

~ ANNUAL REPORT 2019 ~



*Celebrate Our History,
Inspire Our Future.*



Please enjoy our 2019 in review, which highlights the many accomplishments of the NSCDA from the Naturalization Ceremony to Girl Scouts in Dumbarton House on the NBC Washington news. We thank you for your support that makes all of this possible!

A LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Friends,

The year 2019 was an exciting time for the Dames with redesigned meeting opportunities, groundbreaking programs, and new exhibits at your National Headquarters. Every accomplishment was made possible because of support from our 44 Corporate Societies, over 15,000 NSCDA members, and the Friends of Dumbarton House. We encourage you to take a moment to reflect on how transformative 2019 was for the NSCDA as you enjoy reading about our programs and finances in this Annual Report.

Throughout the year, National Headquarters staff worked with leaders from the National Board and various committees to move projects and programs forward. We initiated a new approach to national meetings with new scheduling and a unified theme for the National Board Workshop in the fall. Our National officers and Headquarters staff visited many of our Corporate Societies to provide their expertise with planning and programming and to share news from the National Society. Official invitations to join the *Great American Treasures: NSCDA Museum Alliance* (GAT) were mailed. Over 60 of our historic properties have accepted the call to join!

The NSCDA Comprehensive Campaign was shared with all the NSCDA members with the unveiling of an inspirational video at the Regions I and III Conference in New Orleans. This Campaign provides the opportunity for us to honor our ancestors and lay the groundwork for our organization's future. We are excited to have received so much support for this campaign from our members and to receive a generous gift to establish an endowment for our American Indian Nurse Scholarship program.

The "Dames Journeys: Travel with a Purpose" program is growing in popularity. Dames from around the country gathered on voyages to Australia, New Zealand, Normandy, and the Amalfi Coast. Every journey is a wonderful opportunity to come together and enjoy our shared passion for history.

At National Headquarters Dumbarton House, research on and interest in innovation allowed staff to create the museum's first Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Exhibit (STEM). *STEM in the Historic House* explored the behind the scenes work – and sometimes behind the walls work – of preservation. Our school and scout programs continued to grow in popularity and attendance, especially because of a grant awarded by the DC Commission of the Arts and Humanities which allows an additional 800 students to tour the museum. The first annual *Day At Dumbarton* was held with outstanding lectures open to all Dames with the purpose of becoming better acquainted with our historic museum house. These educational opportunities are a wonderful way for visitors and Dames to learn about the work of the NSCDA.

The information shared in these pages provides you with a snapshot of successful goals achieved in 2019 for our mission of historic preservation, history education, and patriotic service. With gratitude for your support, we thank you for celebrating our history and inspiring our future!

Sincerely,



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Karen L. Daly

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OUR MISSION



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, the National Headquarters of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America is to support the NSCDA Corporate Societies and their members; to maintain an historic museum property, which serves as a resource for the NSCDA nationally; and to contribute to the cultural life of the surrounding community. Through the interpretation of its historic site and collections, the Dumbarton House Museum promotes the understanding of historic preservation and of the early history of our nation, so that the lives and ideals of early Americans inspire current and future generations.

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NATIONAL AND CORPORATE SOCIETIES* In 2019, we achieved:



52 Congressional Seminar students



900+ participants in flag programs



\$75,000+ spent on historical activities programs



\$151,000+ awarded in scholarships



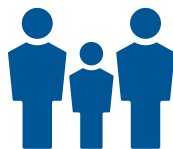
1,490+ new citizens welcomed



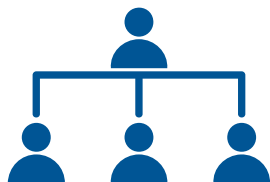
5,600+ military personnel and families served



9 new Oral History projects



339,000+ museum visitors Including over 28,000+ students



17,000+ Ancestor Resources online sessions



135,000+ artifacts, artworks, objects cared for

**Source: NSCDA National Strategic Planning Committee, Project Committee surveys of Corporate Societies*



Dames gather to discuss ongoing preservation efforts in the Memorial Church at Historic Jamestown.

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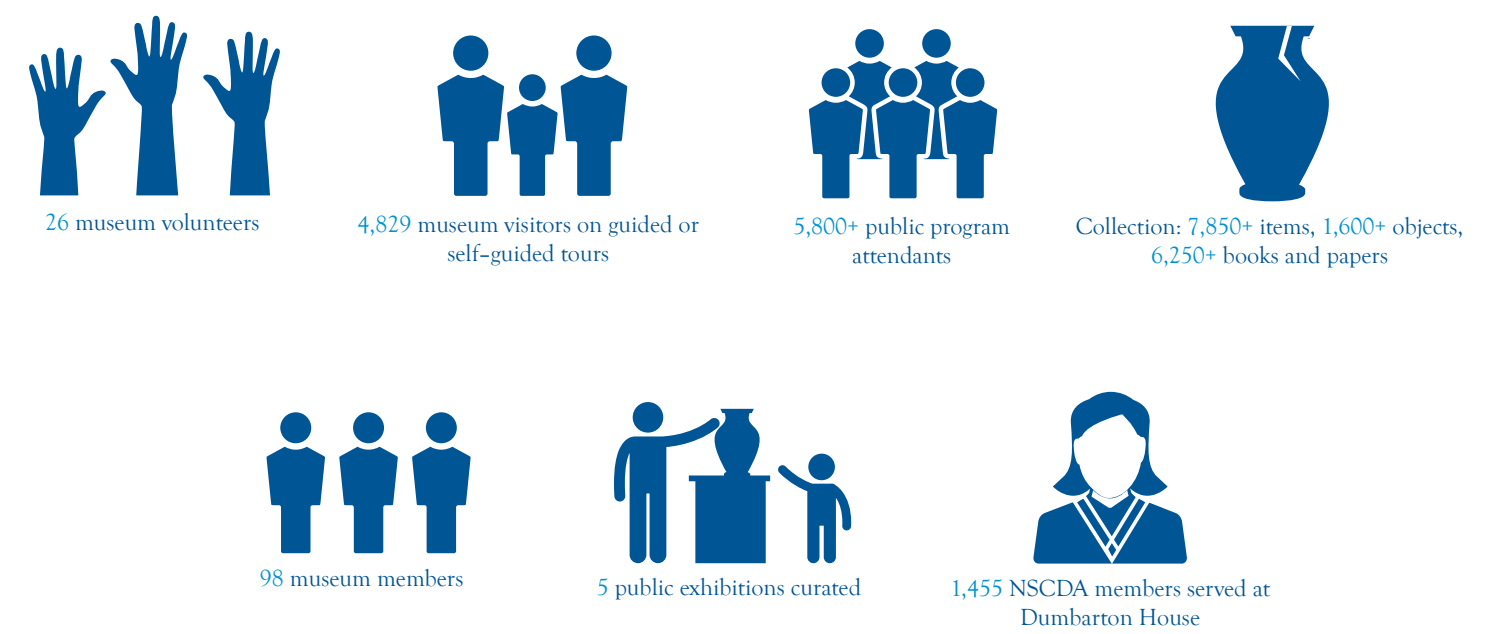
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Local school students learn about the Federal Period on a field trip to Dumbarton House.

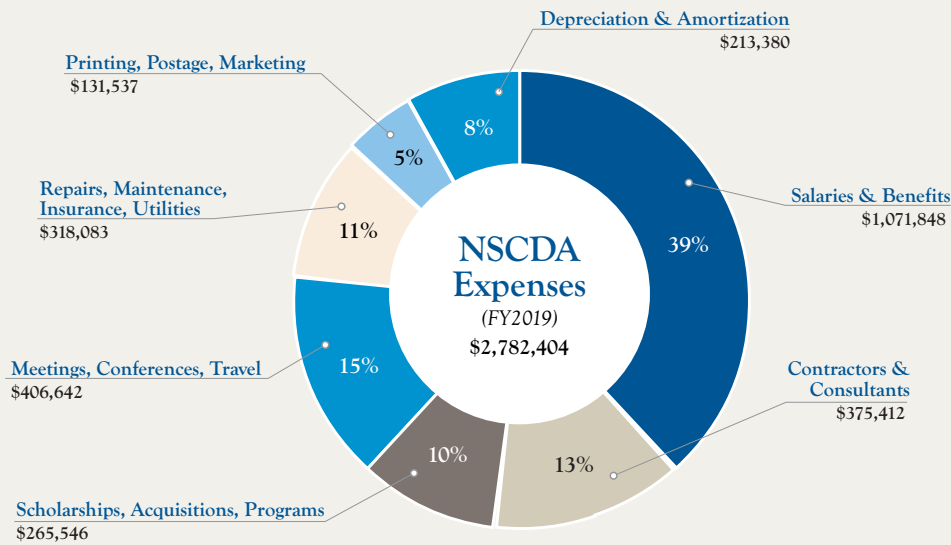
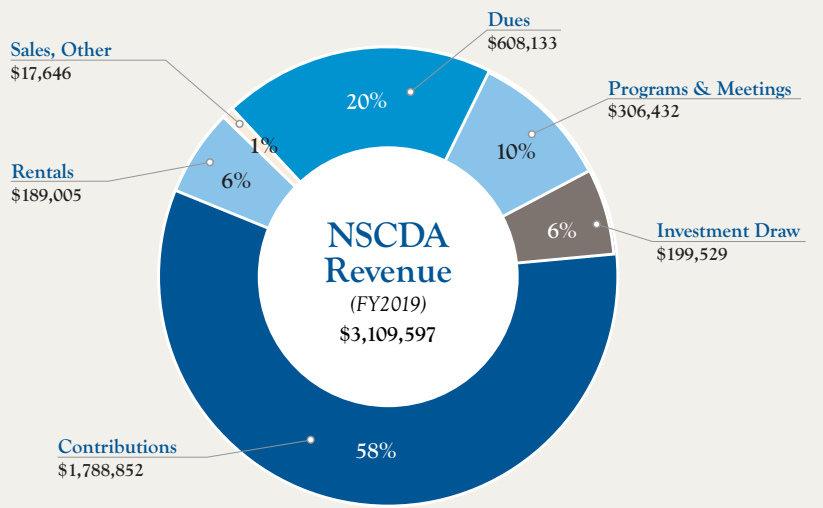
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Fiscal Year 2019
(September 1, 2018 to
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Our audited financial statements are
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*preliminary, year-end, un-audited financials

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DC Girl Scouts pose with News Anchor Molette Green of NBC Washington during a morning news special about STEM in the Historic House.



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Inaugural *Day at Dumbarton*: Your Home, Our Hospitality.

Year after year your National Headquarters Dumbarton House strives to serve as a resource and flagship museum for NSCDA historic properties. Our staff works diligently to create innovative exhibits, to engage with the local Washington, DC community, and to evolve best practices in museum work. Many Dames visit us year-round to tour the museum, to attend meetings, and to gather for presentations.

What was never offered before were a few very special days expressly dedicated to Dames from across the country to gather, to get to know each other, and to engage in what they love: history education and historic preservation. This was the idea behind the highly anticipated and wonderfully enjoyed Day at Dumbarton.

In addition to Dumbarton House staff, members were also joined by other experts in the field. For example, on the first day,

Carolle Thibaut-Pomerantz, an antique wallpaper expert, joined us from Paris, France. She spoke about the French influence of American wallpapers. On day two, a lively panel led by staff at your Headquarters took place. They introduced themselves and explained their roles in the museum as well as future plans for the site. The weekend ended with a lecture by Natalie Larson, a historic textile expert who presented on the unique designs of a variety of historic textiles.

The first ever Day at Dumbarton was a great success as we welcomed both new and familiar faces and enjoyed the opportunity to spend one-on-one time with each other, and with experts in the preservation field. We celebrated our shared passion for the past and now look forward to continuing this program every year to welcome new and returning participants to your National Headquarters and Museum.



NSCDA Travel Program: We Start as Dames, and End as Family.

With cruises and trips galore in 2019, Dames came together to criss-cross the globe and bask in the beauty of exploring exciting places with new and familiar faces. Many NSCDA Travel Programs took passengers internationally to Stockholm, Normandy, St. Petersburg, and along the Amalfi Coast of Italy. Other trips explored our continent: Jackson Hole, Yellowstone National Park, Charleston, and Montreal. Travelers enjoyed their time at sea together and returned home with fellow members who through their journeys, became family.



A Campaign of Historic Proportions, and Many Dimensions

This year we launched the Comprehensive Campaign to all 15,300+ NSCDA members, starting with the presentation of an inspirational video at the Regions I and III Conference in New Orleans, LA.



This video, which we hope many of you have seen, explains why our organization is on a path to celebrate our history and inspire our future. As Jane Boylin, our National Vice President describes in the video, “As women of vision in the twenty first century, we need to look at where this organization will go in the future.”

And that is exactly what we have done this year.

Great American Treasures is nearly ready to launch with a brand new, live website. The Dumbarton House Fund for the Future reached its \$2 million initial benchmark. This Fall, the Women in Preservation Symposium (WIPS), co-sponsored by the Smithsonian, will showcase compelling stories about the important role women have played in historic preservation and the many skills they deployed with tireless

devotion to ensure the success of their projects, yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Nell Payne, WIPS Task Force Chair and DC Dame shared, “Women continue to serve in vital roles in historic preservation today, at the national, state, and local levels, as exemplified by the NSCDA’s stewardship of historic properties across the country and by the countless projects shepherded by its members.”

Each of these NSCDA projects is a manifestation of our mission of historic preservation, history education, and patriotic service – in action! And there is so much more that we will achieve because of the funds from your Comprehensive Campaign.

From day one, Dames from all across the country have generously donated, and continue to donate, to this ambitious campaign. The enthusiasm among members in every state has been awe inspiring. Some Dames, who have never given before, have donated generously. While others, who have given in the past, have increased their standard donation amount. We have stepped up for the NSCDA, together.





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NELL PAYNE
WIPS Task Force Chair and DC Dame

Every Dame who came before us played an integral part in shaping our organization, and we honor them by continuing that tradition with hard work for Our Society, Our Home, Our Legacy.

In the words of our fourth National President, Clarinda Pendleton Lamar, “I think we ought never to be without a work in which everyone in the Societies can join with common interest. Nothing does more to bind us together.” That quote speaks directly to the purpose of the Comprehensive Campaign as we unite together to celebrate our history and inspire our future.





Patriotic Service: Finding Meaning in Being a Citizen, and Becoming One Too.

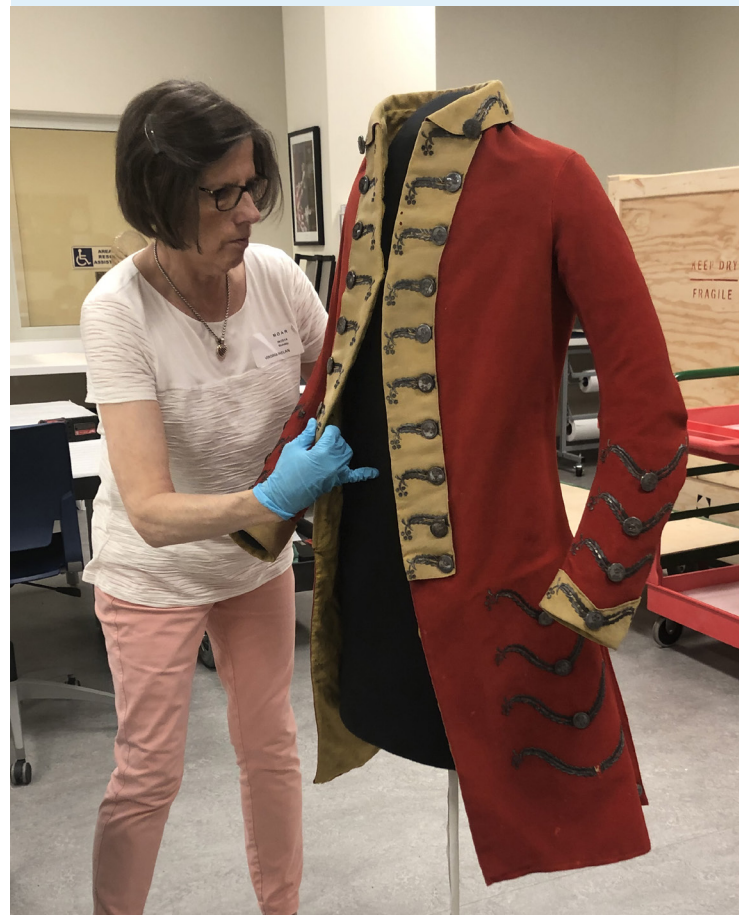
Washington Workshops provides young people with a challenge to answer an important question about our society and our history. They can win the opportunity to visit Washington, DC. Every year a new group of high school students visit the nation's capital to tour historic museums and our government buildings. They leave as more fulfilled citizens with a greater understanding of what America means beyond what is taught in their history textbooks because they witness democracy in action.

Always a proud and emotional day, Dumbarton House hosted a Naturalization Ceremony where youth candidates became U.S. Citizens. During this special day at your Headquarters, Executive Director, Karen L. Daly spoke about the power of how we are a nation "Founded by immigrants." The acknowledgment of our collective past during this Ceremony is meant to inspire this future generation of new Americans – all of whom sat attentively in their seats, with American flags in hand – to be the best citizens they can be.

The British Red Coat was on the Move (by Land).

Our British Red Coat was on the move last year. The 1768 coat, which belonged to Lieutenant Eli Dagworthy of the 44th British foot regiment, was packed up by Dumbarton House staff and personally driven to its temporary home in Philadelphia at the Museum of the American Revolution. Before heading to its temporary home, Dumbarton House hosted a members only special preview event in which Jerry Foust, Historic Site Director, shared the story of the coat with our local area donors and Dames at a lively question and answer session.

Upon arrival in Philadelphia, the Red Coat was greeted by historic textile conservator and Pennsylvania Dame, Gina Whelan, and placed on exhibit in the museum. The rarely displayed coat gives us the rare opportunity to present its history to the public. And, because of the great collaboration between NSCDA staff and Gina Whelan to support the mission of both Dumbarton House and the NSCDA, our Red Coat is on the move to educate.



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American Indian Nurse Scholarship: Started in 1928, Continued Forever.

The past year was a special one for the American Indian Nurse Scholarship Award Program (AINS). Started by the Pennsylvania Society in 1928, this scholarship opportunity was made national in 1930 to give students of Native American descent the opportunity to pursue careers in nursing. The students are expected to return to work in their communities to help improve health care. This transformative program provides many students the chance to pursue their dreams and positively impact their communities with life-saving care.

The NSCDA Comprehensive Campaign received an incredibly generous donation from the Martha Lena Walden Trust, Mary Steed Ewell, Trustee, which endowed

The Martha L. Walden Fund to provide scholarships in perpetuity for this wonderful program. Miss Walden was a missionary and teacher to the Choctaw tribe in southern Alabama. Through her work, she witnessed firsthand the Choctaw people's needs for more accessible and high-level medical services. She remembered and honored this experience 75 years later in the generosity of her Trust.

Mary Steed Ewell, Trustee, met one of our 2019 scholarship recipients, Kyle Durrant, at a Comprehensive Campaign reception in October. The two shared their sincerest thanks with all Dames who make this scholarship possible for students like Kyle to transform their communities. Kyle is currently



a Doctor of Nursing Practice candidate in the Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner program at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. It was a special evening for these two. Kyle was grateful for the opportunity to meet those who have helped him achieve his dreams. And Mary Steed Ewell saw the legacy of her cousin Martha L. Walden in action.

The named fund will live on as we grant more deserving students of Native American heritage the opportunity to pursue medicine.

History's Keepers Start with Their Own Headquarters.

The preservation and maintenance of Dumbarton House is different day in and day out. Sometimes it's a simple light bulb that needs replacing. While other times, like this year, all windows and exterior doors were restored, refurbished, and reinstalled. After months of work, we now have restored windows and doors that allow our HVAC system to run more efficiently and support sustainability efforts of the present and future.

It is because of projects like this that we are most grateful and excited to share that our Dumbarton House Fund for the Future reached its targeted \$2 million initial benchmark. Our Home, your National Headquarters, is the physical embodiment of your mission for historic preservation. With this endowed fund, we strive to ensure that your Headquarters is well kept, and will continue to be here: ready to serve Dames and our nation for generations to come.



Growing the Collection:

We acquired two new items: a creamware sauce boat (number 2019.004.0001) and a 19th century document eraser (number 2019.011.0001).

Creamware was a popular 18th century ceramic produced in England and noted for its beauty. It was successfully marketed to households of varying means and appreciated for its lower price points when compared to porcelain. This creamware sauce boat is an example of the Federal style with smooth surfaces, simplicity, and symmetric designs.

The document eraser is one of a number of “smalls” that Dumbarton House is attempting to acquire that comprise the everyday tools used by people during the early 19th century. It is a unique item that we plan to have on display soon.



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One of twenty-six new United States Citizens waves her flag at the Naturalization Ceremony held at Dumbarton House, National Headquarters, on August 1, 2019.

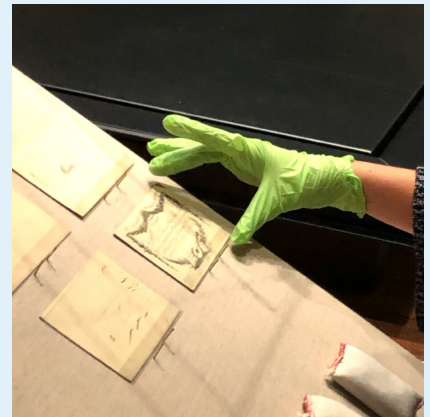
A Historic House Museum, a Living Preservation Lab, a National Headquarters: The Many Sides of Dumbarton House.

Not only your National Headquarters, but also a museum open to the public, Dumbarton House had a very exciting year of exhibits, programs, and grant awards! James Stewart, Curatorial Intern, shares his experience curating STEM in the Historic House exhibit:

“As the first exhibit at the museum to explore the use of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in different aspects of historic preservation. It strove to reach new audiences connected to these fields. To highlight the use of STEM throughout the historic preservation community, several NSCDA properties loaned objects to the museum. These objects were central to the exhibit, which would not be possible without partnerships with other NSCDA properties. Overall, visitors to the museum remarked on

how they enjoyed the STEM exhibit because it was not something they usually saw in a historic house.”

Historic Site Director, Jerry Foust, had some fun with a test run of 3D printing this year! In our room of rotating exhibits called The Exchange, we explored how, from blueprints to 3D printed objects, the world of architectural drawings has changed dramatically over the past two hundred years. Blueprints were first developed as a form of photographic reproduction in the early to mid-19th century. They were adapted by architects by the late 19th century to quickly reproduce drawings. As the 21st century begins, a new technology in 3D printing holds the promise of someday supplanting blueprints.



Educational Programming: Grant Funding pairs DC Students with Educational Opportunities.



Dumbarton House was awarded grant funding from the DC Commission of Arts and Humanities to support our field trip programs. We welcome students from all over Washington, DC to visit, explore, and learn about the Federal Era and founding of our nation. With this extra funding and, from it, our partnership with the DC Collaborative, which is a local organization that advances access that DC public and charter schools have to arts organizations, Dumbarton House will welcome and teach an additional 800 students. More students than ever before will learn about the early history of our nation and the preservation work by women of vision of the NSCDA.

Your National Headquarters also successfully received a \$91,809 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences as part of the Museums for America Program. Staff are hard at work to implement the first phase of an interpretive reinstallation project to improve the educational impact and overall experience for visitors. Project activities include new interior and exterior lighting as well as interpretive and wayfinding signs. The museum will also enhance its Visitor Center with improved accessibility, new furniture, and exhibits that set the scene for the stories shared as they tour the house.

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