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DUMBARTON HOUSE REOPENS AFTER 9 MONTH CLOSURE

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Dumbarton House reopening ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Saturday June 3, 2017. Councilmember Jack Evans attended and joined our Executive Director Karen Daly and Jane Boylin Chair of the Dumbarton House Board in cutting the ribbon to officiate the reopening of the museum. Dumbarton House also participated in the annual DKMC Walk Weekend the same weekend, allowing members and the public to visit Dumbarton House and other DKMC museums for free.



On May 23rd, 2017, Dumbarton House held a preview for museum members, donors and members of The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America of the new exhibition, *The Exchange*. We are proud to showcase *The Exchange*, which features a first printing of the *Articles of Confederation* (1777) along with a copy of *The Federalist* (Papers).

Dumbarton House hosts many events for the Georgetown community like the Sunday Serenity Yoga which kicked off this past weekend. Yoga will be held on Sundays in June from 10-11am. A free classical concert held by the Friday Morning Music Club on the evening of June 13th. The Picnic Theater Company will perform Noel Coward's "Hay Fever" on the evenings of June 14th, 15th, and 16th, and one of our most popular events, the 6th Annual Jane Austen Film Festival, will be held on Wednesday evenings in July.. Dumbarton House hosts a variety of talks, festival, and youth programs year-round.

Dumbarton House was closed for 7 months with staff working from temporary offices at Heurich House until the installation of a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system was complete. Dumbarton House is now open to the public, with new exhibitions available, a new interpretive plan, and a new HVAC system to preserve the collections and keep tour guests comfortable during their visit to the museum.

ABOUT DUMBARTON HOUSE

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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