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## **KINGSMILL RESORT & SPA IS GOLDEN**

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (April 15, 2008) – Sophisticated Southern cuisine. World-class golf. A picturesque view of the historic James River. A golden tulip? Absolutely. Kingsmill Resort & Spa has become even more unique thanks to a tulip cultivated exclusively for the Williamsburg resort.

Randy Pingley, director of landscaping at Kingsmill Resort & Spa, has been working with European tulip experts for two years to develop a 20-inch-tall, butter-colored tulip. Created by crossing three tulip varieties – “Strong Gold,” “Brigitta,” and “White Swallow” – the flowering plant has been registered with The Royal General Bulbgrowers’ Association in Holland as the official “Kingsmill Tulip.” Landscapers planted more than 2,000 Kingsmill bulbs last autumn which currently surround the resort’s conference center.

“It’s a beautiful flower and it makes springtime even more special at the resort,” said Robin Carson, executive vice president and managing director for Kingsmill Resort & Spa. “We are surrounded by natural beauty – the James River, Virginia woodlands and now the Kingsmill Tulip.”

Kingsmill’s tulip expert Willem van den Akker from the Netherlands is a scheduled speaker at Ready, Set, GROW!, a gardening event at Busch Gardens on April 19 - 20 and 26 - 27. He will be discussing the significance of the Kingsmill Tulip and offering gardening advice to park guests about tulips and bulbs. Ready, Set, GROW! is included with park admission. For more information on the event, visit [www.buschgardens.com/va](http://www.buschgardens.com/va).

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