

# Colonial Williamsburg

## The Home Depot's Ted Decker Joins The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Board of Trustees



Ted Decker, chair, president and CEO of The Home Depot joins The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Board of Trustees. Download high-resolution images [here](#).

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (March 11, 2025) - The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Board of Trustees welcomes The Home Depot Chair, President and CEO Ted Decker as its newest board member.

The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement retailer with more than 2,300 stores and approximately 475,000 associates. Decker joined the company in 2000 and has held numerous leadership positions, including chief operating officer and executive vice president of merchandising.

"Ted brings decades of experience leading one of America's most trusted and recognizable companies to Colonial Williamsburg's Board of Trustees," said Carly Fiorina, chairman of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Board of Trustees. "We will benefit from his insights as we advance our educational mission and help Americans understand our shared experience in the lead up to America's 250th anniversary in 2026." Before joining The Home Depot, Decker held

leadership roles at Kimberly-Clark Corp., Scott Paper Co. and PNC Bank. He has extensive international experience, having lived and worked in England and Australia.

“Preserving and honoring the spaces where the idea of our nation took shape brings important perspective and context to America’s history and how modern visitors view it today,” Decker said. “I look forward to working with Colonial Williamsburg’s leaders and its dedicated staff as they bring the stories of our nation’s history to life in new ways for guests and the world.”

Colonial Williamsburg has a long history of support from The Home Depot Foundation, a nonprofit supported by The Home Depot. Since 2017, The Home Depot Foundation has donated more than \$1 million to Colonial Williamsburg’s Honoring Service program, which provides free admission to active-duty military, reservists, veterans, retirees, National Guard members and their immediate dependents on Veterans Day, Memorial Day and during National Military Appreciation Month in May. The Home Depot Foundation’s generous support also helps provide discounted Colonial Williamsburg admission tickets throughout the rest of the year.

“Ted deeply appreciates the importance of Colonial Williamsburg’s educational mission, and the central role of this colonial capital city in America’s founding story,” said Cliff Fleet, president and CEO of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. “We are very fortunate that he is joining our Board of Trustees, where he will lend his vast expertise to our work to present a complete, fact-based history of our nation.”

In addition to serving on The Colonial Williamsburg’s Board of Trustees, Decker serves on Carnegie Mellon University’s Board of Trustees and the Business Roundtable board. He earned a bachelor’s degree in English from William and Mary and a master’s degree in business administration from Carnegie Mellon University.

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*The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation preserves, restores and operates Virginia’s 18th-century capital of Williamsburg. Innovative and interactive experiences highlight the relevance of the American Revolution to contemporary life and the importance of an informed, active citizenry. The Colonial Williamsburg experience includes more than 600 restored or reconstructed original buildings, renowned museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for students and teachers and 18th-century inspired culinary options from historic taverns situated along historic Duke of Gloucester Street. Colonial Williamsburg Resorts complement the experience, offering guests five unique hotel properties including the iconic Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star, AAA Five Diamond Williamsburg Inn, newly renovated Williamsburg Lodge-Autograph Collection, Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel and Suites, the Griffin Hotel, and authentic 18th-century Colonial Houses. The resort offers a range of events and amenities including four historic taverns, 15 food and beverage outlets providing exquisite culinary experiences from casual to elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 36 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. and his son Rees Jones, a world-class full-service spa and fitness center, pools, meeting and flexible event spaces, and scenic gardens providing the perfect venue for weddings and special events. Merchants Square, built alongside the Historic Area in 1935 as one of the first planned shopping districts in the United States, features more than 40 specialty boutiques with products ranging from apparel to fine jewelry, art, specialty foods and gifts. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg’s educational programs and preservation initiatives.*

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