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**Stratford Hall to Unveil New Orientation Gallery at Virginia Resolved Event**

Stratford, Virginia (May 26, 2026) – Stratford Hall is pleased to announce that a new visitor orientation experience, The Mary Belin DuPont Laird Gallery, has been installed in the Visitor Center and will be made open to the public starting on Sunday, June 7, 2026. The Gallery will be included in both [Great House and Grounds admission tickets](#), as well as events like [Virginia Resolved](#).

“The new Mary Belin DuPont Laird Gallery will help orient visitors to the long and diverse history of Stratford Hall, from prehistory to the 21st Century, highlighting the momentous achievements of the generation of revolutionaries raised here,” said Dr. Gordon Blaine Steffey, Stratford Hall’s Vice President of Research & Collections. “Designed to complement the existing Stratford at the Crossroads and Robert E. Lee Special Collection galleries, this new space will help visitors to appreciate the towering risks taken by those who challenged and toppled an empire with Stratford at their backs. It will also encourage visitors to discern in the multiple, overlapping communities who resided here the entwined lives, profound struggles, and humbling resilience that shaped both this historic landscape and our enduring American experiment.”

The Gallery’s ribbon-cutting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 7, prior to the second day activities at Stratford Hall’s *Virginia Resolved* signature event in collaboration with the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission and Westmoreland County. Learn more about the weekend’s Semiquincentennial commemoration of Richard Henry Lee’s *Resolution for Independence* at StratfordHall.org/VirginiaResolved.

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About Stratford Hall Historic Preserve

Stratford Hall Historic Preserve, a National Historic Landmark in Westmoreland County, Virginia, brings together people from around the world to experience 1,800 acres of natural and human history, preserved and presented so that they can all learn from the courageous struggles of their ancestors, taking inspiration both from what they endured and what they accomplished. With the approach of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, now is a significant time to elevate the stories of the people who lived and labored here, including two signers of the Declaration of Independence, revolutionaries, and the Africans and African Americans who shaped the history of Stratford Hall. Learn more at StratfordHall.org.

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