

Jamestown Rediscovery

HISTORIC JAMESTOWNE

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Jamestown Rediscovery Commemorates Native American Heritage Month at Historic Jamestowne with Special Programming and Walking Tours



(Left: Daniel “Firehawk” Abbot. Right: Visitors enjoy The World of Pocahontas exhibit in the Archaearium Museum.)

JAMESTOWN, Va. (November 8, 2021)- On Saturday, November 13, Jamestown Rediscovery will commemorate Native American Heritage Month at Historic Jamestowne with a variety of programs, interactive activities, and specialized walking tours. “The Powhatan & the English Walking Tour” tour will be offered at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m and will focus on the interactions, trade, and clash between English Colonists and the Powhatan Paramount Chiefdom based on archaeological evidence.

Additional special offerings for November 13 include:

9:30am–5:00pm: “The World of Pocahontas, Unearthed” Exhibit

This Archaearium exhibit draws from thousands of archaeological artifacts found at James Fort that have illuminated the lifeways of the Chesapeake’s Indian peoples. Indian-made clay pipes, pots, shell beads, projectile points, and bone and stone tools have been found—making James Fort one of the richest sites of contact-period Virginia Indian artifacts in the Chesapeake region.

10:00am–4:00pm: Native Lifeways of the Chesapeake

The local Native peoples were frequent visitors to James Fort during the first several years of settlement. Join Daniel ‘Firehawk’ Abbott of the Nanticoke people from Maryland’s Eastern Shore to learn about the material culture and lifeways of the Tidewater Algonquians as well as their interactions with the settlers at Jamestown.

10:00am–4:00pm: “A tractable trade”

Meet Anas Todkill, one of the settlers that explored the Chesapeake Bay with Captain John Smith. Learn how the English traded with the Virginia Indians for food and information.

10:00am–4:00pm: Forged in History

Blacksmithing was one of the earliest trades to be practiced at Jamestown. Join blacksmith Shel Browder for demonstrations and a discussion of metalworking practices at the site of the original James Fort forge.

10am–4pm: “pales, posts and railes...”

Building a fort proved a necessity for the colonists within a month of their 1607 arrival. Carpenter Danny Whitten will demonstrate the tools and methods used by the first colonists to build everything from the fort walls to buildings.

11am–12pm & 2pm –3pm: The Powhatan & the English Walking Tour

Join Mark Summers, Public Historian, for a program discussing the interactions, trade, and clash between English Colonists and the Powhatan Paramount Chiefdom based on archaeological evidence. Tour begins at the Tercentennial Monument.

12pm–1pm & 3:15pm- 4:15pm: “Hope of a plentiful harvest”

Meet George Thorpe, Gentleman and “Superintendent” of a new school for the education of the original inhabitants of Virginia. Having arrived in 1620, he will discuss the colony’s most recent events as well as his optimism and perspectives for a path to prosperity in this New World.

This event is sponsored by, “The Two Friends of History Fund for Indian Initiatives and Educational Programs,” a special fund for onsite and online educational programs to share the narrative of First Peoples.

Historic Jamestowne (HJ) preserves the original site of the first permanent English settlement in America and is jointly administered by Jamestown Rediscovery and the National Park Service. Entrance tickets are available at the HJ Visitor Center from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and the grounds remain open until dusk. General admission is \$25.00 per adult (which includes both Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Battlefield for seven consecutive days). Children 15 & under are free. National Park Passes and Preservation Virginia Memberships are accepted; however a \$10 per person fee may apply. Entrance tickets and passes include admission to the archaeological site, the Memorial Church, the Voorhees Archaearium Archaeological Museum, as well as scheduled daily walking tours and public programs. For opening hours of the Dale House Café and information about special events, please visit www.historicjamestowne.org or call (757) 856-1250.