

Roots of Virginia Culture: Virginia 2007 Community Program

TO COMMEMORATE the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, communities from every region of Virginia are participating in the Virginia 2007 Community Program. Special programs and legacy projects range from creating new museums, heritage trails, visitor centers, and recreational areas to producing special exhibits, concerts, plays, and festivals that invite visitors to “Come Home to Virginia.”

For more information, visit www.americas400thanniversary.com

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- ◆ Genealogy and History of the Eastern Shore—helping Jamestown-era descendents trace their ancestors
- ◆ Richmond County—creating a highway marker to commemorate the Great Rappahannock Indian tribe
- ◆ Hampton University—staging an exhibition on Gilded-Age African American Furniture Making in Virginia and opening a new permanent gallery on Native Americans
- ◆ Smithfield, Isle of Wight County—moving part of a historic African American school downtown to house a museum
- ◆ Winchester—planning a museum on country music star Patsy Cline

The Barter Theatre, Abingdon, commissioned a play about Jamestown for its Virginia 2007 Community Program. Admission to the theatre was once forty cents, or the equivalent in fresh produce.

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