your family to Henricus Historical Park than during the year of our 400th commemoration," said Charles Lewis Grant, acting executive director. "Events such as 'Haunted Henricus' and many others offered by our experienced staff make learning about history fun."

Bring your favorite blanket, warm up by the fire and enjoy an evening of old fashioned family fun. Henricus Historical Park is located on 32 acres along the scenic and historic James River and is surrounded by the 810-acre Dutch Gap Conservation Area. w

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More about Henricus Historical Park:

Founded in 1611 by Sir Thomas Dale, the City of Henricus is the second successful English settlement in North America and began its year-long 400th commemoration in September 2010. Henricus Historical Park is a living history museum located within the Dutch Gap Conservation Area with Pre-K-12 and adult education programs, including indoor and outdoor meeting and special event space available for rental. Henricus is a non-profit organization which operates in

partnership with the Henricus Foundation and counties of Chesterfield and Henrico. For more information about Henricus Historical Park visit www.henricus.org