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400th Commemoration Continues at Henricus Historical Park with Pocahontas and the Powhatan People on November 6-7

CHESTER, Va., October 13, 2010 – Henricus Historical Park continues its 400th commemoration with the second major event in a series called “The Year of Henricus” with Pocahontas and the Powhatan People on November 6 and 7. Pocahontas lived and met John Rolfe at the Citie of Henricus, the second permanent English settlement in North America. Leaders of Henricus developed the first English hospital, chartered the first college in North America and established tobacco as the first cash crop in Virginia. This event examines the significant impact neighboring Virginia Indians had on the English colonists and explores the life of Pocahontas at Henricus.

Set among a recreated Arrohateck Indian village and English settlement, visitors to Henricus Historical Park are encouraged to step back in time and experience life in 1611 Colonial Virginia demonstrated by period-dressed interpreters. American Indian activities will include historical recreations of daily Virginia Indian life and scheduled ceremonial dance and music demonstrations. Visitors to the English settlement can meet John Rolfe and other colonists as they discuss the upcoming marriage of Pocahontas to John Rolfe.

“With a newly expanded Virginia Indian site featuring furnished ‘Yehakins’ or Indian longhouses, Henricus is uniquely positioned to share the life of Pocahontas,” said Charles Lewis Grant, acting executive director. “We encourage people to experience living history and learn about the significant milestones which took place at Henricus and shaped the development of our nation.”

“The Year of Henricus” began at Publick Days 2010 and will continue to lead up to the site’s 400th anniversary which will be commemorated in September of next year. Events will culminate with the arrival of 17th-century ship replica, Godspeed from Jamestown Settlement, at Publick Days 2011. 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 Pocahontas and the Powhatan People, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, is free for members, \$8 for adults and \$6 for children aged 3-12. 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 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