

# Colonial Williamsburg

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## 75th Annual Antiques Forum Explores “Past, Present and Future” Feb. 24 – 28, 2023



WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Dec. 14, 2022) – Colonial Williamsburg’s annual [Antiques Forum](#) will celebrate 75 years of scholarship, fellowship and fun Feb. 24 – 28, 2023. The conference, offered virtually and in-person, will honor the past, embrace the present and look forward to the future of Antiques Forum which was heralded in 1949 by *The Magazine Antiques* as a “unique event in the antiques world, designed to provide the personal contact and exchange of ideas and experience which can be of such inestimable value to collectors.”

“It’s a remarkable thing when an annual gathering to celebrate and study antiques becomes an antique in its own right,” said Ronald L. Hurst, Colonial Williamsburg’s senior vice president for education and historic resources and chief curator. “We are

delighted that Antiques Forum has served so many collectors, scholars and antiques enthusiasts for so long, and we look forward to continuing to build on this rich legacy in the coming years as the Foundation approaches its 100th anniversary in 2026.”

This year’s conference features a rich assembly of featured presentations, including:

- **Nicholas Ashley-Cooper**, 12th Earl of Shaftesbury, delivering the opening keynote, *The Magic of St. Giles*
- **Adam Bowett**, Independent Furniture Historian, delivering the closing keynote, *From Strawberry Hill to Carbon 14 and XRF: Two Centuries of British Furniture Scholarship*
- **Tiffany Momon & Torren Gatson**, Co-Directors of the Black Craftspeople Digital Archive and **William Strollo**, DAR Museum, *Fighting for Freedom: Black Craftspeople & the Pursuit of Independence*
- **Cary Carson**, retired Director of Research, Colonial Williamsburg, *Colonial Williamsburg Turned Inside Out*
- **Jeffrey Ricketts**, East Nottingham Antiques, **Michael Diaz Griffith**, Leadership Design Network, and **Caroline Cole**, Chairish, Inc. *Young Antiquarians Panel: Inspiring the Next Generation of Collectors & Connoisseurs*
- Updates on research throughout our Collections and Historic Area with Colonial Williamsburg staff

View a full list of presenters on the [agenda page](#) of the conference website.

In-person general registration (Nov. 26 – Jan. 15) is \$655 per person or \$490 for museum professionals and students and includes access to welcome reception, lectures, continental breakfast, coffee & refreshment breaks, conference receptions and dinner with an optional “dress like it’s the 1940s” theme. In-person registrants will also have the opportunity to participate in an “An Afternoon of Elegance” sponsored by Chairish which will include tours of [Bassett Hall](#), the Williamsburg residence of John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, and the Nelson-Galt House, recently updated by Colonial Williamsburg’s Designer-in-Residence Heather Chaddock Hillegas.

Virtual-only registration is \$175 per person and includes access to lectures through the conference streaming platform. Both in-person and virtual-only registration include a 7-day ticket voucher to Colonial Williamsburg’s Art Museums and Historic Area, valid for redemption through Dec. 31, 2023. Registration and payment in full are required by Feb. 5, 2023. Conference guest tickets are available for a 7-day ticket voucher to Colonial Williamsburg’s Art Museums and Historic Area (\$22), opening reception (\$50) and conference reception and dinner (\$85).

A limited number of virtual and in-person [conference scholarships](#) are available to students and emerging museum professionals with an application deadline of Dec. 20. In-person registrants can also register for optional [pre-](#) and [post-conference](#) activities including bus trips, walking tours, and workshops with a registration deadline of Feb. 5. [Special room rates](#) at Colonial Williamsburg hotels are available for in-person conference registrants. All registrants will have access to the main conference lectures via the streaming platform through April 1, 2023.

Sponsors of the 75th annual Antiques Forum include The Decorative Arts Trust, Bonham's Skinner, Brunk Auctions, Jeffrey S. Evans & Assoc., Doyle Auctioneers & Appraisers, Chairish, William & Mary, MESDA, and the Friends of Colonial Williamsburg Collections.

For registration and additional information visit [colonialwilliamsburg.org/antiques](http://colonialwilliamsburg.org/antiques), call 1-800-603-0948 toll-free, or email [educationalconferences@cwf.org](mailto:educationalconferences@cwf.org). Follow Colonial Williamsburg on [Facebook](#) and [@colonialwmsburg](#) on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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