



# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT





# LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

We, the women of the NSCDA, like our mothers, sisters, and grandmothers before us, have come together to pursue our mission of historic education, preservation, and patriotism. We are delighted to announce that together, we have met our \$10 million Comprehensive Campaign goal! We are immensely proud of this accomplishment and profoundly grateful to our donors and volunteers who helped make the biggest campaign in the NSCDA's history an unprecedented success. Amidst the challenge of a global public health crisis, our 15,000 members, 44 societies, leadership and major gift donors, and countless friends have made this remarkable fundraising achievement possible. Although the pandemic kept us from coming together face-to-face, we moved from personal visits and national meetings to Zoom calls, virtual visits and endless emails. We were able to blend modern technology with the grace and cultivation necessary for successful fundraising, while showing stamina and determination that would have made our ancestors proud! As one of our leaders aptly said, "It's not about us – it is about our country." For over 130 years, we have worked to preserve our nation's history – an undertaking that benefits the NSCDA and so many others.

Among our accomplishments this year:

- We preserved and maintained our National Headquarters at Dumbarton House in Washington, D.C.
- We developed an exciting collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution, the Women in Preservation Symposium, to be presented this year.
- We continued to support our Corporate Societies and their museum properties as part of the Great American Treasures Museum Alliance.
- We awarded scholarships such as the American Indian Nurse Scholarship, and we celebrated our patriotism with citizenship programs and workshops.

Throughout our history, the NSCDA has come together in both good times and bad, in times of change and times of reflection, to further our goals and to ensure that our mission will be carried on for years to come. We thank you all for your part in safeguarding the future of NSCDA and Dumbarton House, not only in making the Comprehensive Campaign a rousing success, but also through your continuing commitment to our mission.

With gratitude,



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Katherine Cammack  
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Jane Boylin  
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Dumbarton House



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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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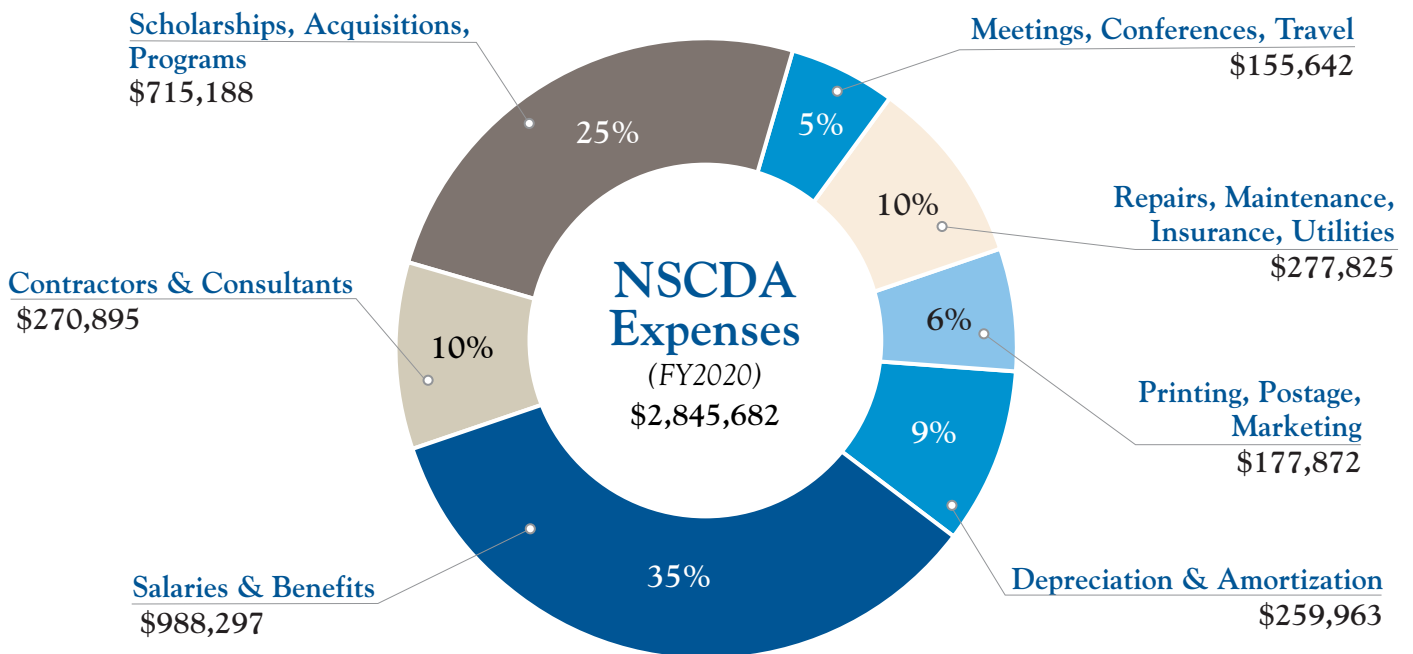
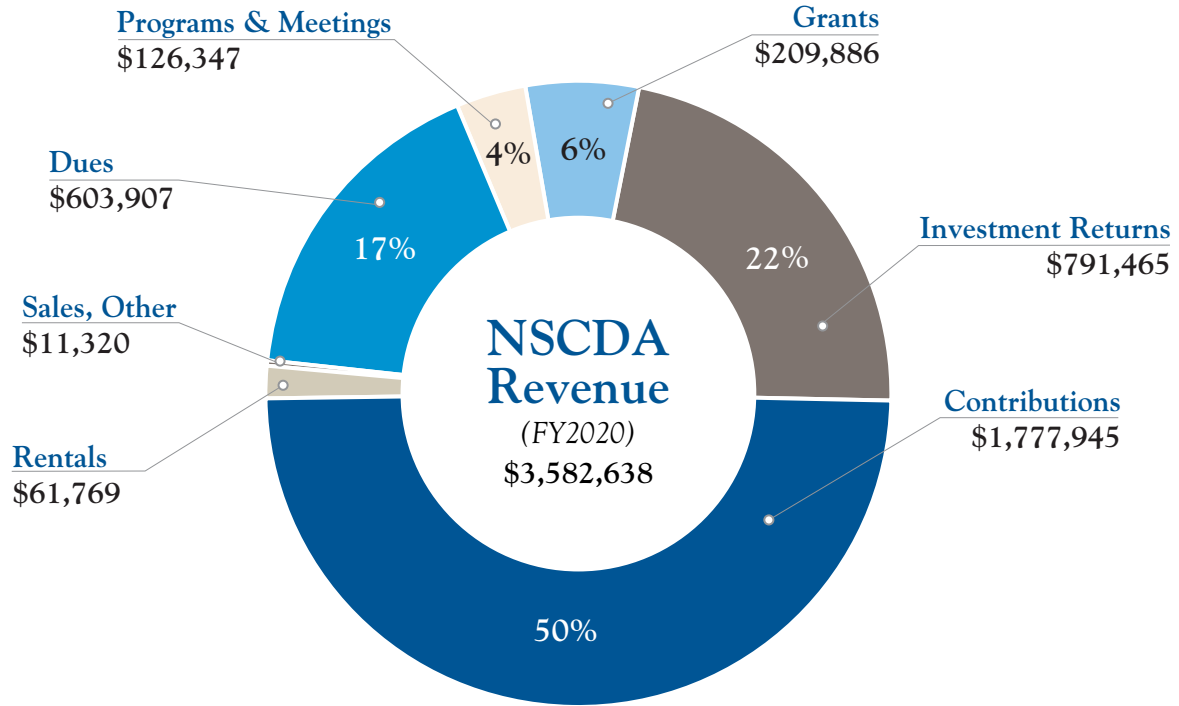
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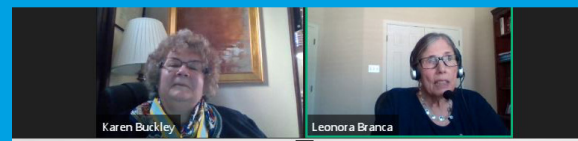
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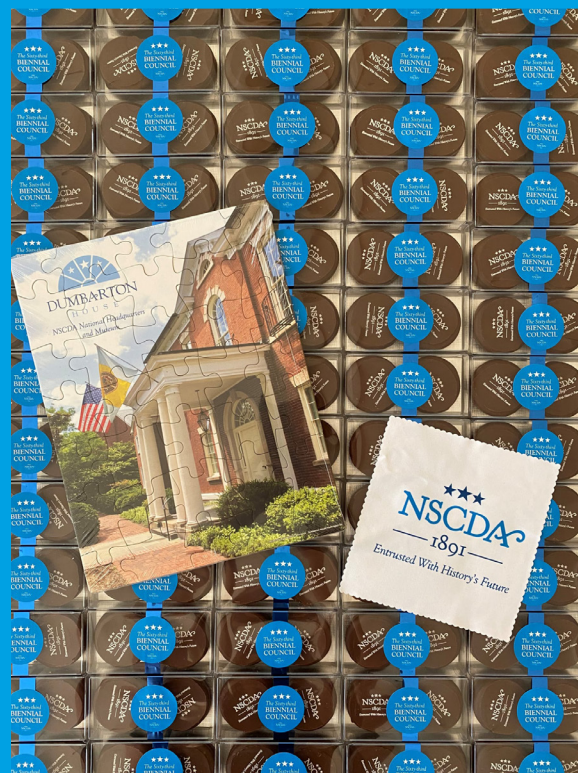
## An Unusual Biennial

The 63rd Biennial Council was unlike any other in the 130-year history of the NSCDA. The pandemic required our event to be virtual, and more Dames participated than had ever been possible before. The 15 educational sessions engaged over 850 Dames in learning more about our mission. With various topics including research with DNA, historic samplers and changing narratives at house museums, we came together, though physically apart. Keynote speaker David Rubenstein shared his concept of patriotic philanthropy and Professor Richard Bell spoke during the Arlington National Cemetery ceremony, encouraging us to better understand historical figures and their complex truths.

A highlight of the Biennial Weekend was the election and installation of our new Executive Committee and National President, Katherine Grainger Taylor Cammack. Honorary President Marcy Moody (2012 – 2016) and outgoing President Anna Duff (2016 – 2020) welcomed Katherine during an in-person ceremony in Florida. Katherine thanked her family and many Dames mentors, noting that they had taught her graciousness, generosity, and the value of participation. “We are an organization of strong, talented and selfless women. I stand on the shoulders of all the ladies who came before me in this position and across the National Society... One hundred years from now, our history will show that in the midst of the pandemic of 2020, we launched the Great American Treasures Alliance, met virtually with 850 women, reopened National Headquarters Dumbarton House to visitors, and supported many projects around the country.”



SAMPLE RULES FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS	
<b>Four Scenarios for Electronic Meetings.</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Full-featured Internet that integrates audio, video & voting.
<b>B.</b>	Telephone meetings with Internet services for voting & document display.
<b>C.</b>	Speakerphone in meeting room for electronic participation.
<b>D.</b>	Telephone meetings without Internet support & without meeting room.
<b>Sample Bylaw Provisions + Sample Rules.</b>	







## Limited Travel in 2020

In early 2020, Dames enjoyed two wonderful journeys. First, a group of intrepid Dames and spouses voyaged with President Anna Duff, traveling to South America in January aboard the luxurious Silver Shadow, sailing from Peru around Cape Horn and ending in Argentina. Shortly afterwards, Dames convened in Charleston to enjoy the Low Country in style during a journey punctuated by the legendary Charleston Antique, Home, & Garden Show. While the pandemic necessitated a temporary hiatus on travel, Dames enjoyed four successful “Evenings with Experts” with leading authorities

like Dr. Michael Jarvis of the University of Rochester and Dr. John Morrow of the University of Georgia.

When Dames travel with the NSCDA, not only are they having a splendid time and enjoying the camaraderie of other Dames, but they’re also contributing to the NSCDA. Although there were only two journeys in 2020, the program contributed over \$13,000 to the NSCDA. For more information and upcoming itineraries, please visit: [ctjourneys.com/nscda](http://ctjourneys.com/nscda).

## Patriotic Service Projects

American Indian Nurse Scholarship (AINS) is the oldest of the NSCDA Patriotic Service programs. Through a gift from the Martha Lena Walden Trust, by Mary Steed Ewell, Trustee, Dames can now offer in perpetuity scholarships to students of Native American descent who are pursuing a degree in health care services. These annual scholarships are also supported by contributions from Corporate Societies and individuals. We are most grateful for the generosity that allows

us to help young professionals return to and assist in their communities. We look forward to a greater outreach and impact in upcoming years!

The 2020 Congressional Essay Contest winners were unable to travel to Washington due to COVID. We hope that the lifting of restrictions will allow the 2021 program to occur and the official visit to Washington to proceed with both years’ recipients attending. We’re proud of the almost

100 high school students involved and look forward to the resumption of this popular nationwide contest.

We look forward to announcing a new initiative in support of Service to the Military. This initiative, in accordance with our mission, impacts those who have served and are serving in the military. We will share details of this exciting program and hope that it encourages widespread participation amongst our Corporate Societies.





## The NSCDA Award for Generosity and Purpose

The NSCDA Award for Generosity and Purpose was presented to Honorary President Stuart Cobb at the Campaign celebration during the Biennial weekend. Stuart was recognized for her philanthropic leadership, her vision of the future for the Dames, and her many years of dedication to the NSCDA, and for her service in her local community of Little Rock, Arkansas. Admitted to the NSCDA in 1978, Stuart has held many offices in the Society, including National President, Honorary President, Vice President for Region III, Honorary Chair of the Comprehensive Campaign, and President of the Arkansas Society. She has served on the boards of Dumbarton House, Gunston Hall, and Sulgrave Manor. Stuart has been tireless in providing leadership and in sharing her enthusiasm for the Dames. Her influence and generosity have extended far beyond the NSCDA, for she has long been a leader in Little Rock's healthcare, mental health, arts, and conservation arenas.

## The Comprehensive Campaign \$10 Million Goal is Met!

Unquestionably, the most remarkable example of the strength and determination of the NSCDA is the success of the Comprehensive Campaign. Despite the challenges of fundraising during a global health crisis, the Dames met their Campaign goal of \$10 Million. The four-year campaign was the biggest undertaking of its kind in the history of the NSCDA. Over 4,000 donors participated, including 1,400 new supporters nationwide. From exceedingly generous leadership gifts to donations made in memory of family members and friends, to grants and pledges from other organizations and foundations, we were able to exceed our goal and provide funding for numerous programs and initiatives. Both volunteer fundraisers and donors alike continue to celebrate the tremendous generosity and camaraderie that prevailed during this Campaign. Our Founders provided us with a legacy of connecting our generosity with our purpose. Our members are continuing this legacy as we support our mission for future generations.



“During this year, I’ve missed attending Naturalization Ceremonies and meeting our newest citizens in person. I recall the joy, gratitude, and excitement that I see at these ceremonies, which remind me that being an American is a privilege and a responsibility that many people are working to earn. I look forward to attending these ceremonies again and welcoming people who long for the same freedoms our ancestors sought.”

– Ellen Boomer (DC), Region IV Vice President



DC Dames meet virtually



# DONATIONS



Gifts listed below are a cumulative total of cash and securities contributions made to the NSCDA, including those for Friends of Dumbarton House, Dumbarton House Fund for the Future, the NSCDA American Indian Nurse Scholarship Fund, and Washington Workshops. The following pages list donors who made gifts of \$100 or more between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

The First Ladies, Martha Washington, Abigail Adams and Dolley Madison Societies recognize gifts of \$1,000 and up, which are integral in advancing our mission of historic preservation, patriotic service, and education.

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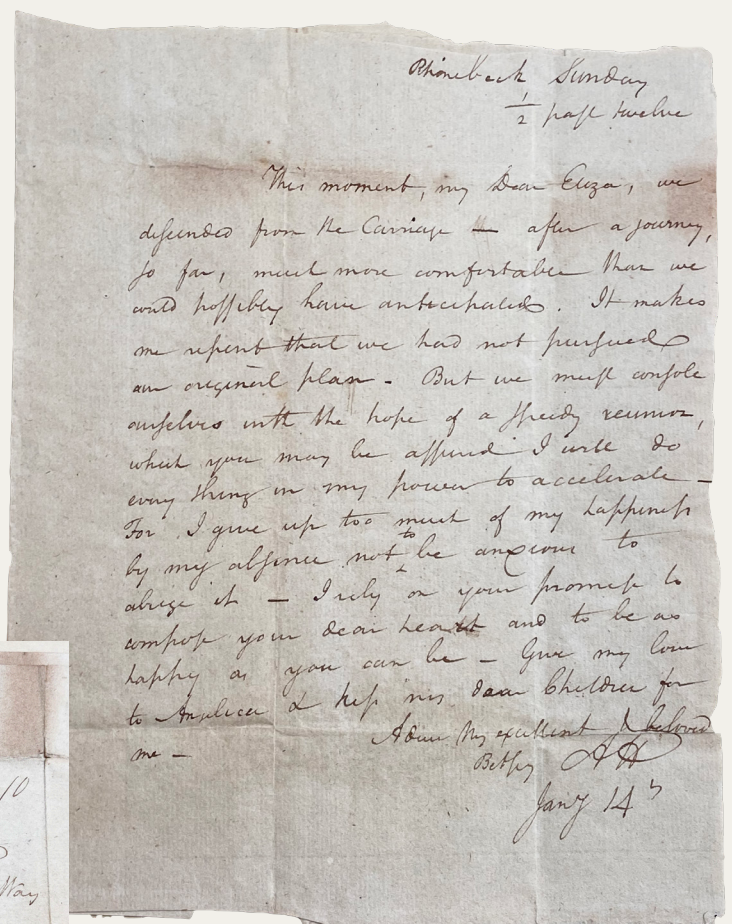
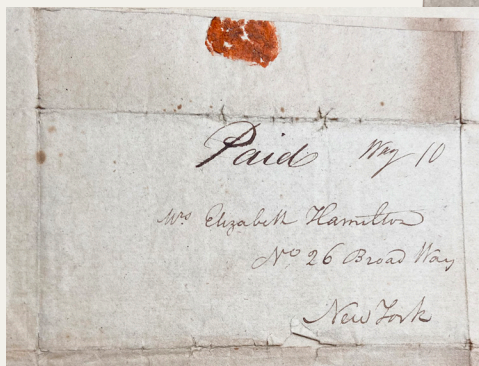
### Letter from Alexander Hamilton to Elizabeth Hamilton

January 14, 1804

"Rhinebeck, Sunday. Half twelve. This moment, my dear Eliza, we descended from the carriage — after a journey so far, much more comfortable than we could possibly have anticipated. It makes me repent that we had not pursued our original plan. But we must console ourselves with the hope of a speedy reunion, which you may be assured I will do everything in my power to accelerate. For I give up too much of my happiness by my absence not to be anxious to abridge it. I rely on your promise to compose your dear heart and to be as happy as you can be. Give my love to Anjelica and hug my dear children for me. Adieu my excellent & Beloved Beth.

-AH

January 14th."





# GREAT AMERICAN TREASURES

What do the Sulgrave Manor, Dumbarton House, Stenton, George Mason's Gunston Hall, Kent Plantation House, and Historic Rosedale Plantation have in common? They are some of the sixty-four historic properties in the NSCDA Great American Treasures Museum Alliance launched in the summer of 2020. Since the late 1890's, the Dames have been caretakers of historic sites and museums as owners, administrators and supporters. The NSCDA is second only to the U.S. National Park Service in its stewardship of historic buildings nationwide.

Your generous donations to the Comprehensive Campaign made the Great American Treasures Museum Alliance possible. This coming year we will also launch our much-anticipated Museum Grant Fund. This \$1million fund generates \$20,000 annually, which the NSCDA will award as small competitive grants to various properties. Each supported project will advance the preservation or awareness of the historical trusts of the NSCDA. We look forward to seeing and sharing our mission in action. Please learn more at [greatamericantreasures.org](http://greatamericantreasures.org). If you have questions about preserving America's past to help us strengthen our future, please contact Samantha Dorsey, NSCDA Programs Manager at [samanthadorsey@nscda.org](mailto:samanthadorsey@nscda.org).

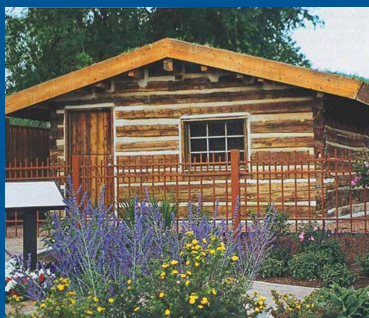


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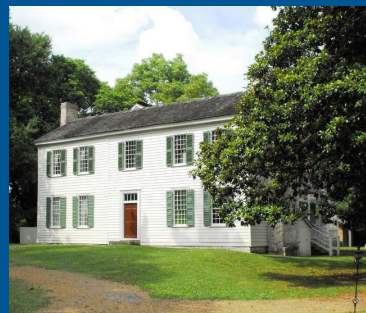
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64  
GAT sites

3,600+  
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### Great American Treasures Properties

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|---|--|--|---|
| Abercorn House                                      | Haywood Hall House & Gardens                             | Mount Clare Museum House                 | Tate House Museum<br>(with James Means House)           |
| Alexander Ramsey House                              | Hermann-Grima House                                      | Neill-Cochran House Museum               | The Webb-Deane-Stevens<br>Museum                        |
| Andrew Low House                                    | Historic Indian Agency House                             | The Oaks House Museum                    | Van Cortlandt House Museum                              |
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| Betts House   | Historic Travellers Rest                                 | Octagon House                            | Ximenez-Fatio House Museum                              |
| Brown-Stetson-Sanford House                         | Hoover-Minthorn House<br>Museum                          | The Old Schoolhouse                      | Lewis and Clark Monument                                |
| Burgwin-Wright House and<br>Gardens                 | Hotel de Paris Museum                                    | Hilltop House,<br>Founder's Hall Exhibit | Plymouth Rock Canopy                                    |
| The Centre for<br>French Colonial Life              | Joel Lane Museum House                                   | Oval Ballroom-Heritage Square            | David Thomson Memorial at<br>Old Odiome Pointe Cemetery |
| Clarke House Museum                                 | Kent Plantation House                                    | Peachfield                               | General Forbes Monument                                 |
| Condé-Charlotte Museum                              | Kilbourntown House                                       | Plum Grove Historic Site                 | Tomochichi Monument                                     |
| The Craik-Patton House                              | Liberty Hall Historic Site<br>(with Orlando Brown House) | The Powder Magazine                      | Turtle Sundial  |
| David Lenz House                                    | The Little Church<br>(Old First Presbyterian)            | The Quincy Homestead                     | Province of Maine Marker                                |
| Dorr House  | Mandel Cabin & Post Office                               | The Rankin House                         | Jamestown Memorial Church                               |
| Dumbarton House                                     | Martin House Farm  | Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead           | Spanish-American War<br>Memorial                        |
| George Mason's Gunston Hall                         | McAllister House Museum                                  | Spring Street Historical Museum          |   |
| Hawaii Mission Houses Historic<br>Site and Archives | Moffatt-Ladd House & Garden                              | Stenton                                  |   |
|   |  | Stephen Hopkins House                    |   |
|   |  | Sulgrave Manor                           |   |



Kent Plantation House  
Alexandria, LA



The Oaks  
Jackson, MS



Neil-Cochran House Museum  
Austin, TX



Ximenez-Fatio House  
St. Augustine, FL



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# DUMBARTON HOUSE NEWS

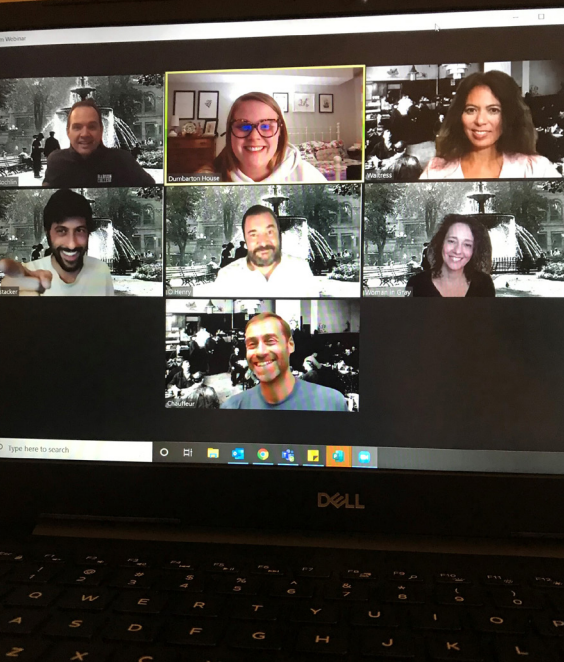
## Our Year in Summary

In 1928, the NSCDA searched for an early Federal house in Washington, D.C. to serve as its National Headquarters, and to “worthily illustrate the character and objects of the Society.” The NSCDA identified Dumbarton House as the appropriate purchase, and this museum continues to be owned and stewarded by our members. The NSCDA established a National Archives and Museum Collection to illustrate the society’s mission of preservation and history education for the public.

Dumbarton House offers our members tools to carry out our mission through best practices in preservation, education and collections management. The assets of the NSCDA headquarters provide each Corporate Society with initiatives to assist their properties, programs and collections. Dumbarton House also serves as a living history classroom for Washington-area students and adults.

This year, despite restrictions of the pandemic, we were able to continue some of our programs. Our first exhibit of the year, Pick your Poison, with guest curator Kelly Bresnowitz, had over 350 visitors. Discussion of the full spectrum of drink offered in our nation’s capital 200 years ago was presented. Viewers learned about consumption of wine, beer, cider, tea, liquor, punch and chocolate by youth and adults, as was custom at the time, and about Thomas Jefferson’s daily three glasses of wine.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions and to meet safety requirements, National Headquarters Dumbarton House closed on March 13, 2020. Staff pivoted to a virtual reality and worked to create digital content that engaged NSCDA members, museum members and the public through online programming and social media. Once museum closures were initiated, all exhibits were transformed into digital resources and shared at DumbartonHouse.org. Not until November did we welcome guests back – outdoors and with masks, when over 500 people attended Makers’ Market in the garden. Featuring women-owned businesses from candy-makers to apparel designers to soap and candle vendors, the garden proved to be a safe and welcoming setting. Our partnership with Picnic Theater Company continued, and because of its virtual nature, viewers were welcomed from all over the world. This resulted in a \$21,500 donation to Dumbarton House in support of the educational programs we hold for D.C. schools. Of note, the Director’s Talk brought museum professionals, Dames, and the public together to learn about the future of historic house museums in the aftermath of COVID. Over 150 participants joined this informative virtual





event, which can be streamed on the Dumbarton House YouTube page. Specially themed teas are regular on-site events at Dumbarton House, and Programs Manager Mary Leshar creatively pivoted to online entertaining. One of these events was featured on a San Antonio, Texas news station, where Diane Gottsman, a nationally renowned etiquette expert, encouraged viewers to register for our teas after she interviewed Mary.

Our staff reached out to museum neighbors to collect personal protective equipment (PPE) for donation to health care providers. We were thrilled to have Larz Anderson House, Heurich House Museum, Tudor Place Historic House and Garden, Woodrow Wilson House and Rebeca Kennedy of Curae Collections Care, LLC participate!

Partnering with our neighbor, Tudor Place Historic House and Garden, we produced a series of Museums 101 videos about the behind-the-scenes work at historic house museums. Viewers were treated to virtual lessons on archiving, conservation, and architecture.

**39** virtual programs held

**3,223** total public program attendees

**2,580** virtual program attendees

**2,124** total museum visitors

**802** virtual attendees

**835** total youth program attendees

**150** virtual Girl Scouts attendees

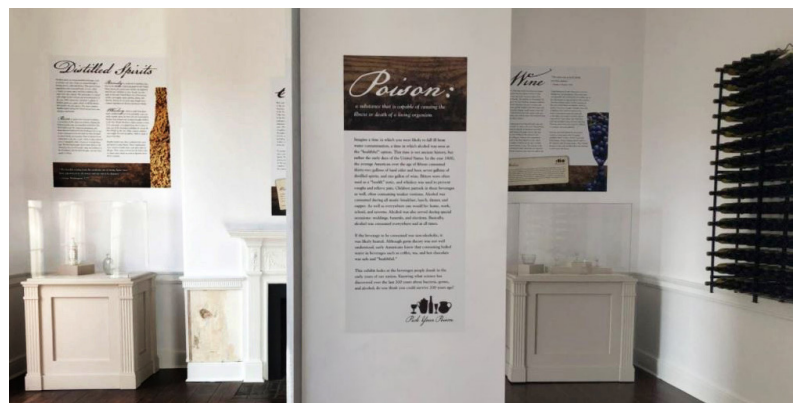
**263** students in class field trips

**1600+** objects in the collection

**6,250+** books and papers in the archives

**4** temporary exhibitions

- Pick Your Poison
- Dames of Dumbarton
- STEM in the Historical House
- Early American Women in Education





## The Garden Niche (North Garden, Dumbarton House)

Often photographed, this almost 100-year-old structure underwent preservation after we received a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The niche was designed in 1931 by Fiske Kimball (an architectural historian and former director of the Philadelphia Museum of Art) and constructed that year as part of the NSCDA's project to restore Dumbarton House to its original appearance.

## Our Directors at Dumbarton House

We said our fond farewells to Karen Daly as she moved to Stratford Hall, where she will be the President of the 18th century Robert E. Lee family home and plantation. Over the past 15 years with the Dames, Karen implemented numerous successful programs, built the Dumbarton House staff, and led the NSCDA/Dumbarton House to new levels of achievement.

Dr. Laurie Ossman has been appointed as the interim Executive Director. A Brown University graduate, Dr. Ossman earned her Ph.D. in Architectural History from the University of Virginia. She has extensive experience working with cultural organizations and historic sites, including the Preservation Society of Newport County in Newport, Rhode Island, where she was the Director of Museum Affairs; The National Trust for Historic Preservation, where she was Director of Woodlawn Plantation; and Frank

Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House in Alexandria, Virginia. She has also served as Deputy Director of Vizcaya Museum and Gardens in Miami, Chief Curator of the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum in Palm Beach, and Restoration Project Manager for *Cá d'Zan* at the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, Florida.

Laurie is the author of several books for Rizzoli, including *Great Houses of the South, Carrere and Hastings* (with Heather Ewing) and *The Gentleman's Farm* (with Debra McClane), as well as a contributor to *The Smithsonian's History of America in 101 Objects* (Penguin, 2013) and numerous other publications.

Laurie is honored to be working with the NSCDA and Dumbarton House and is excited to participate in the special initiatives that make the efforts of the Dames so important.





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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 by making a bequest to the NSCDA.

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*Your generosity enables us to carry out the mission of the NSCDA. We thank you sincerely and appreciate your continued support in 2021 as we preserve and provide our heritage and history for future generations. Every effort has been made to share accurate information. Please let us know if you have revisions to include in future publications at [development@dumbartonhouse.org](mailto:development@dumbartonhouse.org).*

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