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Join Henricus Historical Park for “Pocahontas, Rocke Hall and the Powhatan People” on November 5

CHESTER, Va., October 20, 2011 – Henricus Historical Park will present “Pocahontas, Rocke Hall and the Powhatan People” on Saturday, November 5. This event will feature the newly re-constructed Rocke Hall, home to Rev. Alexander Whitaker who tutored Pocahontas at Henricus. Founded by Sir Thomas Dale, Henricus is the second successful English settlement in North America and commemorated its 400th anniversary in September. The life of Pocahontas at Henricus will be examined at this event along with the significant impact neighboring Virginia Indians had on the English colonists.

Pocahontas lived for several years at the Citie of Henricus. In 1613, she was captured by the English and brought to Jamestown. Fearful of a reprisal, Pocahontas was moved to Henricus where she converted to Christianity and took the name Rebecca. The next year, Pocahontas was courted by and married John Rolfe which settled early conflicts between the English and Powhatan Indians.

Event tours will highlight the Rocke Hall home of Rev. Alexander Whitaker featuring a re-created bedroom for Pocahontas. Visitors to the English settlement will interact with Sir Thomas Dale, John Rolfe and Rev. Alexander Whitaker. American Indian activities will include historical re-creations of daily Virginia Indian life including rituals of the harvest season. Educators will be at the Arrohateck site to lead Virginia Indian activities for children, such as making fish traps and weirs.

“People have been fascinated by the life of Pocahontas for many years. Our event allows visitors to experience her Powhatan Indian and English life in colonial Virginia,” said Charles Lewis Grant, acting executive director. “Our mission is to educate visitors about the important events that took place at Henricus and the life of Pocahontas is one of the most significant.”

Admission for “Pocahontas, Rocke Hall and the Powhatan People,” which takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., is free for gift club patrons, \$8 for adults and \$6 for children aged 3-12. Event rain date is November 6. 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 commemorated 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 Historical Park is a non-profit 501(c)(3) 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](#).