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Carver Exhibition Held Over *Thru June* 3rd *Last Chance to See All These Historic Items in One Exhibition*

Atlanta, GA. – This is your last chance to see a special exhibition on George Washington Carver. . Organized by Chicago's renowned Field Museum, in collaboration with Tuskegee University and the National Park Service, the exhibition presents a complex and intimate portrait of one of America's best known names – and least-studied men –George Washington Carver. It follows Carver's entire life and career, revealing both his struggles and his remarkable achievements as scientist, conservationist, educator, and humanitarian. It brings together more than one hundred artifacts from Carver's personal life and work, along with animated and live videos, interactive displays, a diorama of Carver's childhood farm, and a re-creation of the Jesup wagon, his mobile classroom.

This is the last time these artifacts, photographs and historic items will be displayed together, so the Carter Museum has extended the exhibition thru Sunday, June 3rd. Once the exhibition is over, the artifacts will be returned to their various home museums across the country. So don't miss the opportunity.

Many people today know George Washington Carver largely from the myths that have grown around him...none of them true. The fact is, he didn't invent peanut butter; it had existed in many cultures for centuries. Neither did he create 300 new products from peanuts – though he created some, and collected many others.

The truth about Carver is much more interesting than the myths. He was a man with a fascinating life story and an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, who overcame tremendous odds to become one of America's most versatile scientists. He was a trail-blazing proponent of sustainability, who believed that "nature produces no waste" and neither should man. He was a humanitarian whose primary goal was, as he put it, "to help the farmer and fill the poor man's empty dinner pail."

The Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9am until 4:45 pm and on Sunday from noon until 4:45 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors (60+), military and students with IDs. Children 16 and under are free. (The Carver exhibit is included at no additional charge) There is plenty of free parking.

The Carter Museum will be OPEN on MEMORIAL DAY.

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