If you haven’t visited the Stratford Hall website in a while, then you may be pleasantly surprised the next time you go to www.StratfordHall.org. A newly redesigned and organized website awaits your next visit with expanded information on programs and services.

Divided into four major categories, Visit, Learn, Shop and Give, our new website has a host of enhanced features. Under the “Visit” category, you will find information on lodging and dining at Stratford, catered events, a user friendly calendar of events as well as a video that gives an overview of Stratford’s history, programs and services.

Expanded information on education programs such as the Robert E. Lee Symposium on Civil War History, the Northern Neck Cultural Landscape Symposium and Summer Camp offerings are featured under the “Learn” category. In addition, there is an expanded field trip section for teachers including an online registration form.

In the “Shop” category, you will find Stratford gift shop’s online shopping cart section has been totally integrated into the main site. Sections under the gift shop include Apparel, Books, Cleaning items, Food, For the Home and Toys and Souvenirs.

Online giving is now available on the new website in the “Give” category. Included in this section is how people may support Stratford through the Friends of Stratford, Lee Circle, and the planned giving Futuri Society.

These are just some of the many features of the new website. Please take time to drop by the website and discover again a reason to visit us. www.StratfordHall.org
Be A Part of History

Stratford is seeking dedicated people willing to volunteer in various capacities. Hours are flexible and there is no minimum time requirement to be a Stratford volunteer.

In the past year, volunteers have helped with our yearly Christmas and Historical Haunts programs and prepared mailings for administrative staff. We are looking to expand this small pool of enthusiastic volunteers to a larger number of individuals who are willing and able to spend time helping with programs and tasks at Stratford Hall throughout the entire year.

Volunteer duties can include, but are not limited to: leading school programs for grades 3-8; helping with special events; museum research and filing for the collections department; working in the library, cataloging and shelving books; contacting local schools and organizations to market upcoming programs; preparing and sending out mailings; maintaining and improving hiking trails; and performing other administrative duties as necessary. Interested individuals will be asked to indicate the activities in which they would most like to participate on a short application form.

If you are interested in applying to become a Stratford volunteer, please contact Laura Lawfer at (804) 493-8038, ext. 1920, or at llawfer@stratfordhall.org. We will begin volunteer training as soon as possible, so please don’t wait to call!
Summer Camp Registration

Summer camps at Stratford Hall offer a wide variety of learning activities including learning colonial trades, hunting for fossils on the beach, fishing in the Mill pond, and exploring art and music with professional instructors.

There are several different Stratford Hall camp offerings including the week-long Adventure Day Camp in June, and two different residential summer camps offerings for Grandparents and Grandchildren in July. In addition, there is also an Elderhostel camp in July.

To request a brochure/registration form or other Stratford camp information, contact Bill Doerken, Coordinator of Special Programs, at (804) 493-8038 ext. 1026 or email bdoerken@stratfordhall.org. More information and registration for the Stratford camps can also be found online at www.StratfordHall.org.
Calendar of Events

May 16
Preserving the Past: Then and Now
Help celebrate Preservation Month. Director of Preservation Phil Mark will address the “Evolution of Preservation/Restoration” at Stratford Hall, while Curator Gretchen Goodell will explore highlights of objects preserved in the museum collection. The day will include a presentation by a local conservator on how to preserve your own treasures at home, hands-on demonstrations by area craftsmen, and special tours.

June 6
The Lees and Independence
Commemorating the day when Richard Henry Lee made the motion for independence from England, this year’s celebration—arguably as important as the Fourth of July—will include activities for children, a Revolutionary War army encampment, and an evening concert by the 29th Army Band. Free admission for activities beginning at 3:00 p.m. The band concert will be held at 7:00 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to come early and bring chairs and blankets for seating. Please do not bring pets, coolers, knapsacks, backpacks, baskets, food and drink, or alcoholic beverages. Food and beverages will be available for purchase on-site.

June 22-26
Adventure Day Camp
This day camp for kids offers a variety of participatory activities in a unique, educational, and fun-filled experience that includes making and laying bricks, fossil hunting, spinning yarn, fishing, blacksmithing and more. This camp is for children ages 8-12. Visit the website for complete details on this and other summer camp offerings.

Save The Date!
July 26-28
Arranging from the Garden
Donald Haynie, a native of the Northern Neck and a member of the Stratford Hall Historic Gardens Advisory Panel, will lead this retreat designed to provide participants with an opportunity to develop and/or hone their skills in producing floral arrangements that will take a variety of forms. Basic floral designing to creating your own style—we will cover it all and have lots of fun doing it! For more information contact Ken McFarland, Director of Education at 804-493-8038 ext. 1558 or kmcfarland@startfordhall.org

Gift Certificates for any Occasion
Need a present for a special occasion? Gift certificates are available for a wide variety of products and services at Stratford Hall, including meals at the dining room, products and gifts from the Gift Shop, tours of the Great House and overnight lodging at one of the guest houses.

One of the most popular gift certificates Stratford offers is for an overnight stay and tour for two. For lodging certificates or to get ideas for a unique gift certificate, call or visit our Website today.