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Smithsonian Magazine's Celebration Marked Locally

Free Admission on Museum Day at Sully

Sully Historic Site will open its doors free of charge on Saturday, September 26, 2015, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. as part of Smithsonian Magazine's 11th annual Museum Day Live. On this day only, participating museums across the United States emulate the spirit of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington DC-based facilities, which offer free admission every day, and open their doors for free to those who download a Museum Day Live ticket.

Inclusive by design, the event represents Smithsonian's commitment to make learning and the spread of knowledge accessible to everyone. Last year's event drew over 400,000 participants, and this year's event is expected to attract more museum goers than ever before.

Sully was built in 1794 and was the home of Richard Bland Lee, northern Virginia's first representative to congress. During the Lee residency the farm was supported by enslaved African Americans who were field laborers, domestics and skilled artisans. The home is furnished with Federal period antiques and combines Georgian and Federal architectural styles. Restored in 1975, Sully is owned and operated by Fairfax County Park Authority. In addition, the site includes the original eighteenth century kitchen-laundry, smokehouse and stone dairy. A representative slave quarter stands southeast of the main house.

The Museum Day Live ticket is now available for download. Visitors who present the Museum Day Live ticket will gain free entrance for two at participating venues for one day only. One ticket, per household, per email address is permitted. For more information about Museum Day Live 2015, a full list of participating museums and cultural institutions and to download your ticket please visit www.Smithsonian.com/museumday.

For information about Sully please call the site at 703-437-1794 or check the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully.

Sully Historic Site is located in Chantilly off Route 28, one quarter mile north of Route 50, five miles north of Route 66 or five miles south of the Dulles Toll Road.

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