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LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share with you the report on the 2018 programs and finances of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America. This was the 127th year of the National Society's mission of preservation, patriotic service and education. Our accomplishments, past and future, are possible because of the support of our 44 Corporate Societies with over 15,200 members. Join us as we celebrate our accomplishments presented in this Annual Report and look forward with us as we plan to carry out the projects and activities that your gifts make possible.

Throughout the year we have been laying the groundwork for upcoming NSCDA projects that will support the goals of the 2018-2024 Strategic Plan. The marketing plan and website for the Great American Treasures: NSCDA Museum Alliance continue to be developed. This exciting new initiative was unveiled at the 2018 Biennial Council. A pilot program, which partnered NSCDA properties with George Washington University, kicked off in the spring with the goal of forging an ongoing and mutually beneficial relationship between our historic sites and the University's Museum Studies Masters students.

The "Travel Dames Style" program grew in scope and numbers of travelers. Dames value the opportunity to travel together with outstanding lecturers and visit private venues not open to the public. In 2018 trips were offered to Cartagena, the Caribbean, the Hudson Valley and Savannah. The travel program brought a new way for Dames to connect and to confirm their passion for preservation and education.

In October, the 62nd Biennial Council hosted 269 Dames and guests in Arlington, Virginia and at the NSCDA's National Headquarters in Washington, DC. This year workshops at the event were expanded, awardees for the Clarinda Pendleton Lamar Awards for Excellence were highlighted, and strategic priorities were discussed as participants learned about the objectives that will help to ensure our Society's continued success.

As NSCDA Corporate Societies look ahead to their own goals, they do so with more support than ever before from our National Headquarters Dumbarton House. National President, Anna Duff, and Executive Director, Karen Daly, visited Societies to learn about their various projects, to facilitate strategic planning sessions, and to provide advice on fundraising and staffing.

At Dumbarton House new research and interpretation of our collection have allowed us to tell the story of the birth of our nation's capital and the rise of our young nation in even more compelling detail. The museum added new objects to our collection, employed new interpretive techniques, and unveiled a schedule of original rotating exhibits that tied together the theme of slavery in Georgetown. Our school and Scout programs continue to grow and we are exploring ways to expand our engagement with the local community.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers, donors, friends and staff who have supported the mission of our organization and museum this year. We thank you for helping us as we plan strategically and work together to achieve our goals to ensure history's future.

With gratitude,



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The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America actively promotes our national heritage through historic preservation, patriotic service and educational projects.



The mission of Dumbarton House, headquarters of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America, is to support the organization's Corporate Societies and their members, to maintain its historic

museum property, and to enhance the cultural life of Washington, D.C. Through the interpretation of its historic site and collections, Dumbarton House promotes the understanding of historic preservation and of the early history of our nation, so that the lives and ideals of early Americans inspire present and future generations.

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55 Congressional Seminar students



1,670+ participants in flag programs



\$132,000+ spent on historical activities programs



\$157,000+ awarded in scholarships



1,700+ new citizens welcomed



4,900+ military personnel and families served



14 new Oral History projects



80+ Sampler Survey Online Sessions



280,000+ museum visitors, including over 44,000+ school children



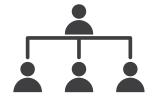
\$1.7m+ spent on preservation



\$421,000+ spent on cultural landscapes



710+ museum volunteers



17,000+ Ancestor Resources online sessions



190,000+ artifacts, artworks, objects cared for



\$37,000+ spent on artifact conservation



45 grants received; over \$1.3m in grant awards

 $\hbox{*Source: NSCDA National Strategic Planning Committee, Project Committee surveys of Corporate Societies}$

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DUMBARTON HOUSE



29 museum volunteers



4,132 museum visitors on guided or self-guided tours



4,000+ public program attendants



Collection: 7,850+ items, 1,600+ objects, 6,250+ books and papers



1,070 young people participated in educational programs



5 public exhibitions curated

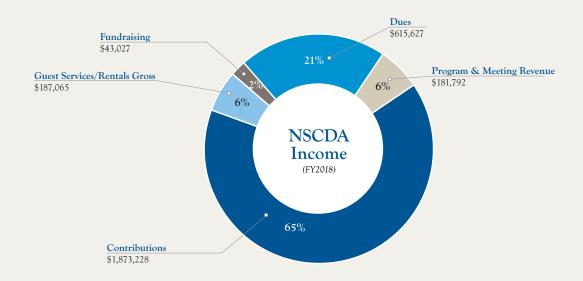


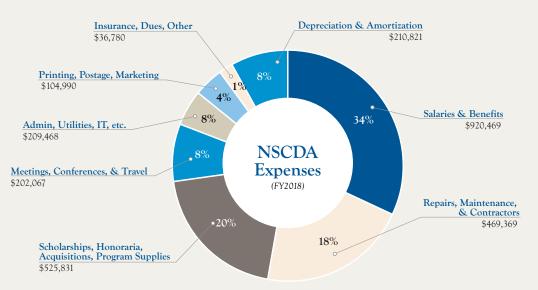
900 NSCDA members served at Dumbarton House

FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year 2018 (September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018)

Consolidated FY2018 operating revenue for the NSCDA totaled \$2,894,008 and operating expenses totaled \$2,602,698; for a consolidated operating surplus of \$291,310.





^{*}preliminary, year-end, un-audited financials

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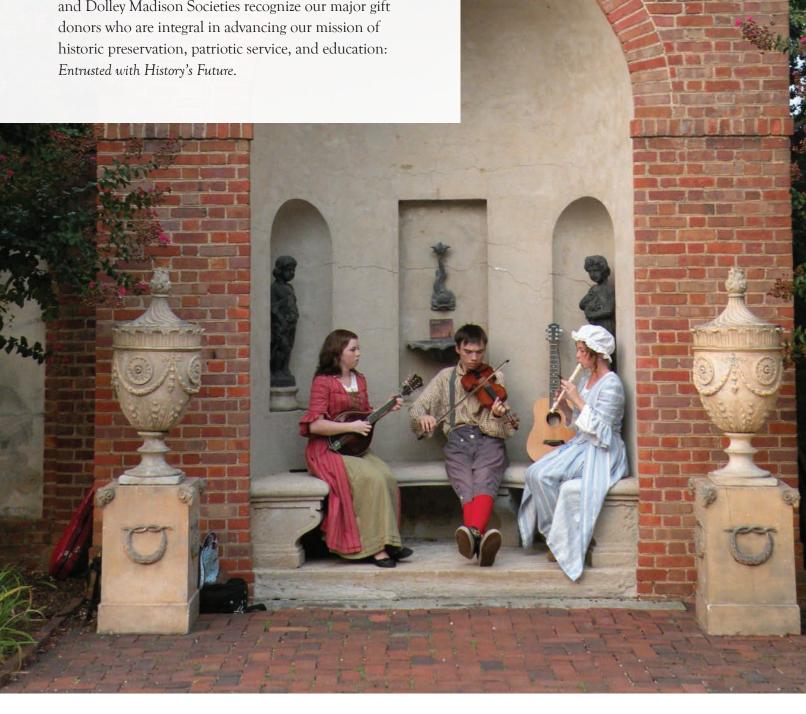
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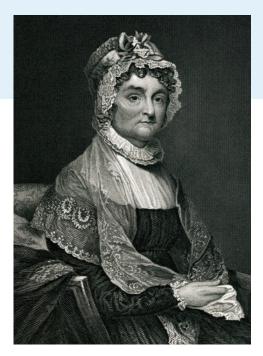


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Guests explore the second floor galleries of Dumbarton House. This exhibit, 100 Dollars Reward, chronicles the history of slavery in Georgetown, Washington, DC.



New Exhibits at Dumbarton House

Dumbarton House, a Federal-era house museum in Georgetown, serves as the National Headquarters for the NSCDA. Not only does the site provide resources and support to Dames properties across the country, but it serves as a manifestation of what the Dames can do, right here in our nation's capital. This year the museum prioritized expanding the stories told in our galleries to include the figures and voices so often omitted from historic house interpretation. In February, we opened a new exhibit titled One Hundred Dollars Reward, which portrayed the history of slavery in Georgetown from its founding in 1751 through the Federal period. In this exhibit, we aimed to paint a picture of urban slavery and reframe visitors' understanding of slavery in the District of Columbia. The exhibit featured research uncovered from the Dumbarton House archives as well as the archives of neighboring institutions, including Tudor Place, the Octagon House, and the White House Historical Association.

The museum opened another new exhibit, A Sketch of Slavery in the District of Columbia, in our second-floor gallery space in May, which featured complementary themes and pushed our visitors to think differently about Georgetown's early history. In this innovative exhibition, Maryland-based artist Curtis Woody gathered resources from libraries and databases as well as scraps of material from Dumbarton House, including letters, wallpaper, and locks, to create thoughtprovoking original artworks that explored a time of slavery in the Capital.

Our schedule of gallery exhibits culminated, this fall, with an exhibit in our upper passage entitled Making DC. Bringing together the stories of founding fathers; families, like the Nourse family; and enslaved and indentured workers, it tells the story of how the District of Columbia came to be and the people, places, and artifacts that shaped its history.



Growing the Collection

We added a chest of drawers to our collection this January, which was made in Georgetown between 1811 and 1818. A beautifully preserved label on the chest reveals that it was made by cabinet maker Gustavus Beall in "the High-street, George-Town", whose "furniture will be made in the newest style and superior in elegance to any manufacture in this place". It is the first piece of labelled furniture in our collection and will be featured in our second floor gallery space in the Making DC exhibit. The accession number is 2018.001.



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Revisiting Jamestown: Our First National Preservation Project

The NSCDA has a long and meaningful history with Jamestown, the oldest permanent English settlement in North America. Early settlers to Jamestown erected a church in 1617, and, in 1619, the first General Assembly met in the choir of that church, becoming the venue for the first form of representative government in the western hemisphere. In 1906, the still-young NSCDA provided funds to re-erect a Memorial Church at the site to commemorate the 300th anniversary of that

momentous occasion. The project was the first ever preservation effort

undertaken by the NSCDA nationally, setting a precedent of patriotic service and preservation that would steer the course of the organization in the decades to come. In October 2018, the Dames reaffirmed their commitment to this project and their relationship with Jamestown with a donation of \$52,000 to the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation, an organization that supports the work of archaeologists, historians, and educators to keep the story of Jamestown alive. The donation will be used to facilitate repairs and restoration work on the historic church.







Education & Public Programs

Dumbarton House is proud to continue to offer free field trips to school groups from DC public and charter schools. We also offer free transportation to our site for Title I schools, which are schools supported by Federal funds for students from low income households. In 2018, we hosted over 1,200 students from kindergarten through 5th grade and over 10,000 visitors of all ages through walk-in tours and public programs.

Homeschool History days made their return to our educational lineup in 2018. DC has a thriving community of homeschool families who love coming to Dumbarton House once a month to learn about preservation and early-American history. We also added an exciting new summer program called Dive into Dumbarton, which is designed for 3-5 year olds. Weekly topics included flags, music, Independence Day, gardens, archeology, food, and clothing, and were designed to grow a love of history in our youngest visitors. The museum staff is always looking forward and in doing so, working hard to continuously expand our visibility and our reach. With each new program offered, we hope to embrace new types of visitors and to attract an audience that represents the rich diversity of Washington, DC.

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Patriotic Service

As always, the Dames' commitment to patriotic service was the driving force behind many of the Society's most inspiring projects through the year. 2018 marked the 75th anniversary of the NSCDA's American Indian Nurse Scholarship program. The NSCDA awards scholarships to students of American Indian descent who plan to pursue careers in nursing, health care, or health education. Through work at reservations or health facilities serving a large population of American Indians, these students take seriously the responsibility conferred in the acceptance of these scholarships to improve health within native communities.

Another cornerstone of the NSCDA's patriotic activities is the Congressional Seminar Essay Contest for high school students, held under the auspices of the education nonprofit, the Washington Workshops Foundation. This year's applicants addressed the questions: Why did the authors of the US Constitution give presidents the power to issue executive orders? How did Congress and the judicial branch limit these orders? In total, 58 students representing 28 participating states were awarded full tuition, room and board to visit DC for seven days for a week of citizenship education about the national government and tours of sites in our nation's capital.

This summer, the DC Society co-hosted a Children's Citizenship Ceremony in partnership with the US Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services. Twenty-eight new citizens from 15 countries, ranging from young elementary school students to teenagers, celebrated their new American citizenship at Dumbarton House. Before pledging allegiance to their new country, these young people learned about its history by touring Dumbarton House and its exhibits.







Museums & Community Engagement

NSCDA headquarters piloted an exciting new partnership with George Washington University in Spring of 2018. Graduate students in the course Museums and Community Engagement collaborated with four NSCDA properties - Hoover-Minthorn House in Oregon, Neill-Cochran House in Texas, Craik-Patton House in West Virginia, and Mount Clare in Maryland -under the guidance of their instructor and leader in the field of historic house interpretation, Max van Balgooy. The students conducted research on the four properties, interviewed

the sites' directors, and ultimately developed community engagement plans designed around each site's challenges and needs. The class not only helped the students develop real-world museum experience, but it likewise benefitted the participating historic sites, helping them to better understand their local communities and best practices to reach new audiences. Professor van Balgooy will teach the course again in 2019, giving more NSCDA properties the opportunity to receive community engagement recommendations from emerging museum professionals.



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The Clarinda Pendleton Lamar awards are given each year to highlight exceptional NSCDA projects that support our mission in the areas of museum properties, historical activities, and patriotic service. The awards honor the legacy of visionary Dame, Clarinda Pendleton Lamar, in the hope that by celebrating the winners, others will be inspired by the extraordinary accomplishments of Corporate Societies around the country.

This year, our 20 applicants were judged on their project's impact on their Society or local communities, their potential for replication in other locations, and their overall impact and support of our mission. Our five distinguished judges were impressed by the imagination, enthusiasm, and commitment of each and every participating society. The winners are featured below.

Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar (Clarinda Pendleton Lamar), a Georgia Dame, served as a National Officer for 25 years including 13 as our National President. She led many of our organization's major early accomplishments including chairing the committee to acquire Dumbarton House, dedicating the canopy erected over Plymouth Rock, leading the effort to raise an endowment for Sulgrave Manor, and encouraging extensive publishing projects.

Museum Properties Winners



La Casa de Estudillo (CA)



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NSCDA Hosts 62nd Biennial

In October 2018, over 250 Dames from across the country gathered in Washington, DC for the 62nd Biennial Council. Biennial is the cornerstone of NSCDA National governance; installing new National Officers, voting on official business and procedures, and recognizing the outstanding work and dedication of individual members, Corporate Societies, Committees and museums. Members gathered for a full weekend of meetings and activities that included a touching memorial service at the Spanish-American War Memorial in Arlington Cemetery, one of the first national NSCDA projects and the very first monument in the cemetery built by a women's organization.



Catherine Nuzum, Attingham Summer School Class of 2018

I was thrilled to be selected as one of 48 participants to attend the 67th Attingham Summer School this year! Thanks to the generosity of the NSCDA, I traveled to England in July to begin an intensive three week exploration of English country houses. My classmates - who came from museums and cultural institutions in the United States, England, mainland Europe, and Australia - and I began our journey in Sussex, then wound our way to Derbyshire, and ultimately trekked into the far reaches of Northumberland. We explored nearly thirty unique sites during the course and enjoyed lectures by some of England's foremost history and preservation scholars.

While our itinerary was incredibly full, a few activities (both planned and impromptu) stand out as particularly memorable. I'm a great admirer of the English painter JMW Turner, so was delighted to come face to canvas with the large collection at Petworth; and, as an added bonus, I was able to handle some of the leftover props from Mr. Turner, the movie on Turner's life that was filmed in part on the estate. At Chatsworth, we had the great pleasure of exploring the family's private rooms, full of fantastic contemporary art, with the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire themselves. And, at Flintham Hall, a private home where we enjoyed a gorgeous lunch and leisurely afternoon, the owner snuck a few of us up a (narrow, steep, spider-infested) tower to see a truly magnificent view of his family's ancestral estate.

The aforementioned activities hardly scratch the surface of what we did and saw during our time in England. Taken as a whole, the Attingham experience is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity and the best possible way to be fully immersed in the history and continuing story of the English country house. I am so grateful to the NSCDA for allowing me to go on such an incredible adventure.

Catherine joined the NSCDA staff in 2014 and currently serves as the National Headquarters liaison to the many museum properties of the NSCDA and oversees museum-centric initiatives found within the longterm NSCDA strategic plan, primarily the launch and cultivation of a dedicated NSCDA Museum Alliance.



LEGACY CIRCLE

The gift of a simple bequest in your will is one of the best ways to ensure the long-term future of the NSCDA and Dumbarton House. We invite you to become a member of The Legacy Circle, honoring those who designate a beguest in their estate plan for the NSCDA. Members of The Legacy Circle include:

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Waddell Painting

The anticipated unveiling of a beautiful new artistic installation in the Best Chamber added an exciting new layer to Dumbarton House's interpretation. The Best Chamber and museum's other period rooms show visitors the house as it may have looked in the early 1800s, when the first Register of the Treasury, Joseph Nourse, lived there with his family. Through careful primary source research, local artist Peter Waddell painted a view of the Nourse family farm, which was installed behind the Best Chamber window this spring. The painting and accompanying research were commissioned to provide our visitors a view of what the property, and the greater Georgetown neighborhood, may have looked like when the Nourse household lived here. Best known for his paintings of Washington, D.C., history and architecture, Peter Waddell has previously created works about the Capitol in the nineteenth century; the role of Freemasons in the creation of the Federal City; the history of the Octagon House; and numerous other commissions for historic sites including Mount Vernon and Tudor Place.



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