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400th Commemoration Continues at Henricus Historical Park with Henricus Colledge Event on March 26-27

Henricus to Conduct Drawing for Free Park Admission for One Year for Facebook Fans

CHESTER, Va., February 23, 2011 – Henricus Historical Park continues its 400th commemoration with the third major event in a series called “The Year of Henricus” with “Henricus Colledge – First University Chartered in North America” on March 26 and 27. In 1619, the Virginia Company of London chartered a university designed to offer higher learning to both colonists and American Indians. After the Indian offensive of 1622, development was postponed until 1693 when the College of William and Mary became the first permanent university in Virginia. This event explores Henricus Colledge through family-friendly historical interpretations and demonstrations, including lectures from experts on the university.

Activities will highlight how colonists and American Indians applied educational systems within their cultures. American Indian activities will feature how the Powhatan people learned to cook, sew clothes, craft tools, make and use weapons and construct dwellings. English activities include militia, religious and cultural instruction, trade apprenticeships and house management including cooking and gardening. On Saturday, lantern tours recounting the Indian offensive of 1622 will begin at 7 p.m. and pre-registration is required. Both days, prominent lecturers will discuss the political and religious questions of the day, including the Indian offensive of 1622.

Here is the lecture schedule for the weekend:

Saturday

- 1 p.m. - Robert C. Galgano, Ph.D., Instructor, Department of History, University of Richmond: "Trust is the Mother of Deceit: 1622"
- 2 p.m. - Stuart Peachey, Director of Historical Management Associates Ltd.: "The Farming English People of 1622 Virginia"
- 3 p.m. - Margaret E. Carlini, Education Supervisor at Henricus Historical Park: "Legacy of Early Virginia Education – 1622 to Today"

Sunday

- 12 p.m. - John Daniel Pagano, Historical Interpretation Supervisor at Henricus Historical Park: "A School for the Infidels: The Creation and Destruction of Virginia's First College"
- 1 p.m. - Warren M. Billings, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of History, Emeritus and Visiting Professor of Law, William and Mary Law School: "After Henrico University: The Creation of William and Mary"
- 2 p.m. - Stuart Peachey, Director of Historical Management Associates Ltd.: "The Farming English People of 1622 Virginia"

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In an effort to expand its social networking presence, Henricus Historical Park will conduct a drawing for five complimentary “400th Commemoration All-Access Passes” for Facebook fans if the Henricus page reaches 500 followers by March 26. Passes include free admission to the Park for two adults for one year, advance notice of special events and programs and 20% off in the visitor’s center gift shop. Please help the Park spread the word by inviting friends and family to follow Henricus on Facebook [here](#).

“The Year of Henricus” began with Publick Days 2010 and will continue to lead up to the site’s 400th anniversary which will be commemorated in September 2011. Events will culminate with the arrival of 17th-century ship replica, *Godspeed from Jamestown Settlement*, at Publick Days this September. For more information about all events during “The Year of Henricus”, visit www.henricus.org or call (804) 748-1613. Reporters and photographers are encouraged to schedule tours in advance and attend all events.

Admission for Henricus Colledge, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, is free for gift club patrons, \$8 for adults and \$6 for children aged 3-12. Pre-registration is required by March 19 for the lantern tours, which will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 26, by calling (804) 748-1613. 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. Only 20 minutes from Richmond, the park is located at 251 Henricus Park Road, Chester, Virginia 23836.

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More about Henricus Historical Park:

Founded in 1611 by Sir Thomas Dale, the Citie of Henricus is the second successful English settlement in North America and will commemorate its 400th anniversary in September 2011. 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 and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)