The Juneteenth Community Consortium is an association of organizations in the Greater Williamsburg Area that are organized with a common goal to educate, commemorate, and celebrate the end of slavery in America.

OUR VISION
Look Back, Look Around, Look Within, and Move Forward

Juneteenth marks the emancipation of thousands of enslaved people. Though President Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation in January 1863, it was not until federal troops arrived in Texas more than two years later to enforce the proclamation, on June 19, 1865, that thousands of enslaved Black men and women in that state finally gained their freedom. Slavery would not actually come to an end in several other states until after the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment in December of that year.

Juneteenth is a time to reflect on the Black experience in America. By looking back, looking around, and looking within, we are challenged to evaluate the foundations of inequality and move forward together, committing ourselves to the unfinished work of eradicating systemic racism.

2022 Williamsburg Juneteenth Community Event Calendar

Friday, June 17, 2022

League of Women Voters Juneteenth at Stryker

To kick off the Juneteenth 2022 weekend in our area, League members Pat Evers and Mary Ann Moxon will present Juneteenth: What it Is & What it Isn’t on Friday, June 17 at 2 p.m. at the Stryker Center located at 412 N. Boundary St in Williamsburg. lwvwilliamsburg.org

William & Mary Juneteenth Commemoration

William & Mary is joining communities around the country to recognize and celebrate Juneteenth, which marks the end of slavery in the United States. While not recognized as a federal holiday, the observance of June 19, 1865, as the African American Emancipation Day — also called Freedom Day — has spread across the United States and beyond. In 2020, it became an official Virginia state holiday. While
Juneteenth celebrates freedom, it also highlights community, education, and achievement in the African American community.

William & Mary will celebrate Juneteenth in person for the first time on June 17, 2022, at the site of "Hearth: Memorial to the Enslaved." Details are forthcoming. wm.edu/sites/juneteenth

Juneteenth Commemorative Art Exhibition

The Stryker Center Gallery will present a special exhibition of local and regional Black artists curated by artist Willis Potter. There will be an opening reception on Friday, June 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibition will run through July 8, 2022. Gallery hours are Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Closed June 20, July 3 & 4. www.wrl.org

Saturday, June 18, 2022

YJCW NAACP Motor Parade & Juneteenth Community Fest on Bicentennial Park

Motor parade from Highland Park to Bicentennial Park through Richmond Road, car show with Hampton Roads Customs and more, live music by The Vinyl Word Show radio team, dancing by Intense Fiyaaaaaa and Won't Stop Can't Stop, community engagement vendors, with participation from the City of Williamsburg, the Highland Park Civic Association, the League of Women Voters, Union Baptist Church, the African American Male Coalition from William & Mary, William & Mary NAACP-College Chapter, and the Omega Psi Phi fraternity and MORE!!! Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to Noon. The parade meetup is at 8:30 a.m. in front of Highland Park. yjcwnaacp.org/events/

JUNETEENTH at Jamestown Settlement

Celebrate Juneteenth a day early at Jamestown Settlement with music, dance, spoken-word performances and dramatic presentations that explore the theme, “What Freedom Means.” Performances include the Atumpan Dance Theatre, spoken-word artists from Teens With a Purpose (TWP)-The Youth Movement, singers Rico Robinson and Sylvia Tabb Lee, violinist Odysseus and dramatic readings by James Cameron. Although Juneteenth springs from events that happened in Galveston, Texas in 1865, the event celebrates liberation from a system of slavery with origins in Jamestown, Va., as the place where the first recorded Africans in 1619 were brought after landing at Old Point Comfort and where the first slave laws enacted in the mid-17th century impacted the lives and status of Africans and their descendants. Admission to Juneteenth programming is free for all and advance online ticket registration is highly encouraged due to limited capacity. 2 p.m. 3:30 p.m. Learn more and register at jyfmuseums.org/juneteenth

York Co. Juneteenth Celebration

Free community event. Open to all ages. Featuring guest speakers Toni Chavis, Charles Gates, and D'Shawn Wright with entertainment by DJ Freestyle, Marching Elite, Intense Fiyaaaaa and Crimson Thunder. Fun activities, food trucks, concessions, free sno-cones, and popcorn. 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at McReynolds Athletic Complex located at 412 Sports Way, Yorktown, VA. For more info, please visit: https://www.yorkcounty.gov/634/Parks-and-Recreation
**Sunday, June 19, 2022**

**Juneteenth Community Consortium Inter-Faith Experience**

Join us for an interfaith worship service on Sunday, June 19, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. on the lawn of the Art Museums of Williamsburg to celebrate “Juneteenth Independence Day,” the end of slavery and the emancipation of the formerly enslaved people. The amazing worship experience celebrating freedom will include scripture, prayers and hymns. It will include all members of our community and promises to be an historic and engaging event for everyone that is present. junteenthcc.org

**The Village Initiative in Education Equity and Williamsburg Action Juneteenth Freedom Celebration, Honoring the Ancestors**

The Village Initiative for Equity in Education and Williamsburg Action present “Juneteenth 2022: Celebration at The Triangle” on June 19 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Activities include an opening parade with amazing entertainment, culminating in the crowning of Little Miss and Mr. Juneteenth. Mr. Steve Prince, William & Mary’s Distinguished Artist, will lead a Community Art Project. There will be free food, vendors of all sorts, line dancing, face painting, and so much more in a block party style. Competitions with prizes for the best T-shirts and more! The Village’s Local Black Histories Project will be collecting Oral Histories, and there will be opportunities to view “History Half Told is Untold,” “This is US”, and The Village Initiative’s Local Black Histories Project Launch Video. There will also be the opportunity to ring The Freedom Bell. Traditional Red Velvet Cake and Strawberry Soda are on the menu! There will be something for everyone. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and join us as The Village Initiative for Educational Equity and Williamsburg Action celebrate Freedom Day! villagewjcc.org/

**History Half Told is Untold Film Screening**

Let Freedom Ring Foundation will host screenings of “History Half Told is Untold” at 3:30 p.m. and again at 5:00 p.m. at the church in the Sanctuary, 727 Scotland Street, Williamsburg, VA with an opportunity to ring the Freedom Bell following each showing. http://firstbaptistchurch1776.org/foundation-home/

**Colonial Williamsburg Foundation**

Colonial Williamsburg will be offering free admission on Sunday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth. Special highlights include:

**Bray School Archeological Project**

Visitors are invited to stop by the Williamsburg Bray School Archaeology site, talk to archaeologists in the field, and learn about the Bray School Initiative, a partnership between Colonial Williamsburg and the College of William and Mary, and the work underway to relocate the original Bray School building and, using archaeological evidence, recreate the surrounding area in Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area. Located at the corner of Prince George and
Boundary Streets. No ticket or reservation is required. Weather dependent. The site is located at 107 N Boundary Street (Brown Hall Dormitory) and will be open to the public on Juneteenth from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**Loquacious Lucy, Queen for a Day**

When Lucy, a gregarious and loquacious enslaved child, learns that her best friend has been sold, her father must teach her hard lessons about slavery and instill in her the pride of her ancestors. 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. at the Playhouse Stage

**A Taste of Freedom**

Before Juneteenth and the Emancipation Proclamation, thousands of formerly enslaved men, women, and children gained freedom and sanctuary by escaping to Union camps in the south after Shepard Mallory, Frank Baker and James Townsend secured their liberty at Fort Monroe. Learn about one of those men, Americus Weston, and his journey to freedom in this 45-minute museum theatre program, developed to commemorate Juneteenth. 1:30 p.m. at the Hennage Auditorium

**Freedom’s Paradox Tour**

Take a 60-minute walking tour of the Randolph Yard, Market Square, and Palace Green. Examine slavery's evolution and the reliance upon it by patriots like Peyton Randolph to build a city, a colony, and eventually a nation. Explore the paradox of the institution of slavery and the movement for independence by looking at the experiences of the free and enslaved members of the Randolph Household. Space is limited for this program. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:45 p.m., and 3:45 p.m.

**Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg**

Explore the newly expanded and updated Art Museums, featuring more of the collection on view than ever. Discover colorful and whimsical folk art made by amateur artisans in the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum to objects that are useful as well as beautiful in the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum. Plus, enjoy new amenities including the Museum Store and Café. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Visit with a Nation Builder – Edith Cumbo**

Step into the past with Nation Builder Edith Cumbo, Free Black Sister, Mother, Fighter, and Founder. Through stories, discussion, and questions, explore the hopes, choices, and challenges she faced in Williamsburg and beyond. 11:45 a.m. at Charlton Stage

**Visit with a Nation Builder – Gowan Pamphlet**

Step into the past with Nation Builder Gowan Pamphlet, Revolutionary Black Baptist Preacher. Through stories, discussion, and questions, explore the hopes, choices, and challenges he faced in Williamsburg and beyond. 2:45 p.m. at Charlton Stage
**My Story My Voice – Sam’s War**

Witness a compelling story from the life of an 18th-century person, and then hear from the actor interpreter as they share how they discover and bring to life a voice from the past. Sam, a formerly enslaved soldier, tells us his heroic story of self-liberation, his encounters with the Shawnee, his supposed enemy, and those who enslaved him. As he wrestles with the ugly truth of how Black soldiers are perceived a rare opportunity sends him to the battlefield to prove his mettle. Which army will he fight for? 4:00 p.m. at Charlton Stage

**First Baptist Church Archeological Site**

Archaeologists are conducting excavations to uncover two buildings, the remains of the mid-19th century First Baptist Church and a smaller building that preceded it. The earlier building referred to as the Baptist Meeting House in an 1818 tax document is thought to have housed the congregation prior to the construction of the church. That structure was replaced in 1856 by the brick church that stood on the corner of Nassau and Francis Streets until the congregation relocated in 1956. 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Custis Square Archeological Project**

Come and see what's new at Custis Square! Archaeologists are in the midst of a 5-year project investigating the Williamsburg home of Virginia plantation owner and statesman, John Custis IV. Visit the archaeological site, see artifacts as they're being discovered, and talk with experts in the field. While you visit, you'll learn about the property's history, from Custis' purchase of the land in the early 18th century to its tenure as a recreation space for patients of the Eastern State Public Hospital. Stop by and find out what archaeology can tell us about Custis Square and the people who lived there! This self-guided program is open to visitors of all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Guests may enter the site at the corner of Nassau and Francis Streets. The terrain is grassy and may be difficult to access by wheelchair. Weather dependent. 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

[www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/explore/special-event/celebrate-juneteenth/](http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/explore/special-event/celebrate-juneteenth/)

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

**Coming to the Table – Juneteenth Afterparty**

Coming to the Table - Historic Triangle's monthly meeting will focus on Reflections of Juneteenth, 2022. We will discuss the significance of Juneteenth and ask people to share their thoughts about local events, and what they would like to see happen for Juneteenth 2023. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. To register for this meeting, please email ctt.historictriangle@gmail.com

To learn more about Juneteenth and the Juneteenth Community Consortium, please visit [juneteenthcc.org](http://juneteenthcc.org)