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Shirley Plantation Foundation is a 2022 Americana Corner Grant Program Recipient

Charles City, VA (March 8th, 2022) - Shirley Plantation Foundation has been selected as a 2022 Americana Corner Grant Program Recipient. The Americana Corner Fund has awarded Shirley Plantation Foundation \$7,000.00 for guided tours, historic interpreters, educational programs, and signage for Shirley's Native Sun Garden. The grant will allow Historic Shirley to continue its mission to share the history of the indigenous, the settlers, the indentured, and the enslaved with the public.

In 2017, the foundation began offering Enslavement Walking Tours that shared the history of enslavement at Shirley. The tour content spans from the earliest records of Africans arriving at Shirley in 1622 to their enslaved descendants while detailing the labor roles they played, where and how they lived, and what happened to them. The grant will allow the foundation to continue sharing these tours at no additional cost to visitors in the 2022 season.

The awarded grant will also fund signage for Shirley's Native Sun Garden. The sun garden has recently been restored with all native Virginia plants to honor the indigenous tribes that resided along the James River in Virginia. The new signage will dedicate the garden to the Weyanoke tribe that originally called Shirley home prior to 1613 and to the Chickahominy tribe that resides in Charles City County today.

Mrs. Lauren Carter, member of the 11th generation of the Hill Carter family of Shirley and General Manager of Shirley Plantation Foundation, stated, "We are thankful for the opportunities the Americana Corner Grant Program will provide Shirley to offer historic site tours and educational programs to visitors from around the world, and the contribution to our efforts to honor the indigenous whose history preceded the 17th century English establishment of Shirley."

Please visit www.historicshirley.com for more information or to donate to Shirley Plantation Foundation.

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About Shirley Plantation Foundation:

Shirley Plantation Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation dedicated to sharing this important piece of American history that stands as a testament to Colonial life and the history of the indigenous, settlers, indentured, and the enslaved. Shirley Plantation Foundation receives no regular local, state, or federal support and sustains itself with donation, membership, and admissions revenue.

About Americana Corner:

Americana Corner was founded by Tom Hand in 2020 as an online resource to help others rediscover America's incredible founding and first century of expansion. From the American Revolution to the settlement of the American West, from the Declaration of Independence to the Emancipation Proclamation, and from George Washington to Abraham Lincoln, Americana Corner contains positive stories of the great events, founding documents, and inspirational leaders who helped create and shape our country. Perhaps most importantly, Tom discusses why these events and people from so long ago still matter to us today.

About Americana Corner Grant Program:

Americana Corner was founded by Tom Hand in 2020 as an online resource to help others rediscover America's incredible founding and first century of expansion. The Americana Corner Grant Program assists organizations that tell the story of our nation's wonderful past and rekindle a love for American history in all its splendor.

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