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THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF
THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA
and National Headquarters Dumbarton House

LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

The women of the NSCDA continue to support our mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism in a moment where it is more important than ever to ensure future continuity of our legacy as keepers of American history. After four years of being apart, 2022 brought us back together and offered glimpses of great things to come for our venerable Society.

Among the most significant events in 2022 was the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the opening of our National Headquarters Dumbarton House as a museum in 1932. Dames from across the nation gathered at Anderson House in Washington, DC to commemorate the occasion with an elegant gala, raising over \$249,000 for the ongoing preservation work at National Headquarters.

With the success of the 90th Anniversary Gala, we will move forward with the NSCDA Master Site Plan, finalized by the Dumbarton House Board and NSCDA National Board in the fall of 2021. During the winter of 2023, the plan will recognize an ambitious goal of modernizing National Headquarters as a hub for Dames across the country to gain access to state-of-the-art educational programming. The public spaces of the building will also be renovated to ensure that they are ready to welcome new generations of Dames and visitors for years to come.

Among the many accomplishments of 2022:

We continued our interpretive efforts at National Headquarters with a restoration of the historic Best Chamber, an eight-month-long project involving support from Dames, staff and material culture experts. The result is a revitalized space which offers visitors a better understanding of the home than ever before.

We continued our new initiative of providing financial support for our Great American Treasures begun last year with the Museum Alliance Grant Fund awards. In this second year, we gave a total of \$25,000 to two well-deserving sites.

A special committee, Founding Females Initiative, was introduced at Biennial Council in October to add 250 women to the Register of Ancestors by our nation's 250th anniversary in 2026.

At Biennial, we welcomed new National Officers and bade farewell to many of the leaders who saw us through the Covid-19 pandemic with resiliency and steady hands. We thank them for their perseverance and unfailing commitment to the Dames and wish them well.

The future is bright as we turn our attention to the next milestones in our organization's history. We thank each of you for helping to secure the future of the NSCDA and National Headquarters Dumbarton House as we look forward to future endeavors and successes. We are forever grateful for your support.

With great appreciation,



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YEAR IN REVIEW

Dumbarton House 90th Anniversary Gala

In September, NSCDA members and friends gathered at the Society of the Cincinnati's Anderson House for a gala celebrating the 90th anniversary of National Headquarters Dumbarton House, which opened to the public in 1932. Patrons of the 90th Anniversary Gala raised over \$249,999 for capital projects that support Headquarters and the Dumbarton House Museum.



YEAR IN REVIEW *(Continued)*

Sixty-Fourth Biennial Council

The 64th Biennial Council brought members together for a week packed with business, informational sessions and fun. Highlights included a presentation of the inaugural NSCDA Award for Preserving History's Future to Charles Duell, the keynote address by the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Interim Director Lisa Sasaki and a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.



Awards Reception at Hillwood

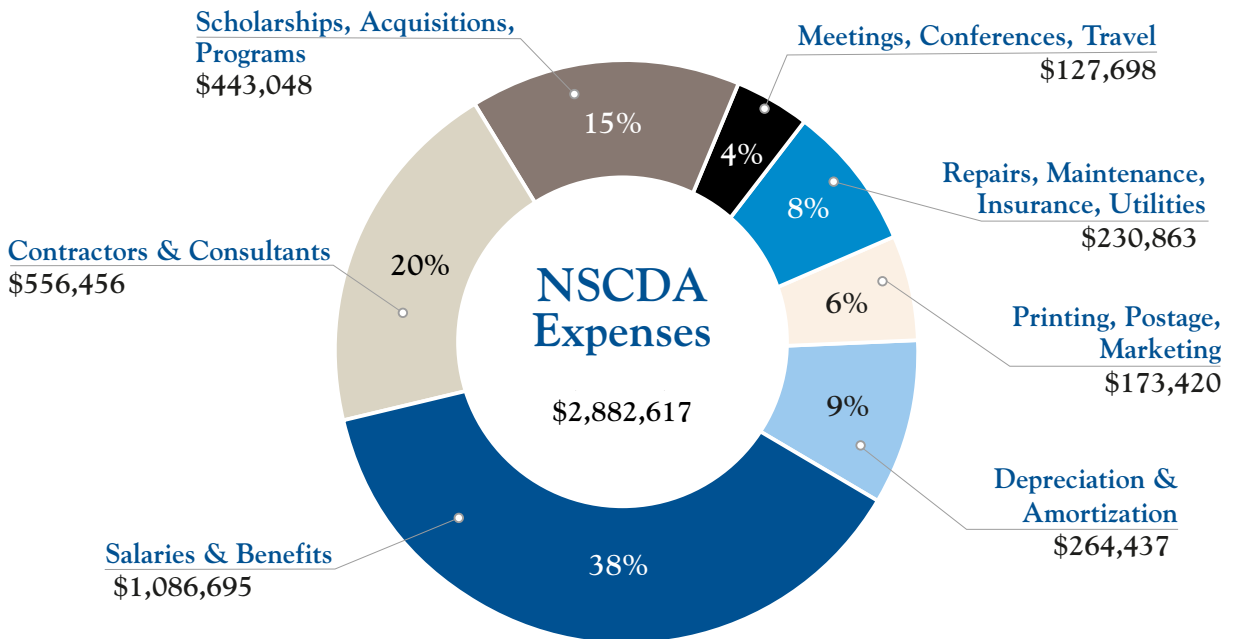
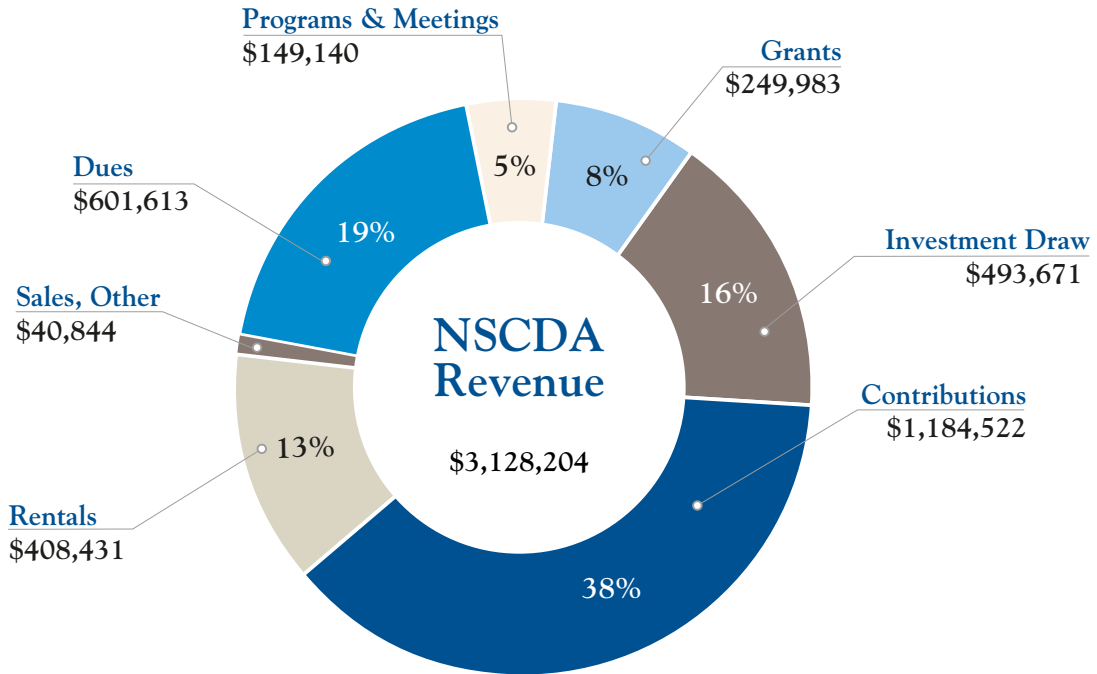
The opening reception at Biennial Council took place at the fabulous Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens in Washington, DC. In addition to exploring the site's expansive grounds, members cheered as Museum Alliance Grant Fund awards, Lamar Awards and the newly renamed Virginia Stuart Cobb Award for Generosity and Purpose were presented.



Best Chamber Restoration

Dumbarton House's Best Chamber underwent a makeover in 2022. New wallpaper, furnishings and interpretation will help the room reflect the past more accurately than ever before and will enhance your next museum experience at National Headquarters.





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by **ELIZABETH KING**,
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The NSCDA has supported education for over a century. Since 1928, the American Indian Medical Scholarship program (AIMS) has been one of our longest running and most successful programs. Intended originally to benefit female nursing students, the program has now expanded to include both male and female students pursuing careers in healthcare for the benefit of their Native communities.

The Martha L. Walden Fund was recently established to endow AIMS so that the program continues in perpetuity.

Adjacent are profiles of two AIMS recipients who share their gratitude to NSCDA members and aspirations for their future service.



Rhea DeCoteau, PhD in Nursing, University of Arizona, 2022

Obtaining my PhD had been a goal for over 10 years. I now plan to use this degree to not only accelerate my own knowledge but to bring more awareness about the importance of research, especially diabetes-related research, back to my tribe, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, and to Indian Country as a whole. I plan to continue working as a diabetes nurse, while also working on research projects that will expand health care's understanding of what diabetes is truly like for our Indigenous people.

I have been privileged to have the support of the American Indian Medical Scholarship from The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America. As a mother of five, this funding assisted with my tuition costs while working towards my PhD. I will forever be grateful for this scholarship and for the work the NSCDA is doing for Indigenous students.



Stacia Fredericks, working towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Penn State Harrisburg, 2023

I am a Navajo woman who grew up on the Navajo reservation. Having served several years in the Marine Corps after graduating from high school, my future goals are to earn my Bachelor of Science in Nursing, become a licensed RN and obtain my PhD as a nurse practitioner. As a fully licensed nurse practitioner I will have a better understanding of diseases that are most prevalent in Native American populations and knowledge of preventative steps I can teach people. I hope to make a positive impact on the Navajo reservation by going out to the most remote areas and bringing health care and health education to the people in their homes.

The American Indian Medical Scholarship has lifted a heavy financial burden from me, and I am forever grateful. Thanks to your generosity, I can continue to pursue my educational goals.

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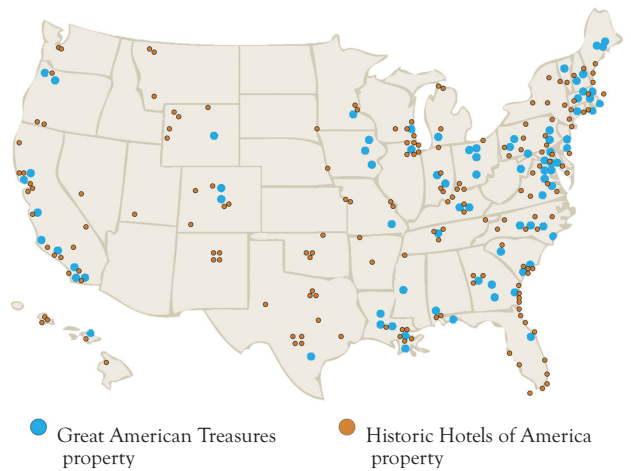
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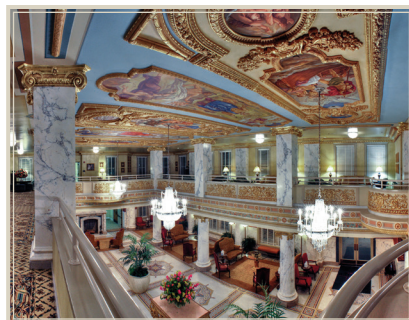
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