



# AMERICA'S 400<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

*The Journey That Changed the World*

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## **Jamestown 2007 Artisans Celebrate the Crafting of a Nation Demonstrations of Crafting Methods from Colonial to Contemporary America**

Williamsburg, Va.—Witness colonial technology first hand by visiting *Crafting A Nation*, a 17<sup>th</sup>-century artisan village being featured during the May 11-13 commemoration honoring America's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Master craftsmen will create life's basic necessities as well as more contemporary works using centuries' old techniques and raw materials readily available around Jamestown when it was founded 400 years ago.

*Crafting a Nation* offers an opportunity to see a unique collection of the skills that built our country in action. Artisans will include Indian flute makers, African-American basket weavers and English potters, among others.

"Onlookers will take away more than just techniques, they will also gain an appreciation of the cultural heritage that helped craft our nation. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience designed to tell a story through America's crafting heritage," said Beth Turbeville, *Crafting A Nation* project director.

Using nimble fingers and specialized tools to turn materials such as clay, wood, fiber, and metal into masterpieces, the artisans tell stories of colonial life through their work. Join them as they take visitors on a journey from the surprisingly ingenious early methods to the modern techniques used today.

Watching history come alive at *Crafting a Nation* is one of many reasons to attend America's Anniversary Weekend, a national observance of the founding of Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. Demonstrations will be held daily from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. May 11-13.

Date-specific, single-day tickets are now available at \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 6-12. Children under six are free. Anniversary Weekend tickets and accommodations are available through Colonial Williamsburg, the official hotels of the commemoration, and may be reserved by phone at (866) 400-1607 or through [www.Americas400thAnniversary.com](http://www.Americas400thAnniversary.com).

*Jamestown 2007*, a sub-agency of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, is coordinating efforts to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> 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 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary include Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC), Verizon (NYSE: VZ) and The Colonial

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