



Dear Friends of Shirley Plantation Foundation,

It's September and 2016 has already been an eventful year. One noteworthy event in 2016 was the birth of twins Charles Hill Carter IV (called Hill) and Lela Grace Carter on March 15th. Hill and Lela Grace are the 12th Generation of the Hill Carter family to make Shirley their home!

The year started off with a new game set during the Civil War called Mission: Shirley. Hidden clues and secret messages move children of all ages around Shirley.

Our website was redesigned for ease of access by phone or tablet and an online store was added. This was made possible by a generous donation from the Beirne Carter Foundation. Please visit www.shirleyplantation.com and send us your feedback.

Repair work was completed on several buildings to continue their historic integrity. The Great House is undergoing exterior painting and woodwork, and the root cellar, smoke house and laundry buildings received some brickwork.

In early Spring, more flowers were planted around the property; as a result there have been so many butterflies this year!

In April, Shirley Plantation partnered with Historic Richmond and neighbors including Upper Shirley Vineyards to participate in Garden Club of Virginia's Historic Garden Week. One month old twins, Hill and Lela Grace, greeted visitors from the Carter family's antique crib.

Always an educational destination, Shirley has hosted thousands of students and adults who have experienced the plantation's role in the founding of America. Our most popular educational programs for adults and children are Civil War to Civil Rights and Slave Life at Shirley.

We are working to create a new exhibit about the enslaved population of the property, which will encourage interaction through primary source documents and archaeological artifacts.

We have developed a new line of Shirley items using illustrations from a local artist, and a regional vendor we've worked with for years. Many Gift Shop items can be found online.

Thank you for supporting the mission to preserve, protect, and pass on the history and heritage of Shirley Plantation, Virginia's first plantation. We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

The Carter Family and the Shirley Plantation Foundation