Dear Friends,

Dumbarton House witnessed a flurry of activity this past year, with new programs and partnerships sparking museum visitation increases; preservation projects protecting our historic building and grounds for future generations; and numerous museum acquisitions ensuring our interpretation of early life in our nation’s capital remains top-notch.

More than just flurries, though, graced the historic site, as record-breaking snowfall caused city-wide shutdowns in December and February. At Dumbarton House, relatively minor tree and gutter damage was repaired quickly following the storms, and museum visitation rebounded significantly as Washington, D.C., thawed out.

Preservation of the historic building and grounds continued throughout the year, with a hazardous boiler room leak mitigated and new lightning protection installed. In the historic period interior, skilled craftsmen delicately repaired and restored the plaster walls and cornice molding in the Parlor—work supported in part by a grant from the Dorothea de Schweinitz Fund of The National Trust for Historic Preservation. Meanwhile, generous donors supported conservation of a dozen historic artifacts through the new Adopt-an-Object initiative.

Public programs and community partnerships flourished, introducing new faces to Dumbarton House and welcoming return visitors for Museum Walk Weekend, chamber music concerts, performances of Molière in the Garden, Star-Spangled Banner Geotrail explorations, spring and summer Balls, and Jazz on the Terrace.

Numerous objects of decorative arts and manuscripts were added to the museum collection through gift or purchase. In the following pages you can read more about the tremendous trove of Nourse-related pieces donated by Mr. Robert H. “Buff” Miller and the incredible success of our Blue Ribbon donors who raised funds veritably overnight to acquire a priceless sampler stitched by a young patriot right here in the early capital.

Your generosity enabled this past year’s many successes, for which we are most grateful. Friends contributions raised over $176,000 to support Dumbarton House programs—the highest annual total on record! With the continued support of so many dedicated donors, volunteers, members, and staff, this next year is bound to bring another “blizzard” of accomplishments of which you can be proud!

Most sincerely,

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**Income and expense amounts are based on preliminary, unaudited figures. Capital expenditures are shown instead of depreciation, and investment income includes only the draw from our invested funds, not the total return on our investments. For Fiscal Year 2010, total income was $963,898 and total expenses were $1,049,527. Deficit was funded with prior year’s surplus.**
Visitation
New programs and partnerships propelled museum visitation to over 18,000 served in fiscal year 2010. Concerts, tours, and school programs continued to attract tourists and neighbors alike, while innovative offerings like spring and summer Balls, Jazz on the Terrace, and Star Spangled Banner Geotrail explorations drew many new faces to Dumbarton House.

Volunteers
Dozens of volunteers supported museum efforts this year, leading tours, conducting important historical research, assisting with administrative and collections projects, and logging a combined total of over 3,000 hours of service. Docent & researcher David White, for example, presented his groundbreaking findings on Dumbarton House builder Samuel Jackson. Earlier studies suggested Jackson had built the property simply as a speculative venture, but David’s research suggests Jackson did live here with his family for a time before financial difficulties and a sense of adventure caused him to relocate out of the capital.

Molière in the Garden
A new collaboration with the all-volunteer Picnic Theatre Company brought Molière’s The Hypochondriac to life in the North Garden during two sold-out performances this summer. Guests enjoyed lounging on the grass while watching the 17th-century playwright’s comedy, first translated into English in the 18th century.

Headquarters
Dumbarton House welcomed members of the NSCDA from the Pennsylvania & Texas Societies for meetings, tours, and receptions this spring, and the Executive Director visited New Hampshire, Maine, and Indiana Dames throughout the year. Locally, the DC Society of the NSCDA sponsored a successful Christmas Boutique Fundraiser to benefit Dumbarton House, as well as a well-attended Black History Month Lecture for members and the public.

A young visitor makes a Christmas craft during the Wassail holiday program.

The Pennsylvania Society enjoys a luncheon meeting in the Belle Vue Room.

The Molière cast poses following their performance in the North Garden.

Longtime volunteers Lou and Sally Shroyer.
Historic Site Maintenance

Record snowfall failed to halt progress on important preservation projects this year. A dangerous boiler room leak was mitigated and a corroded gas line replaced. Masons installed brick walkways in our new herb garden, and the soil was amended to prepare it for fall plantings. Skilled contractors added lightning protection to the historic house, neighboring Tulip Poplar tree, and mechanical systems in an effort to protect the 200-year-old structure for generations to come.

Parlor Restoration

Preservation experts restored plaster walls and detailed cornice moldings in the museum Parlor’s historic interior, thanks in part to a grant from the Dorothea de Schweinitz Preservation Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This first step in our efforts to restore the historic interiors to their original Nourse period presentation will inform upcoming efforts museum-wide.

Adopt an Object

Collection conservation took center stage with the unveiling of the Adopt-an-Object Program this spring, leading to the conservation of twelve historic artifacts thanks to generous donors. As a result, conservators repaired one of the oldest objects in the museum collection: the Nourse Family bracket clock by Henricus Harper, c. 1690—now chiming again in the museum.

Thanks to all our Adopt-an-Object donors (aka “Adoptive Parents”):

- **In honor of Mrs. Downey M. Gray, Jr. (KY) by Ms. Laura Hollingsworth Gray (KY):** Silver Serving Spoon, c.1790.
- **In honor of Ms. Melanie Hunt (OH) by Hilary F. Gripekoven (OR):** Madison Accepting Nourse Invitation, c. 1800.
- **In honor of Mrs. Ernest Francis Ruppe (DE) by Mrs. Frank Earl Stevenson, II (TX):** Joseph Nourse to Charles Nourse letter, Apr. 25, 1805; and Joseph Nourse to Maria Nourse letter, c.1805.
- **Mrs. George David Hart (CA):** Inlaid Mahogany tall case clock, c.1800.
- **Mrs. Louis E. P. Hendricks (CA):** Sheffield Plate Entrée Dish, c.1790.
- **Mrs. George Allen Hughes (MD):** Madison Invitation to Miss Pease for tea, Apr. 17, 1810.
- **Mrs. Thomas Edward Reilly, Jr. (IN):** Jefferson to Madison letter, Mar. 12, 1801.
- **Johanna Adele Sidles (pictured above) and Ann Adele Stebbins Sidles (NE):** Joseph Nourse to Maria Nourse letter, Aug. 9, 1804.
- **Mrs. Richard E. L. Strauss (CA):** American Silver covered sugar urn, c.1795; and Nourse Family Walnut bracket clock, c.1690.
- **Miss Nancy R Weston (CA):** Hamilton to Hancock loan document, 1793.
Nourse Artifacts Come Home
Over 50 artifacts with Nourse provenance were added to the Dumbarton House collection, including a rare shipping crate of Charles Nourse, the original “Quaker Farmer” drawing, Joseph’s Windsor armchair, and Maria’s 1804 Ladies Pocket Book. Donated by Robert H. “Buff” Miller in memory of his mother, Rosa W. Miller (Maryland Society), these pieces will add tremendously to museum exhibitions and interpretation.

Significant Sampler Acquired
Thanks to the incredible work of the board’s Blue Ribbon Committee, Dumbarton House was able to acquire through purchase and donation a significant Washington, D.C. map sampler by Maria Magdalene Lemoine, c. 1805. This sampler, made by a patriotic school girl right here in the new capital, is one of only three of this type known to exist, with the others in the Winterthur and Colonial Williamsburg collections. The piece will be unveiled to the public next spring, and subsequently exhibited as a focal point in the museum.

Collections & Cataloguing
Other exciting acquisitions this year included:
- D.C. silver condiment ladle. Purchase.
- Portrait of Dumbarton House owner-occupant, Charles Carroll of Bellevue. Purchase, with support of the Washington Town Committee of the MD Society.
- Engraved silver teapot by Charles Burnett. Purchase.
- Set of 10 John David teaspoons. Purchase.
- Three pieces “Quaker Farmer” Chinese export porcelain in sepia. Gift in honor of Joel and Ann Lawson, Jr. from Jes and Mary Ann Lawson.
- Thirteen pieces, including period dresses with Custis family provenance; examples of early D.C. slave history; porcelain; textiles; glassware; and silver. Gift of the DC Society.
- Four pieces of 18th century creamware. Gift of Mrs. A. Corkran Nimick, Honorary National President.
- Chinese export porcelain saucer. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Morris.

Thanks to a generous two-year grant award from the Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS), a part-time Collections Assistant joined the staff this fall to assist with cataloguing these new acquisitions and updating computer records for the entire museum collection.
We extend our profound gratitude to all Fiscal Year 2010 donors for your continued generosity and support of Dumbarton House! Although every effort has been made to include all donors who supported Dumbarton House with gifts of $50 or more between September 1, 2009, and August 31, 2010, omissions and errors may occur. Please forward any corrections or additions to Dames@DumbartonHouse.org.

**Blue Ribbon Sampler Donors**

Thanks to our Blue Ribbon donors whose support enabled the museum to acquire the significant Lemoine Sampler, depicted above.

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NSCDA members, listed below, and Friends of Dumbarton House supported the acquisition of three additional pieces of Chinese export porcelain in the “Quaker Farmer” pattern. Dumbarton House owns the largest public collection of examples of this pattern.

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In Memoriam
The Dumbarton House family unexpectedly lost a beloved colleague and friend when Kevin Christen passed away December 15th due to complications of juvenile diabetes. For nearly 19 years, Kevin served as all-around good Georgetown neighbor, Dumbarton House caretaker, gardener, facilities manager, trusted co-worker and guardian. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held for Kevin on Saturday, May 7, at 11am at Dumbarton House, when his beloved gardens will be in full bloom. The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Dumbarton House Fund for the Future.

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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 the Dumbarton House museum, a Federal period historic house museum, is to preserve the historic structure and its collections and to educate the public about life in Washington, D.C., during the early years of the Republic. Emphasis is placed on Joseph Nourse, first Register of the Treasury, and his family, and their occupation of the property from 1804 through 1813.

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