

# Transforming the Teaching of History

In July 2014 VFH African American Programs will sponsor two, three-day professional development sessions for Virginia's social studies teachers, supervisors, and librarians.

## **Think Historically, Act Locally: Using Nearby History in Classrooms and Museums**

seeks to renew interest in local and state history by establishing connections between educators, Virginia's African American historic sites, and members of Virginia Africana: The Network of Museum, History & Preservation Professionals.



*"Think Historically, Act Locally is a wonderful opportunity for teachers to learn about the various resources that are available throughout the Commonwealth to reinforce their knowledge of Virginia's African American history."*

DR. LAURANETT LEE  
CURATOR OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY  
THE VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Through local site visits, educators will be able to supplement their understanding of Virginia and African American history using a method known as Historic Environment Education. This method uses primary sources to provide an active educational experience.

**LEARN** from the people preserving and interpreting the sites

**FOCUS** on events and people significant in local history

**OBTAIN** relevant Virginia SOL resource materials

**GAIN** a deeper understanding and appreciation of history from a local perspective

**TOUR 1**

## From Slavery to Freedom

JULY 9-11, 2014

**Virginia Historical Society**  
(Richmond)

**Maymont Museum**  
(Richmond)

**Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church**  
(Richmond)



**Hampton University Museum**  
(Hampton)

**Colonial Williamsburg**  
(special presentation)

**Alexandria Black History Museum /  
Alexandria Archaeology**  
(Alexandria)

**Laurel Grove School**  
(Alexandria)

**Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County**  
(The Plains)

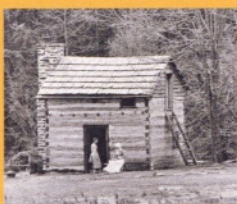
**TOUR 2**

## Resistance

JULY 21-23, 2014

**Reynolds Homestead**  
(Blacksburg)

**Booker T. Washington National Monument**  
(Hardy)



**Legacy Museum**  
(Lynchburg)

**Robert Russa Moton Museum**  
(Farmville)

**Jefferson School African American Heritage Center**  
(Charlottesville)

Registration for each tour is \$100.00 (includes transportation, hotel and snacks). Meals are not provided.

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