

Jamestown Rediscovery

HISTORIC JAMESTOWNE

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The Colonial Dames of America Rededicate Restored Gates to Jamestown

JAMESTOWN, Va. (October 24, 2022) –

Last week, Jamestown Rediscovery welcomed The Colonial Dames of America (CDA) as they rededicated the North Gates, which were originally donated by the same organization in 1907, over 100 years ago. The North Gates stand at Jamestown's entrance from the road to nearby Williamsburg. Today, they welcome staff and distinguished guests to the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation offices, research center, and collections lab.

After more than a century of changing seasons, the North Gates began to show their age. Beginning in 2019, with the support of CDA, Jamestown Rediscovery Director of Collections and Conservation Michael Lavin enlisted world-renowned monuments conservator Jonathan Appell, of Atlas Preservation, and master welder Scott Hederer, of Custom Welding LLC to develop a unique restoration plan. After intense work on the iron gates and the concrete pillars, the restored gates were reinstalled this summer.

"The CDA North Gates are more than simply an entrance to Jamestown Island," shared James Horn, President of the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation. "They stand as a symbol of the enduring friendship and partnership between The Colonial Dames of America and Jamestown, and we are deeply humbled by their generous and continuing support."

While CDA members celebrated the restoration of the gates with a group photo, CDA President General Rebecca Madsen expressed her hope that future members will mark a similar commemoration another 100 years from now.

During their visit to Jamestown, The Colonial Dames of America members from across the country participated in a wreath laying at the Memorial Church, presented a generous donation to the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation for the restoration and reinstallation of the North Gates, and toured the site with the senior archaeology team and curators.

Available photos, with captions and crediting information, can be found [here](#).

About Historic Jamestowne/Jamestown Rediscovery

Historic Jamestowne (HJ) preserves the original site of the first permanent English settlement in America and is jointly administered by Jamestown Rediscovery and the National Park Service. Entrance tickets are available at the HJ Visitor Center from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and the grounds remain open until dusk. General admission is \$25.00 per adult (which includes both Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Battlefield for seven consecutive days). Children 15 & under are free. National Park Passes and Preservation Virginia Memberships are accepted; however a \$10 per person fee may apply. Entrance tickets and passes include admission to the archaeological site, the Memorial Church, the Voorhees Archaearium Archaeological Museum, as well as scheduled daily walking tours and public programs. For opening hours of the Dale House Café and information about special events, please visit www.historicjamestowne.org or call (757) 856-1250.