

Virginia Docent Exchange 2026
16th Conference Schedule
March 8-10, 2026
Williamsburg, VA
Co-Hosted by
The Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg & the Muscarelle Museum of Art

Theme: The Docent Revolution! Sharing Stories

The Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg: 301 S Nassau St, Williamsburg, VA 23185
Muscarelle Museum of Art: 603 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Sunday, March 8

- 1:00pm – 5:00pm: Optional - pre-conference activities (on your own):
 - [Second Sunday](#) – 11am – 4pm
 - Art History Walking Tours (self-guided)
 - [Colonial Williamsburg](#) – Exchange attendees receive complimentary admission!
 - [Tours of Special Collections, W&M Libraries](#)
- 1:00pm – 7:00pm: VDE 2026 Registration Table Open
 - Muscarelle Museum of Art (Atrium)
- 5:00pm – 7:00pm: Opening Reception
 - Muscarelle Museum of Art (Event Hall & Atrium)
 - Galleries open

Monday, March 9

- 8:00am – 3:00pm: Registration Table Open
 - Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg
- 8:00am – 9:00am: Breakfast
 - Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg
- 9:00am – 10:00am: Welcome & Opening Program (Pecha Kucha Museum presentations)
 - Hennage Auditorium, Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg
 - Announcement of Matching Collections Challenge
- 10:15am – 11:00am: Breakout Session A

- 11:15am – 12:00pm: Breakout Session B
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm: Lunch (boxed lunches)
- 1:00pm – 1:45pm: Breakout Session C
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm: Panel Discussion with Docent Program Leaders
 - Hennage Auditorium, Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg
- 3:00pm – 5:00pm: Break/optional program in Hennage Auditorium
 - Open networking roundtables on topics – Sharing Our Stories
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm: Keynote speaker – Dr. Danielle Moretti-Langholtz, Curator of Native American Art, Muscarelle Museum; Thomasina E. Jordan Director of the American Indian Resource Center at William & Mary
 - Studio Theatre, Phi Beta Kappa Hall, William & Mary
- 6:30pm – 8:30pm: Dinner
 - Muscarelle Museum of Art Event Hall & Atrium

Tuesday, March 10

- 8:00am – 12:00pm: Registration Table Open
 - Muscarelle Museum of Art
- 8:00am – 9:00am: Breakfast & Welcome
 - Muscarelle Museum of Art Event Hall
- 9:15am – 10:00am: Breakout Session D
- 10:15am – 11:00am: Breakout Session E
- 11:00am – 12:00pm: Conference Wrap Up & Lunch (boxed lunches)
 - Muscarelle Museum of Art
 - Open discussion on Making Collections Connections
 - Group Photo
- 12:00pm – 2:00pm: Optional Art Making Workshop
 - Muscarelle Museum of Art