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Teacher Professional Development Opportunity: Teaching the Reconstruction Era

Diamond, Missouri – George Washington Carver National Monument is pleased to announce that the experts at [Facing History and Ourselves](#) will travel to Diamond to present the workshop entitled “Teaching the Reconstruction Era” on July 30th-31st, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This workshop explores the Reconstruction era in the United States and the construction of American identity.

In this workshop, we will explore how society recovered from the extraordinary division and trauma following the Civil War, when the values of democracy were most vulnerable. We will also have the benefit of discussing this tempestuous moment in history at the birthplace of renowned scientist, educator, and humanitarian George Washington Carver, who grew up during the Reconstruction era.

Following the workshop, teachers will become part of the Facing History educator network which provides access to a rich slate of educator resources and be able to borrow books and DVDs through the online lending library at no cost. Priority is given to current middle school (6th-8th) and high school (9th-12th) teachers. The workshop is free of charge but registration is required! Teachers will need to attend both days. Reserve your spot at:

<https://www.facinghistory.org/calendar/w2020mo1-reconstruction-era-and-fragility-democracy>

This “Find Your Park” event invites the public to see that a national park can be more than a place -- it can be a feeling, a state of mind, or a sense of American pride. Beyond vast landscapes, the campaign highlights historical, urban, and cultural parks, as well as the National Park Service programs that protect, preserve and share nature, culture, and history in communities nationwide. The program is co-sponsored by the Carver Birthplace Association.

Administered by the National Park Service, an agency of the Department of the Interior, George Washington Carver National Monument preserves the birthplace and childhood home of George Washington Carver, scientist, educator, and humanitarian. The park is located two miles west of Diamond, Missouri on Highway V, then ¼ mile south on Carver Road. For more information, please call the park at 417-325-4151 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., visit the park website at www.nps.gov/gwca, or visit the park [Facebook](#) page. [#FindYourPark](#) [#NPSeducation](#)

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