

## **Teacher Professional Development at The Mariners' Museum and Park**

The Mariners' Museum and Park in Newport News, Virginia, will offer a series of Teacher Professional Development Workshops in June 2017. These professional workshops are designed to provide Virginia instructors with fresh insight into creating more engaging and stimulating lessons for their students. Each day-long session, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will focus on essential background information and accompanying activities that teachers can bring back to their own classrooms. Topics include European exploration, evolution of slavery in America, bringing history to life with primary sources, the Chesapeake Bay, and the crucial role of the U.S. Navy during the Civil War and World War II.

Teachers will earn five professional development points per workshop attended. Registration is scheduled to begin in mid-January. Each workshop costs \$55, which includes the workshop, teaching materials, lunch, and admission to The Mariners' Museum for the day, but discounts are available for attending multiple workshops. New this year, the Museum will offer grant funding opportunities on a first-come, first-served basis. Grant funding for the Mariners' teacher professional development workshop series has been made possible by STIHL, Inc.

Designated by Congress as "America's National Maritime Museum," The Mariners' Museum connects people to the world's waterways through exploration and engaging experiences. The maritime stories that we tell through our exhibitions and programs are reminders of our commonalities and are a bridge that joins us to one another. Home to the USS *Monitor* Center, The Mariners' Museum is an educational, non-profit institution accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and preserves and interprets maritime history through an international collection of ship models, figureheads, paintings, and other maritime artifacts.

For more information about the Teacher Professional Development Workshop Series in June, visit [MarinersMuseum.org/teacher-workshops/](http://MarinersMuseum.org/teacher-workshops/) or call (757) 591-7745.