



AMERICA'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY

The Journey That Changed the World

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Virginia 2007 Community Program Reaches Milestone

Four-Year Anniversary Boasts Communities in Four States, Two Countries

A complete listing of Virginia 2007 Communities is at the end of the release. For additional information on community events and legacy projects please visit www.Americas400thAnniversary.com.

Williamsburg, Va.—June 11 marks the fourth anniversary of the Virginia 2007 Community Program, an ambitious project that began in 2003 with 20 Virginia communities and has grown to more than 180 communities today.

The community program now has representation from nearly every county in the Commonwealth. Thousands of Virginians are participating at the grassroots level to bring attention to their communities at the same time international attention is focusing on the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, Va., America's first permanent English settlement. Nearly 1,000 projects and hundreds of million of dollars invested throughout Virginia, parts of England and communities in Georgia, Florida and Colorado are showcasing local history, attractions and programs in conjunction with America's 400th Anniversary.

The extensive international attention received by America's 400th Anniversary has created a platform for localities to tell the story of their community and undergo civic improvements to encourage local visitation well beyond the 2007 commemoration. Two dozen communities joined Jamestown Settlement's *Godspeed* on an 80-day goodwill tour to six East Coast cities last spring, taking their story on the road to audiences from Washington D.C. to Boston. Others participated in the recent Anniversary Weekend, which provided an opportunity to showcase their community to tens of thousands of visitors over the three-day weekend.

“When we began this program, we expected to have 50 participating communities. As word of the program spread, communities embraced it in ways that we never anticipated,” said Amy Ritchie, Manager of Statewide Programs for Jamestown 2007. “From garden clubs to church festivals, school projects to complete downtown revitalizations, communities throughout Virginia are finding special ways to highlight their own unique histories. Many are completing special legacy projects, involving a wide variety of citizens and groups.”

Community projects range from planting red-, white- and blue-themed “America’s Anniversary Gardens” in backyards and municipal buildings to major community-wide renovation efforts designed to boost tourism and economic development in the region. Museum renovations, local festivals, hiking trails and other projects unique to individual groups are reinforcing a sense of ownership during the 18-month commemoration.

Jamestown 2007, a sub-agency of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, is coordinating efforts to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, Va., the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. The nation’s first representative government, free enterprise system and culturally diverse society began at Jamestown. State, national, and international commemorative events to salute these legacies began in May 2006 and continue into 2008. Major corporate sponsors of America’s 400th Anniversary include Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC), Verizon (NYSE: VZ) and The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Other supporters include Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. (NYSE: BUD), AirTran Airways (NYSE: AAI), Consol Energy and CNX Gas Corporation, Dominion, James City County, Lockheed-Martin, McGuireWoods LLP, Philip Morris USA, SunTrust, TowneBank and Wolseley PLC/Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. Contributors include the City of Poquoson and Rutherford Insurance. More information about the commemoration is available at www.Americas400thAnniversary.com.

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1. Abingdon / Washington County
2. Alexandria
3. Alleghany County (including the Towns of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate, and the City of Covington)
4. Altavista
5. Amelia County
6. Amherst County
7. Appomattox / Appomattox County
8. Arlington County
9. Augusta County
10. Bath County
11. Bedford / Bedford County
12. Berryville / Clarke County
13. Big Stone Gap / Wise County
14. Blacksburg
15. Blackstone (National Alumnae Association & College Archives)
16. Bland County
17. Bluefield
18. Botetourt County
19. Bristol
20. Brunswick County / Lake Gaston
21. Buckingham County
22. Campbell County
23. Caroline County
24. Carroll County / Hillsville
25. Centreville
26. Charles City County
27. Charlotte County
28. Charlottesville / Albemarle County
29. Chase City
30. Chesapeake
31. Chesterfield County
32. Christopher Newport University
33. Clarksville-on-the-Lake
34. Colonial Beach
35. Colonial Heights
36. Culpeper County
37. Cumberland County
38. Danville / Pittsylvania County
39. Deltaville
40. Diamond Hill Historical Society
41. Dickenson County
42. Dinwiddie County
43. Dumfries
44. East Lindsey District, UK
45. Eastern Shore
46. Emporia
47. Essex County
48. Ewing / Lee County
49. Fairfax (City of)
50. Fairfax County
51. Falls Church (City of)
52. Farmville
53. Fauquier County
54. Fincastle
55. Floyd County
56. Fluvanna County
57. Fort Belvoir
58. Franklin
59. Fredericksburg
60. Friends of New London, Inc.
61. Front Royal / Warren County
62. Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Association
63. Gadsden County, Florida
64. Galax
65. George Mason University
66. Giles County
67. Gloucester County

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| 68. | Goochland County | 112. | Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce |
| 69. | Gravesham Borough Council, Kent, England | 113. | Mount Zion Baptist Church, Alvaton, Georgia |
| 70. | Graves Mill | 114. | Naval Station Norfolk |
| 71. | Grayson County | 115. | Naval Weapons Station Yorktown |
| 72. | Greater Williamsburg Women's Association | 116. | Nelson County |
| 73. | Greene County | 117. | New Castle / Craig County |
| 74. | Greensville County | 118. | New Kent County |
| 75. | Groveton | 119. | Newport News |
| 76. | Gum Springs | 120. | Norfolk |
| 77. | Gwynn's Island | 121. | Northumberland County |
| 78. | Halifax County | 122. | Nottoway County |
| 79. | Hampton | 123. | Occoquan |
| 80. | Harrisonburg / Rockingham County | 124. | Orange County |
| 81. | Harwich Society, Essex, England | 125. | Page County |
| 82. | Herndon | 126. | Patrick County |
| 83. | Highland County | 127. | Petersburg |
| 84. | Historic St. John's Church | 128. | Poquoson |
| 85. | Historic St. Luke's Church | 129. | Portsmouth |
| 86. | Hopewell | 130. | Powhatan County |
| 87. | Isle of Wight County | 131. | Prince Edward County |
| 88. | Jamestown, Colorado | 132. | Prince George County |
| 89. | James City County | 133. | Prince William County |
| 90. | James River Plantations | 134. | Pulaski (Town of) |
| 91. | Kilmarnock | 135. | Pulaski County |
| 92. | King and Queen County | 136. | Purcellville |
| 93. | King George County | 137. | Quantico |
| 94. | King William County | 138. | Rappahannock County |
| 95. | La Crosse | 139. | Richmond County |
| 96. | Lancaster County | 140. | Richmond Region 2007 (including the Counties of Chesterfield, Hanover and Henrico) |
| 97. | Leesburg | 141. | Roanoke River Rails to Trails |
| 98. | Lexington / Rockbridge County / Buena Vista | 142. | Roanoke Valley (including the Cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the Counties of Botetourt, Craig, Franklin, and Roanoke) |
| 99. | Loudoun County | 143. | Robious Elementary School |
| 100. | Louisa County | 144. | Rural Retreat |
| 101. | Lunenburg County | 145. | Russell |
| 102. | Luray | 146. | Salem |
| 103. | Lynchburg | 147. | Saluda |
| 104. | Madison County | 148. | Scott County |
| 105. | Marion | 149. | Scottish Society of Tidewater |
| 106. | Martinsville / Henry County | 150. | Scottsville |
| 107. | Mathews County | 151. | Shenandoah (Town of) |
| 108. | McLean / Great Falls | 152. | Shenandoah County |
| 109. | Middlesex County | | |
| 110. | Montgomery County | | |
| 111. | Monumental United Methodist Church | | |

153. Smithfield
154. Smyth County
155. South Hill
156. Southampton County
157. Spotsylvania County
158. Spring Bank
159. Stafford County
160. Staunton
161. StoneBridge School
162. Strasburg
163. Suffolk
164. Surry County
165. Sussex County
166. Tazewell County
167. Urbanna
168. Vienna
169. Virginia Beach
170. Virginia Conference Historical Society
of the United Methodist Church
171. Waynesboro
172. Wellspring United Methodist Church,
Williamsburg
173. West Point
174. Westmoreland County
175. Williamsburg
176. Winchester / Frederick County
177. Windsor
178. Wythe County
179. Wytheville
180. York County