The mission of the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association is to preserve, restore, and manage the estate of George Washington to the highest standards and to educate visitors and people throughout the world about the life and legacies of George Washington, so that his example of character and leadership will continue to inform and inspire future generations.
The love for Washington’s home and legacy will always be an influence for unity and for strength in our country. I extend a sincere thank-you for your commitment to our mission. Our work would not be possible without your unwavering support and partnership. —MARGARET H. NICHOLS, REGENT
Letter From the Regent

A s I BEGIN THIS LETTER FROM my desk at Mount Vernon, a winter has taken hold, wrapping the home of our first president in a snowy blanket. Looks can be deceiving, however, as beneath this frosty cover is a bustle of activity. Our historic preservation and collections staff is working diligently in the Mansion—discovering, analyzing, preserving, and meeting the demands of a 268-year-old house. Spring is not far behind, the burst of a new season ready once again to bring the story of George Washington and his beloved home to life. There are gardens to be planted, lambs to be born, the shad running on the Potomac, and nature signaling warmer days ahead.

For 164 continuous years, the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association (MVLA) has owned and managed the home of George Washington. In October 2021, I was honored to be elected the 23rd Regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association. The influence and accomplishment of the Regents who served before me are indelible, and their contributions to the Association are the long-guiding thread of our mission. As George Washington once wisely said, “If we cannot find wisdom from experience, it is hard to say where it is to be found.”

The past two years have been a trying period for Mount Vernon, as they have been for the rest of the world. Under the leadership of our 22nd Regent, Sarah Miller Coulson, in partnership with Doug Bradburn, President and CEO, the thoughtful guidance of our Vice Regents, and the steadfast dedication of the staff, we have navigated the ongoing pandemic through the year 2021 stronger than ever. The MVLA does not accept government funding. Each year, we raise the funds needed to protect George Washington’s home and support our national education efforts through ticket sales and food and retail operations, and with the financial support of our members and donors. We set a conservative budget for 2021, unsure of Americans’ willingness and ability to travel amid the COVID-19 pandemic. I am delighted to report that we exceeded our budgeted numbers for the year by 18 percent and our membership base has grown by 30 percent. We are optimistic, albeit cautiously, that our visitors are returning.

Mount Vernon’s education mission has also seen great advances over the last year. We are now reaching more teachers than ever through our George Washington Teacher Institute. This year, we once again welcomed teachers back on site for immersive, professional development courses, and we are increasingly reaching even more teachers digitally through our virtual programming. The teachers are bringing these lessons back with them to their school districts and classrooms, impacting hundreds of thousands of students across the country.

In November, the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association launched the public phase of its most ambitious fundraising campaign to date: Strengthening Our Foundations: The Campaign for Mount Vernon. This multiyear effort to raise $150 million will achieve several goals centered on all aspects of our mission—preserving the Mansion and historic structures, teaching America’s story, and building our endowment to ensure the foundation of Mount Vernon is secure for generations to come.

Since the purchase of Mount Vernon in 1858, the MVLA has been a steady hand, adhering to the highest standards in preservation, education, and sound fiscal stewardship. The love for Washington’s home and legacy will always be an influence for unity and for strength in our country. I extend a sincere thank-you for your commitment to our mission. Our work would not be possible without your unwavering support and partnership.

Margaret H. Nichols
Regent

Letter From the President

T wo thousand twenty-one was yet another challenging year for our nation and nations around the world. The rise of misinformation, and sometimes stilling polarization, has created an environment that challenges our public institutions and tests our democratic systems of government. There has perhaps never been a time in our nation’s history when the lessons of George Washington were more needed than they are right now: Washington’s leadership skills stand the test of time. He was a great listener and an avid reader, seeking counsel and information from people with opposing views, and making command decisions based on what was right for the country.

I was enthused with ensuring that our fragile democracy would survive, and he did so by putting its citizens above his own interests, resigning from public service not once but twice to ensure a peaceful transition of power. He was also a man who learned from his mistakes and experiences, and who allowed his views to change when the course needed correction.

He, like all of us, was not perfect, but his virtues are still worthy to strive for today. The values that we share as Americans can be explored in the stories we tell about his singular leadership, perseverance, vision, and character. These are the parables of the founding of our nation that we share every day at Mount Vernon to young learners and old.

I am very proud of all that the team accomplished in 2021. Today, our impact and reach are greater even than in 2019. Our investments in digital resources and education enable us to speak to millions of people worldwide.

Our visitation is rebounding, and the team has handled our reopening with the utmost regard to visitor safety. We have brought home more than 100 original Washington and Custis objects into the collection, including the most significant collection of George and Martha Washington objects in more than one hundred years, thanks to the generosity of our donors and Board. In addition, our fundraising and membership numbers have never been stronger.

As an institution that accepts no government funds, the past two years have been difficult. We had to reduce our expenses and defer important preservation and infrastructure projects. But the outlook for our institution is strong. This fall, we launched the public phase of our multiyear fundraising campaign, Strengthening Our Foundations: The Campaign for Mount Vernon. I am happy to report that, through the generosity of supporters like you, we raised nearly $100 million of our $150 million goal by the close of 2021. This campaign will be transformational for the institution, enabling us to broaden our educational mission with all-new exhibits, increase our endowment to ensure our institution can financially weather future disasters, and ensure that Mount Vernon remains a leader in preservation as we secure these priceless buildings and landscapes for future generations.

I look forward to an important year, and hope to personally welcome you soon to Mount Vernon.

This annual report is a testament to your tremendous and generous support. Thank you so much for helping to keep the legacy of George Washington alive and well.

Douglas Bradburn
President & CEO
The year 2021 marked the public launch of Strengthening Our Foundations: The Campaign for Mount Vernon. The Campaign for Mount Vernon will ensure Mount Vernon remains the most important historic site in the country and lasts for generations. This ambitious $150-million campaign is Mount Vernon’s most significant fundraising effort since the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association’s original drive to purchase and restore the estate more than 160 years ago.

In 2026, all Americans will join together to celebrate the 250th birthday of our country’s founding. Because George Washington was a central figure in the fight to gain our liberty, all eyes will be on the beloved home and final resting place of our first president. This campaign will ensure that Mount Vernon will be a shining symbol of American independence on that day and for generations to come.

Through the support of this campaign, Mount Vernon will take on immediate preservation challenges, ensure educational resources and programs are second to none, and increase annual support while building a transformational endowment that will secure the financial strength of the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association.

Since 2018, more than a dozen leadership gifts of $1 million or more have combined with gifts of all sizes from thousands of donors nationwide to enable fundraising for the campaign to nearly reach the $100 million milestone.

Current and emerita members of the Board have stepped forward to lead the initial phases of this campaign. The Regent and Vice Regents of the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association shared a video highlighting the campaign’s incredible long-term impact and its critical role in the vibrant future of Washington’s estate with friends from across the country. Many Vice Regents also hosted events nationwide to emphasize the importance of George Washington and Mount Vernon.

The Campaign for Mount Vernon is co-chaired by Vice Regent for Illinois Catherine Marlette Waddell and Vice Regent for Massachusetts Andrea Notman Sahin.

The campaign’s dedicated website, campaignformountvernon.org, launched in 2021. The site features exclusive videos about the campaign’s priorities of preserving the Mansion and historic area, teaching America’s story, and securing our future. The website also provides more detail about the variety of initiatives within the campaign and shares many ways to make an impact.

Opportunities remain to become involved in the campaign. Many important projects need funding, and every gift makes a difference. This campaign will strengthen the foundation of Washington’s home and estate through vital preservation projects. It will strengthen Mount Vernon’s financial foundation by growing our endowment. The campaign also will strengthen the foundation of America through educational initiatives to teach the next generation about civics, the founding era, and Washington’s role in it.
PRESERVING THE MANSION AND HISTORIC AREA

PETER FAMILY COLLECTION

MAJOR PROJECTS
Late in 2020, the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association was afforded an extraordinary opportunity to purchase the largest collection of George and Martha Washington-owned objects remaining in private hands. At a trying moment, many of Mount Vernon’s closest friends rallied together to secure this landmark acquisition. We are pleased to recognize the generous supporters to this fundraising effort, concluded in 2021.

As highlighted below, the nearly 100 objects in this collection represent a remarkable array of treasured possessions, from jewelry and clothing to presidential porcelains and fragile glassware. The assemblage comes to Mount Vernon with impeccable provenance, descending to the seller through the Peter family of Tudor Place in Georgetown. Martha Parke Custis Peter, Martha Washington’s granddaughter, and her husband, Thomas Peter, acquired most of the objects either as gifts from the Washingtons or at a series of sales after Mrs. Washington’s death.

Headlining the collection is the gold and enamel watch with diamond-embedded hands ordered from London for Mrs. Washington in 1785, a piece passed down to Peter family brides on their wedding days. A porcelain plaque with a bust of George Washington surrounded by delicate flowers was presented to the president during his 1791 Southern Tour. A silver and coral baby rattle that Martha Washington gave her great-grandchild Martha Elicia Eleanor Peter in 1796 is a charming reminder of the many children who graced the Washingtons’ lives. The assemblage includes clothing worn by Martha Washington, a rare group of kitchen objects used at Mount Vernon, and much more.

Viewed as a whole, the Peter Family Collection stands out among the most important acquisitions made since the Association embarked on its quest to bring home original Washington objects. Numerous items are featured in the recently opened exhibition, **Mount Vernon: The Story of an American Icon**, and they are certain to enhance our understanding of the Washingtons and their families for generations to come.

**Peter Family Collection Acquisition Highlights**

- Biscuit porcelain portrait plaque of George Washington, Bristol Manufactory, c. 1779. Acquired through the generosity of Sarah Miller Coulson, Regent and Vice Regent for Pennsylvania.
- Child’s dressing table and writing desk, c. 1784, sent by Madame de Lafayette. Acquired through the generosity of Fred and Roberta Alling.
- Martha Washington’s white cotton dimity wrapper, c. 1800. Acquired through the generosity of Jacqueline R. Mars.
- “Tobacco leaf” pattern Chinese export porcelain tureen lid and stand, c. 1755. Acquired through the generosity of the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.
- Pearl and amethyst brooch, c. 1795, and gold locket with George Washington’s hair. Acquired through the generosity of Mary and Ed Bartlett.
- Biscuit porcelain figure, 1785–1795. Acquired through the generosity of Thomas S. Kenan III.
- Copper poffertjes pan, late 18th century. Acquired through the generosity of the Dr. William M. and Betty H. Busey Family.
- Two ivory fans and iron pothook. Acquired through the generosity of Frances A. Edmonds (Mohr) and Michael D. Mohr.
- Coral and gold earrings. Acquired through the generosity of Patrick and Sheila Proby Gross.

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**Peter Family Collection**
The following items were acquired through the generosity of contributors to the Peter Family Collection Acquisition:

Eight serving pieces from the gold and white French porcelain table service, 1778–1788, purchased for the presidential household in 1790: Sèvres ice plate, sauce boat, butter boat, “stew dish,” confection dish, mustard pot, and oval dish; Duc D’Angoulême scalloped dish.

Chinese export porcelain “image” pattern quart mug, c. 1766.

Ten pieces of English cut glass tableware, 1760–1800: pair of candlesticks, covered sugar bowl, salt cellar, two finger bowls, three jelly glasses, and sweetmeat glass.

English glass sweetmeat basket and bowl, three blue finger bowls, engraved glass rummer, and Bohemian engraved tumbler, 1760–1800.

Silver teapot and waste bowl, made by Anthony Simmons, Philadelphia, 1797, given by the Washingtons to granddaughter Martha Parke Custis Peter.

Sheffield plate candlestick, c. 1796.


Three conch shell buttons, worn by George or Martha Washington, 1789–1797, and Martha Washington’s stays, 1785–1810.

Coral bead necklace, pearl bracelet with hair locket, and two locks of George Washington’s hair.

Martha Washington’s French armchair (bergère), c. 1785.

Mahogany fire screen, made by Philip Bell, London, 1759.

Liqueur case with three bottles, 1750–1800, and linen press base, c. 1795.

Lacquered tea caddy, c. 1795.


Coffee mill, brass skillet, tin spice canister, and pinking iron, 18th century.

Bisque porcelain figure, 1785–1795.


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MANSION RESTORATION

In 2021, the architecture team completed paint removal, repairs, documentation, painting, and sand-casting of the Mansion’s north and south ends—the second phase of a three-phase project. On both ends, the team found samples of original paint, further corroborating the stone color of the original exterior. In addition, the south end restoration revealed evidence that the two windows of the Washingtons’ bedchamber had been raised slightly when Bushrod Washington added a two-story porch in the early 19th century; these were carefully restored and returned to their original locations, complete with precise reproductions of the original wooden sash pullies.

PRESERVING THE MANSION & HISTORIC AREA

Major Preservation Projects
WHAT LIES BENEATH …

A generous donation from Perfecta enabled Mount Vernon to acquire a ground penetrating radar unit (GPR), a digital technology that allows archaeologists to “see” sub-surface features without disturbing them. Initial GPR surveys have revealed a wealth of new information about the cultural landscape—including an extensive network of drains that conveyed rainwater from the Mansion downspouts to the dung repository, ingeniously supporting the production of compost. Notable findings of in-ground surveys include a 1775 George III half-penny and a fragmentary 1713 John Custis wine seal—presumably from a bottle brought here by Martha Dandridge Custis when she arrived as a bride in 1759.

LIVES BOUND TOGETHER

Our award-winning special exhibition, Lives Bound Together: Slavery at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, (right) completed its five-year run in July, with more than 677,000 visitors. Its impact continues, with ongoing staff consultations on slavery interpretation at dozens of historical sites and museums nationally and internationally.

COW HOUSE

The replica “cow house” (left) on the pasture west of the bowling green now sports a handsome thatched roof, as specified by George Washington “for the cover of my cattle” in 1796. We are grateful for the anonymous donation that supported the restoration of this outbuilding to an authentic 18th-century appearance.
CIVICS EDUCATION
ON-SITE PROGRAMMING
LIBRARY EVENTS
RESEARCH FELLOWS

TEACHING AMERICA’S STORY
During a tumultuous year for education nationwide, Mount Vernon provided steady support for strong and renewed civic education initiatives to ensure George Washington is a part of civil discussions in classrooms everywhere. We have been able to help teachers and scholars use his history and the legacy of George Washington to make sense of the civic landscape they navigate with their students and with the public.

For one of our initiatives, we focus our work within the Commonwealth of Virginia, serving as the lead institution among four partners contributing to the Department of State’s Declaration of Learning program. As the hosting site in 2021, Mount Vernon used its remarkable material culture collection as a tool for instructing civics alongside the Chrysler Museum of Art, the American Civil War Museum, and the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. With this collaboration, we merged the best of our traditional teacher professional development program with an interdisciplinary approach across the state with librarians, art teachers—and, of course, history educators! While most of our teacher programs are national, this one helped us focus development with Virginia teachers, not just in our region, but throughout all corners of George Washington’s home state. Mount Vernon’s participation was generously supported by the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust and the Challenge Foundation.

In so many ways, Mount Vernon remains committed to teaching Americans about our civic order and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. We are also closely attuned to the latest scholarship among educators about civic education—what works, what doesn’t, and what we’re learning about effective civics instruction in the 21st century. Our annual Founding Debates event in September included a panel of some of the world’s leading scholars on the subject of civic education, as the Washington Library at Mount Vernon helped continue the exploration of how we can better fulfill our educational mission. In so many ways, Mount Vernon remains committed to teaching Americans about our civic order and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

Our work was not limited to the local neighborhood. We retooled our Life Guard Teacher Fellowship program to center the teacher-created materials on George Washington’s civic contributions. Working closely with the nonpartisan initiative Engaging American Democracy, each fellow collaborated with our primary sources to create teaching materials for all grades. Each of the nine lessons co-created by these five fellows elevated the leadership contributions of George Washington, with inspiration for students to engage in the complexities of our nation’s history. Topics included forming the cabinet, Washington’s character strengths and his decision to become a patriot, memorializing Washington, Native American policy, Washington as a slave owner, and the legacy of the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association. Each resource provided both primary sources and contextual timelines so that students have tools to form their arguments through inquiry about Washington’s leadership.

After a quick pivot in 2020 to support virtual classrooms, our digital distance learning program and resources associated with the Be Washington interactive game continue to grow in popularity and relevance to civics and history classrooms. The Whiskey Rebellion scenario remains our most popular, one easily adapted to civic discussions in the classroom as it deftly introduces the careful balance that must be struck between national and state governments to achieve the artful balance of federalism. It is just one example of an issue critical to George Washington that continues to challenge political leaders today.

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For many guests, a visit to Mount Vernon is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and we are honored to be part of that monumental moment in their lives. Mount Vernon, however, can also be a place to enjoy on multiple visits. In 2021, we changed the visitor experience to showcase the breadth of its offerings and demonstrate that one visit is not enough.

Two significant changes that impacted every visitor to Mount Vernon were the inclusion of free audio tours with admission and the introduction of a “Grounds Ticket.” The audio tour, which includes hours of content, uses handheld devices available in the Ford Orientation Center and is updated with seasonal content, such as the “Aladdin stop,” which was available after the arrival of our camel in November. Audio tour content is also available on Mount Vernon’s mobile website, which has built-in accessibility features, like text transcription for each stop, ensuring greater access to learning opportunities for every user. Our second major change, the Grounds Ticket, is for guests who may not feel the need to take a tour of the Mansion on every visit. Both of these changes allowed us to reach visitors in new ways that highlighted the many compelling reasons to visit Mount Vernon beyond a tour of its most visible icon.

Another exciting change in 2021 was introducing a new orientation film that outlines the breadth of opportunities available during a visit to Mount Vernon. This nine-minute film, which plays on a continuous loop in the Ford Orientation Center’s Eagles Theater, uses artwork from the Orientation Map to ensure visitors leave with the confidence to explore our expansive grounds on their own. The film introduces viewers to activities on the Farm and Wharf, the unique nature of our gardens and the multitude of stories told in the Museum. These highlights illustrate the one-of-a-kind nature of our site’s rich history, inspire visitors with a sense of exploration, and provide many reasons to return. The film was generously sponsored by Lynn and Scott Molitor.

Washington’s Distillery & Gristmill, in addition to being open on weekends from April to October, offered a new whiskey tasting experience on select days that met with great success. Nearly every ticket sold out for this in-demand public program, which inspired more than one participant to bring a bottle or two (or three!) home and increase on-site whiskey sales.

Along with our tremendously successful annual, family-friendly daytime special events, including the 4th of July, Revolutionary War Days, and Colonial Market and Fair, we added four Family Days to highlight different Mount Vernon themes that young people and the adults in their lives could explore together. Families learned about animals, the arts, archaeology, and holidays through special programming elements that included movement, interpretation, and extended learning opportunities at home. Specialty tours such as a “Founding Flowers,” “Hamilton the Musical at Mount Vernon,” and a VIP experience offering behind-the-scenes access offered visitors opportunities for a more in-depth look at different aspects of Mount Vernon.

The final significant change of 2021 was the well-earned shift to emeritus status for our longtime interpreters of George and Martha Washington, who brought their insightful and inspiring portrayals of the founding couple to life for more than 30 years. The departure of Dean Malissa and Mary Wiseman (who will still reprise their roles on occasion) brought about the exciting announcement and introduction of Dan Shippey and Elizabeth Keaney as our new Washingtons. Their inviting and resonant portrayals of George and Martha Washington during the Revolutionary War years provide visitors with critical new ways to connect with the first couple.

In 2021, we changed the visitor experience to showcase the breadth of its offerings and demonstrate that one visit is not enough.
Mount Vernon is committed to finding ways to inform and inspire people with a richer understanding of our nation’s past. The unique challenges that began in March 2020 and continued through 2021 required us to adapt our approach to public events, but the results exceeded our every expectation. The investments in digital education across the past eight years continued to produce results. Members of Mount Vernon’s team from the Washington Library, the Learning Department, and the Media and Communications Department worked together to create informative programs, livestream them across multiple platforms, and archive them so that they could be watched later by thousands more.

Because of our online platforms, Mount Vernon now regularly reaches more people digitally than could possibly be accommodated on-site. This audience that stretches across the nation—and often the world—can also participate by asking questions of historians as they are being interviewed by Mount Vernon’s own scholars.

Nonetheless, Mount Vernon moved cautiously but determinedly to return to hosting on-site, in-person events. In July 2021, author David O. Stewart came to the Smith Auditorium to offer our first in-person book talk in more than a year. Thanks to the lessons learned during that previous year, a national audience was able to virtually attend his discussion of the political education of George Washington, owing to a simultaneous livestream. This new, hybrid approach to events will be transformative for Mount Vernon’s ability to meet its educational mission in the years ahead. Through the second half of 2021, we hosted monthly author interviews, our annual Founding Debates event, and our fall George Washington Symposium at Mount Vernon.

In our efforts to reach teachers and students, the digital shift needed in 2020 led us to a broader reach nationwide in this arena that we are excited to continue. The Residential Teacher Program stayed digital for the summer, and we welcomed 150 new teachers into our alumni cohort, who have already reached an additional 400 teachers in their communities and school districts with a professional development session of their own. While we were so pleased to return to on-site teacher programming in the fall of 2021, we plan to continue doing digital programs in 2022 as well.

Our digital reach to students continues to grow. In coordination with the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, we reached thousands of fifth grade students in that state with two “one-to-many” sessions during their virtual colonial days. Our digital learning programs reached even more students through dedicated one-to-one classroom sessions that included tours through the Mansion and grounds (virtually), facilitated Be Washington experiences, and a deep dive into primary sources to help students explore the complex world of slavery in the 18th century. More than 2,500 students were able to “visit” Mount Vernon in this way in a year when field trips and travel proved more daunting than usual. California was the state with the most students served with this program, with just under 500 students attending through 17 different virtual tours. Whether on the estate or streaming directly to our audience around the nation and world, Mount Vernon’s ability to meet our educational mission to teach about the life, leadership, and legacy of George Washington has never been stronger.
Mount Vernon continues to foster academic research on George Washington and the founding era. The Research Fellowships program offers short- and long-term fellowships for scholars. This program provides funding and living space at the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington. Fellows gain access to the Library’s collections and interact with Mount Vernon staff to advance their academic pursuits. Learn more at mountvernon.org/researchfellows/

Listed here are the 2021–2022 Fellows.

Marjorie McHenry Bride
George Washington’s Wine Cooler: A Reflection of Post-Revolutionary America

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George Washington the Juggler, an Inquiry into Washington’s Wartime Leadership

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Sam Edwards, Ph.D.
Mount Vernon and Transatlantic Cultural Diplomacy, c.1860–1952

Sean M. Gallagher
Slaves of the Revolution: Enslaved Public Labor in the War for Independence

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Fire and Ice: The Relationship between George Washington and John Adams

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Rehearsed for Revolution: The Stamp Act Rebellion, 1764–1766

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Liberty and Slavery in Revolutionary America

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Miriam Liebman
Thus Much for Politicks: American Women, Diplomacy, and the Aftermath of the American Revolution

Joyce Zankel Lindoff, DMA
The Washington Harpsichord and Its Repertoire: The Music Books of Eleanor Parke Custis

Grace Mallon
George Washington and the Governors, 1789–1797

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Nature’s Power: The Political Ecology of the Passaic River

Terri L. Snyder, Ph.D.
Claiming Liberty: A Family History of Race, Gender, and the Meaning of Freedom

Greta K. Swain
Mapping the Masons: Space, Place and Potomac River Networks, 1700–1825

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ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, MOUNT VERNON HOSTED ITS FIRST EVER national celebration of Washington’s 289th birthday with a virtual birthday party. More than 26,000 viewers from across the nation joined the event to celebrate. The broadcast featured a performance by General and Mrs. Washington; birthday wishes from actors, musicians, and historians, including Denyce Graves, Rick Atkinson, and Colin Powell; a look back on the history of the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association; never-before-seen preservation and collection highlights; a virtual visit to Washington’s gristmill; and more.

Hosted by the Regent and the Vice Regents of the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association and organized by the Neighborhood Friends, this pinnacle fundraiser supported the restoration and preservation of George Washington’s beloved home.

Neighborhood Friends Steering Committee

The Neighborhood Friends are Mount Vernon members who live on one of George Washington’s original five farms. They support the estate’s mission of education and preservation through their membership contributions. Learn more at mountvernon.org/neighborhoodfriends

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On June 6, the Founders Committee hosted approximately 130 guests for its annual spring fundraiser, which supported the upcoming museum exhibit, Mount Vernon: The Story of an American Icon. Guests enjoyed cocktails on the east lawn and viewed recently acquired Washington treasures from the Peter Family Collection that will be prominently displayed within the upcoming exhibit. This was the most successful Founders event to date.

Founders Committee
The Founders, Washington Committee is a group of patriotic women from the Washington, DC, area. Since 1980, their fundraising has supported a multitude of programs and projects furthering the mission of the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association. Their ardent work has added inestimably to the Mount Vernon experience. Learn more at mountvernon.org/founders

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On September 25, the Life Guard Society held its fall fundraiser on the east lawn, supporting restoration of the Washingtons' bedchamber. Rarely shown Washington family objects were on display. The evening also included the release of a rehabilitated bald eagle by Wildlife Veterinary Care; recognition of past Life Guard Society chair Jo Carol Porter; and the announcement of the inaugural winners of the Mount Vernon Prize for Civics and History in honor of Dr. Jennifer London, member of the Life Guard Society. General Washington discussed the importance of civic education, and guests enjoyed fireworks over the Potomac. This was the most successful Life Guard event to date.

The Life Guard Society

Named after the elite group of soldiers responsible for ensuring the safety of George Washington, today's members of the Life Guard Society hold fundraising events to support specific projects at Mount Vernon and support the estate through personal contributions. Membership in the Life Guard Society is not considered an honorary role, but rather a call to action—members give generously of time, talent, and resources to help with a wide variety of signature projects focused on Mount Vernon's mission.

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The Mount Vernon Travel Program explored a variety of historical landmarks, cultural institutions, and decorative arts collections in Boston from September 30 to October 3. The Vice Regent for Massachusetts hosted the group, and historian Nathaniel Philbrick provided a special lecture at the opening night dinner. Among the activities, the group enjoyed a curator-led tour of the Boston Athenaeum and special viewing of the library’s collection of original Washington books.

The Connoisseur Society

The Connoisseur Society is a group of George Washington enthusiasts dedicated to supporting the acquisition, preservation, and conservation of Mount Vernon’s rich and diverse collections. The Connoisseur Society’s 2021 support contributed to Mount Vernon’s acquisition of the Peter Family Collection, a stunning array of nearly 100 original Washington items.

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The Washington Cabinet held its inaugural gathering October 21–22. The event included a day of exclusive, behind-the-scenes tour opportunities, followed by cocktails at the west gate and dinner on the Mansion’s piazza. The group held its meeting at the Washington Library, followed by lunch at George Washington’s Distillery & Gristmill.

The Washington Cabinet Members

Members of the Washington Cabinet serve as ambassadors for Mount Vernon, raising the estate’s profile nationally and advocating for its mission and efforts. Through investments of time, influence, and resources, members of the Washington Cabinet are committed to supporting Mount Vernon’s education and preservation mission.

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Great Falls, VA
George Washington valued fiscal responsibility in all his business ventures. The Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association carries on this timeless tradition of responsible spending and engages in robust fundraising. We are proud to have spent 82 cents of every dollar received directly on programs connected to our mission, including historic preservation and collections initiatives, educational outreach efforts, and enhancements to the guest experience.

Although we continued to experience a significant reduction in operating revenue due to the COVID pandemic, and inflation negatively impacted the cost of doing business, we allocated just 9 percent of the funds we raise to inspire generous citizens to support our mission. Thanks to our conservative financial management, our administrative costs accounted for a mere 9 percent of our total expenditures. Thanks to our loyal donors and disciplined financial practices, our endowment has grown to $231,000,000.

### Financial Highlights

#### Revenue

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**2021 AT A GLANCE**

- 3,968,170 video views on mountvernon.org
- 305,000 hours watched online
- 8,470,390 visitors to the website
- 21,281,220 web pages consumed
- 328,082 hours spent on mountvernon.org
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Two engravings, Constellation & L’Insurgent – The Chase and Action between the Constellation and L’Insurgent, by Edward Savage, 1799. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. D. Bradford Wetherell, Jr., in memory of Alice Mary Longfellow, Vice Regent for Massachusetts.

Mount Vernon in 1857, painting by Eastman Johnson, 1888. Acquired through the generosity of Mike and Patti Sipple.


Pair of late 18th-century andirons and fireplace fender. Acquired through the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. H. William Marling.

Sheffield silverplate tea urn, 1780s. Acquired through the generosity of William and Susan P. Schoelwer.


Engraving, Key to Washington’s Triumphal Entry into New York, Nov. 25th, 1783, 1860. Gift of Janice Vernon Stocum.


The following items were acquired as Gifts: Jess and Grace Pavey Fund:


Washington and Franklin transfer-printed Liverpool creamware punch bowl, c. 1798.

Eight Sévres porcelain plates, 18th century.

The following items were purchased by the A. Alfred Taubman Acquisition Endowment Fund:

Fragment from striped silk gown worn by Martha Washington, c. 1795

Three pieces of needlework, by Eleanor (Nelly) Parke Custis Lewis, 1820–1850

Two printed handkerchiefs, The Love of Truth: Mark the Boy and The Effect of Principle: Behold the Man, 1806–1830


Embroidered sampler depicting Mount Vernon, 1827

Embroidered fire screen depicting George Washington, c. 1799

Five pair of andirons, 1740–1800

Four transfer-printed blue Staffordshire tea cups and saucers, sugar bowl, and waste bowl, Mount Vernon pattern, c. 1825

Silver calling card case depicting the New Tomb, 1840–1860

Selected Loans to the Association

The Association is grateful to the many individuals and institutions that have placed on loan to Mount Vernon original art, artifacts, books, documents, and period objects. We would like to acknowledge in particular the following items:

Last Will and Testament of George Washington, July 9, 1799, p. 22. Courtesy of Fairfax County Circuit Court


Society of the Cincinnati Eagle insignia, 1784. Courtesy of the Society of the Cincinnati


Silver punch ladle, c. 1775. Courtesy of an anonymous lender

Lacquer lap desk, c. 1795, given by Marquis de Lafayette to Elizabeth Parke Custis. Courtesy of an anonymous lender

Sèvres and Angoulême porcelain serving dishes. Courtesy of Walter Gibson

Peter III

Action between the Constellation and L’Insurgente, by Edward Savage, 1799

French Intelligence Map of New York City and harbor, with related documents, 1781. A hand-drawn map with directions for navigating the approach to New York, in preparation for an invasion, with intelligence reports. Purchased by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Books and Manuscripts Endowment, with the assistance of Richard H. Brown.

George Washington’s list of shareholders in the Great Dismal Swamp Company, 1785. A land investment and improvement project Washington pursued during his first retirement. Purchased by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Books and Manuscripts Endowment.


Letter from West Ford to John Augustine Washington III, 27 August 1842. One of a few surviving manuscripts by someone enslaved and emancipated by the Washington family. Purchased by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Books and Manuscripts Endowment.

The Recollections of Richard Roberts, 1865–1874. Autobiographical account of life in Fairfax County and the vicinity of Mount Vernon in the immediate aftermath of the Civil War. Purchased by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Books and Manuscripts Endowment.


Letter from George Washington to Burgess Ball, 2 March 1795. Washington writes regarding the placement of a federal arsenal on Ball’s property. Gift of Wayne and Grace Rickert as part of the Rickert Signers of the Declaration of Independence Collection.


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Mrs. Alpha Coles Blackburn, 2008; resigned
Mrs. Benjamin D. Walcott, 1914; resigned 1932; died 1948
Mrs. Henry Porter Isham, 1949; resigned 1972; died 1971
Mrs. George A. Carpenter, 1916; resigned 1947; died 1936
Mrs. Frank Anderson Chisholm, 1971; resigned 1982; died 1985
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Miss Mary Mason Scott, 1923; died 1934
Mrs. Thomas Shapard Webb (née Mary Polk Yeatman), 1893; resigned 1917; died 1917
Mrs. Charles Eliot Furness, 1914; died 1935
Mrs. John Lawrence Sullivan, 1952; resigned 1962; Vice Regent Emerita 1962; died 2009
Mrs. William McWillie, 1858; died 1873
Mrs. David Bradford, 1982; resigned 1992; died 1993
Mrs. Francis S. Conover, 1893; died 1914
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Miss Mary Govan Billups, 1916; resigned 1963; Honorary Vice Regent 1963; died 1967
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Mrs. Francis F. Beirne, 1948; Regent 1958–1968; Honorary Vice Regent 1985; died 2000
Miss Mary Evarts, 1911; resigned 1923; reappointed 1923; died 1929
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Farewell Address

To The Council of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of June, 1874:

LADIES:
It was my intention as well as my duty to have met you at this time, and conformed in person to the legal requisition accompanying a resignation so important as mine, but Providence does not permit. I am at present not only unequal to such a journey, but the serious state of my health requires me, instead of turning my face towards the “spot” for which, since 1853, I have lived, labored and almost died, to seek the best medical skill, with the hope of prolonging, if possible, a life yet needed to finish what I began so many long years ago. One more duty is before me—one I regard as important—though circumstances have combined to make it now a very sad one. It would have been a pleasure to have met, once more, those who have labored with me in our vineyard from the “early hour”; though now their numbers are so few; those who appreciated my work; its motives, its sacrifices; whether they were of the “early” or “eleventh” hour sister laborers; and to have taken a kindly farewell of all whose hearts have been, like my own, single unto their patriotic work—but it is not to be.

I will not yet, however, utterly resign the hope that I may be permitted to reappear among you some day, with my last self-imposed task performed; ready to say, “Now let thy servant depart in peace.”

But in parting, I feel it due to you as to me; to the responsibilities I solemnly assumed, which were so important in their results; to those you have taken upon yourselves, to say a few words as to those responsibilities, or duties laid down in the beginning of our work—not to be lightly regarded, for they were pledges to future generations as well as to ours. The minds and hearts which conceived the rescue of the Home of Washington; of the completion of a worthy “tribute” to public integrity, private virtue; an expression of the gratitude due and felt by a country destined to act such an important part in the drama of the world; conceived it with all the reverence felt in older regions for the resting places of their honored dead; where only pious hands are permitted to be in “charge,” so as to have them carried down to admiring ages in the same condition as when left.

Such was the pledge made to the American heart when an appeal was made to it to save the Home and Tomb of Washington, of the Father of his Country, from all changes, whether by law or desecration. Such, to the last owner of Mt. Vernon, ere he was willing to permit it to pass from his hands. Such to the Legislature of his mother State, ere she gave us legal rights over it. Such we are bound to keep. Our honor is concerned, as well as our intelligence and legal obligations. The mansion, and the grounds around it, should be religiously guarded from changes—should be kept as Washington left them.

Ladies, the Home of Washington is in your charge. See to it that you keep it the Home of Washington! Let no irreverent hand change it; no vandal hands desecrate with the fingers of—progress! Those who go to the Home in which he lived and died, wish to see in what he lived and died! Let one spot in this grand country of ours be saved from “change!” Upon you rests this duty.

When the Centennial comes, bringing with it its thousands from the ends of the earth, to whom the Home of Washington will be the place of places in our country, let them see that, though we slay our forests, remove our dead, pull down our churches, remove from home to home till the “hearthstone” seems to have no resting place in America; let them see that we do know how to care for the Home of our Hero! Farewell!

Ladies, I return to your hands the office held—so long under another name—since December 2d, 1853.

Respectfully,

Ann Pamela Cunningham