



Sir Thomas Dale, circa 1609-1619, English, oil on canvas. VMFA, Adolph D. and Wilkins C. Williams Fund.

Through August 15  
“The 17th Century:  
Gateway to the  
Modern World”  
Special Exhibition  
Jamestown Settlement

This exhibition organized by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) in cooperation with the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation explores developments that set in motion the transition from “old” world of the Mediterranean – the center of

European commerce and diplomacy since ancient times – to a new globally connected world. Sixty-five artifacts from European, Asian, African and American cultures are on exhibit.

### About the Museums

Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center gallery exhibits, re-created settings and historical interpretation draw visitors into the story of the nation’s beginnings — from the 1607 arrival of America’s first permanent English colonists to the American Revolution and the formation of the new nation. At Jamestown Settlement, explore re-creations of a Powhatan Indian village, colonial fort, three ships – *Susan Constant*, *Godspeed* and *Discovery* and seasonal riverfront discovery area. At the Yorktown Victory Center, discover a Continental Army encampment and 1780s farm. There is plenty to do and see throughout the year, so come and experience the history and join in the fun!



## Planning Your Visit

**Admission:** Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center combination ticket: \$20 adults, \$10 ages 6-12. Jamestown Settlement: \$15.50 adults, \$7.25 ages 6-12. Yorktown Victory Center: \$9.75 adults, \$5.50 ages 6-12. Annual pass to both museums: \$35 adults, \$17.50 ages 6-12. Children under 6 are free. Parking is free. Tickets and packages are available with other Williamsburg area attractions, including Colonial Williamsburg’s Historic Area and Art Museums and Busch Gardens.

**Operating Hours:** Museum hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily year-round, until 6 p.m. June 15 through August 15. Closed on Christmas and New Year’s days.

**Location:** Jamestown Settlement is located on State Route 31 southwest of Williamsburg (GPS: 2110 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185), and adjacent to Historic Jamestowne. The Yorktown Victory Center is located on Route 1020 in Yorktown near Yorktown Battlefield (GPS: 200 Water Street, Yorktown, VA 23690). The museums are separated by a 30-minute drive along the Colonial Parkway, a National Scenic Byway.

**Amenities:** Our gift shops offer a selection of reproductions, books, prints, educational toys and souvenirs. Dining is available at the Jamestown Settlement Café, and the Yorktown Victory Center offers snacks and beverage vending facilities with an outdoor seating area.

**Giving:** Gifts to the Annual Fund of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Inc., help support the museums’ collection and public programs. Donors of \$100 or more receive complimentary admission. To make a gift, visit [www.historyisfun.org/giving.htm](http://www.historyisfun.org/giving.htm) or call (757) 253-4139.

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## 2012 Special Programs

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February 11  
**Community Day**  
*Jamestown Settlement*  
 Experience the museum in a whole new light with family tours of “The 17th Century: Gateway to the Modern World” special exhibition, children’s crafts and hands-on activities.

February 1-29  
**“From Africa to Virginia” Theme Month**  
*Jamestown Settlement*  
 Gallery exhibits, outdoor guided tours and lectures on February 12 and 19 highlight the culture of the first known Africans in Virginia in 1619 and the experience of Africans in 17th-century Virginia.

March 17-18  
**Military Through the Ages**  
*Jamestown Settlement*  
 Centuries of military history unfold as re-enactment groups demonstrate camp life, tactics and weaponry. Youngsters can march with wooden muskets in a Saturday children’s parade and salute the troops during a Sunday pass-in-review.

May 12  
**Jamestown Day**  
*A jointly sponsored event at Jamestown Settlement & Historic Jamestowne*



Mark the 405th anniversary of the 1607 founding of Jamestown, America’s first permanent English colony, with maritime demonstrations, military drills, archaeology and programs on English and Powhatan Indian contact, exploration and discovery. *Separate site admission.*

June 1-30  
**“Seed to Stalk” Theme Month**  
*Jamestown Settlement & Yorktown Victory Center*  
 Explore American agriculture of the 17th and 18th centuries. Lend a hand at tending and watering plants and learn the many practical uses of herbs, vegetables and field crops.



July 3-4  
**Liberty Celebration**  
*Yorktown Victory Center*  
 Tactical drills, military exercises and role-playing demonstrations salute America’s independence. See in museum galleries a rare broadside printing of the Declaration of Independence dating to July 1776.

August 1-31  
**“Pastimes of Colonial Virginia” Theme Month**  
*Jamestown Settlement & Yorktown Victory Center*  
 Play period games – corncob darts, hoops, ninepins, mancala, quoits – and enjoy storytelling and other diversions of the 17th and 18th centuries.



October 20-21  
**Yorktown Victory Celebration**  
*Yorktown Victory Center*  
 Military life and artillery demonstrations mark the 231st anniversary of America’s momentous Revolutionary War victory at Yorktown on October 19, 1781. Weekend programs also held at Yorktown Battlefield and on October 19 in Yorktown.

November 22-24  
**Foods & Feasts of Colonial Virginia**  
*Jamestown Settlement & Yorktown Victory Center*



Discover how early Virginians prepared food in clay pots and dutch ovens and preserved meats and vegetables by smoking, salt curing and pickling. This annual event, featuring 17th- and 18th-century foodways, begins on Thanksgiving Day.

December 1-31  
**A Colonial Christmas**  
*Jamestown Settlement & Yorktown Victory Center*  
 Holiday traditions of 17th- and 18th-century Virginia are recalled through special interpretive programs.

## 2012 Public Lectures

**“From Africa to Virginia” Lectures**  
 2 p.m., Sundays, Robins Foundation Theater  
*Jamestown Settlement*

**February 12:** “Exploring 17th-Century Virginia: Legislating Boundaries and Creating Culture,” Luranett L. Lee, Virginia Historical Society African American History Curator.

**February 19:** “In the Cause of Liberty: Shaping the American Ideal of Freedom,” Christy S. Coleman, American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar President.

**“Virginia Economy in the 17th Century” Lectures**  
 7 p.m., Saturdays, Robins Foundation Theater  
*Jamestown Settlement*

**April 28:** “How Tobacco Became a Commodity,” Marcy Norton, George Washington University Associate Professor of History and author.

**May 19:** “Virginia Seeks a Crop,” Karen Kupperman, New York University Silver Professor of History and author.

**In connection with “The 17th Century: Gateway to the Modern World” Special Exhibition**  
 7 p.m., Saturday, Robins Foundation Theater  
*Jamestown Settlement*

**June 9:** “Captains, Monarchs, Philosophers, and Merchants: Picturing the 17th Century,” Twyla Kitts, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Literary and Teacher Programs Educator and Jamestown Settlement Special Exhibition Curator.

**Revolutionary War Lecture Series**  
 7 p.m., Saturdays,  
 Richard S. Reynolds Theater  
*Yorktown Victory Center*

**September 22:** “Patriots Claim A New Destiny: Loyalists Defend Their Heritage in the United States of America,” Sarah Meschutt, Yorktown Victory Center Senior Curator.

**October 6:** “Battle of the Capes,” John A. Tilley, East Carolina University Associate Professor of History and author.

**October 27:** “Origins of the Constitution,” Abner (Woody) Linwood Holton III, University of Richmond Professor of History and American Studies and author.



*Public lectures are free. Advance reservations are recommended by contacting [rsup@jyf.virginia.gov](mailto:rsup@jyf.virginia.gov) or (757) 253-4572.*