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Virginia Girl Scouts Helping Make History at Virginia Women's Monument Dedication

An astute leader. Innovator. Entrepreneur. These are qualities today's Girl Scouts share with many inspiring women from the past. Those women showed courage, confidence, and character throughout their lives, just like Girl Scouts do today. Next week these historic women and future leaders will stand side-by-side.

On Monday, October 14, 2019, Girl Scouts from the three Virginia councils – Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline, Girl Scouts of Colonial Coast, Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline – will join others to pay tribute to the trailblazing women who came before them during **Voices from the Garden: The Virginia Women's Monument**, a dedication ceremony recognizing the historic contributions of seven women that shaped the Commonwealth of Virginia over the past 400 years.

The dedication ceremony will take place in Richmond, Virginia. The monument is the nation's first on the grounds of any state capitol to showcase the full range of achievements and contributions made by remarkable women in a variety of fields and endeavors. The event is free and open to the public. You can read more about the Virginia Women's Monument [here](#).

The twelve Girl Scouts, representing all program age levels of Girl Scouting, will help unveil life-size, bronze statues of Cockacoeske, Pamunkey, chieftain; Anne Burras Laydon, Jamestown colonist; Mary Draper Ingles, frontierswoman; Elizabeth Keckly, seamstress and confidante to Mary Todd Lincoln; Laura Copenhaver, entrepreneur in the textile industry; Virginia Randolph, educator; and Adèle Clark, suffragist and artist.

Along with the statues, the monument will include a Wall of Honor inscribed with the names of 230 notable women with room to add more names in the future.

"Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast is proud to be a part of this event and to be a part of Virginia's history," said Tracy Keller, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast. "It is important that women's stories are told and their lives and contributions recognized. The Virginia Women's Monument will provide an opportunity for girls to learn and to be inspired."

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