

Preservation • Education • Patriotic Service

Who We Are

The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, headquartered in Philadelphia, is a service-oriented organization of women that actively promotes an appreciation of America's heritage through historic preservation, educational projects, and patriotic service. Since 1899, the NSCDA/PA has administered Stenton, one of America's early and enduring preservation stories, and where many of the Society's exciting educational programs take place today.

www.nscdapa.org



Preservation- NSCDA/PA Museum Properties



Stenton was the home of James Logan, Provincial Secretary to William Penn. This c.1730 National Historic Landmark has been called “Philadelphia’s most authentic historic house.” Stenton descended through six generations of the Logan family and is rich with early American stories and artifacts.

www.stenton.org

Woodville, the John and Presley Neville house, is Southwestern Pennsylvania’s principal link to the late 18th century, interpreting the time-period of 1780-1825. The Allegheny County Committee of the NSCDA/PA lends Federal period objects to furnish the house. <https://woodville-experience.org>



Great American Treasures is a museum alliance of 64 historic sites operated by the NSCDA, a national association of Corporate Societies to which the Pennsylvania Society belongs. The NSCDA/PA and its members also help support NSCDA-affiliated historic house museums like Dumbarton House, Gunston Hall, and Sulgrave Manor. www.greatamericantreasures.org



Education, Public Programs, & Scholarship



The *History Hunters Youth Reporter Program* is a fully subsidized field trip program for underserved 4th and 5th grade Philadelphia schoolchildren. This national award-winning literacy-based program is administered at Stenton and teaches a dramatic sweep of American history through visits to four historic sites and an art museum, where hands-on activities bring history to life. *History Hunters* has served over 40,000 Philadelphia schoolchildren and welcomes nearly 4,000 students each year. www.historyhunters.org

Stenton offers free public programs throughout the year, such as a Juneteenth Celebration, Halloween-Harvest Festival, and Holiday Tea. Presentations and workshops cover topics ranging from the decorative arts to history, horticulture, and beyond. Programs like the 2019 conference, *Investigating Mid-Atlantic Plantations*, encourage new scholarship, while preservation and interpretation projects, such as the stunning restoration of Stenton's Yellow Lodging Room, ensure that our house museums remain extraordinary places to visit and learn about American history. Periodically, the Society supports the printing of important new **publications** on American history and culture.



The Future of Educational Programming at Stenton

Stenton and Historic Germantown are partnering to expand the *History Hunters* model by developing a new collaborative multi-site program. *Science Sleuths* will teach science to middle school students through an interdisciplinary curriculum that draws on the history, collections, and landscapes of Germantown's historic sites and natural resources.

The **Stenton Education Center** project is one of the NSCDA/PA's top priorities. Renovations to the service wing will create the first dedicated educational programming space at Stenton, providing much needed room for the nearly 4,000 students who benefit from *History Hunters* each year, accessible entryways and restrooms, and enabling program expansion.

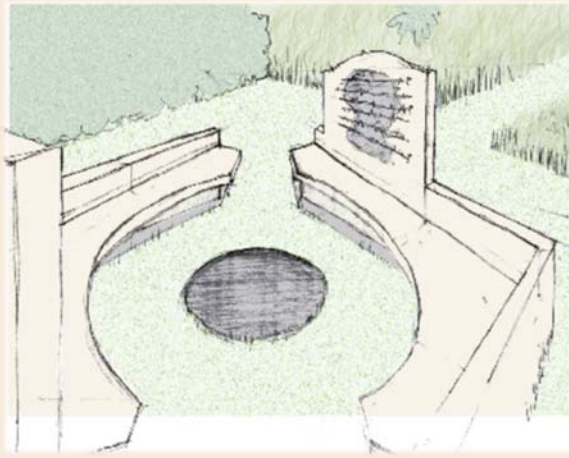


Community Partnerships



In 2018, The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage awarded Stenton a grant for *Inequality in Bronze: Monumental Plantations Legacies*. This project centered on the commemoration of Dinah, who was enslaved at Stenton until she won her freedom in 1776 and saved the house from burning during the Revolutionary War. Stenton and neighbors in the surrounding community decided how to best memorialize Dinah's life and story in the twenty-first century. This input informed artist Karyn Olivier's design for a new memorial to Dinah, to be constructed on Stenton's grounds in the near future.

www.stenton.org/dinah



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Stenton is a leading member of **Historic Germantown**, a consortium of 18 extraordinary historic houses and attractions in Northwest Philadelphia that have joined together to protect, preserve, and share some of Philadelphia's prized historical assets. The **Historic Germantown Black Lives Matter Committee** ensures that we tell diverse and fascinating stories of the past, present, and future that highlight pride of place, famous firsts, prominent families and grassroots leaders, and the ongoing struggle for freedom. In this work, we aim to foster greater participation, equity, and opportunity within our community, striving to make the repairs and share the resources necessary to build goodwill and promote social justice now and into the future.

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Scholarships & Awards

The NSCDA/PA is leading sponsor of **National History Day Philadelphia**, a year-long educational program. Middle and High School students prepare original projects using primary sources and compete in a local contest with winners moving on to state and national competitions. Students gain experience conducting historical research and analysis, producing a documentary, exhibit, essay, performance, or website; and in doing so learn to synthesize information and draw balanced conclusions based on their findings. <http://www.nhdphilly.org>

The American Indian Nurse Scholarship Award Program (AINS) was established in 1928 to give students of Native American descent the opportunity to pursue careers in health care and health education. A \$1,500 scholarship is granted each semester.

American History Educational Awards are granted each year to graduate students working toward doctoral degrees in American history, preservation, or a related field. Awards have also been granted to enhance American history curriculum, as History Day prizes, to teachers for enrichment study, to international students. The NSCDA/PA presents the **Tri-State Award** every three years to a dissertating early Americanist in Pennsylvania, in collaboration with the NSCDA Delaware and New Jersey Societies.

The Congressional Seminar Essay Contest is a major project of the NSCDA/PA held under the auspices of the Washington Workshops Foundation. Winners receive full tuition, including seminar materials, university campus housing, and two meals daily, for a week of citizenship education about the national government and tours of sites in our nation's capital.



Patriotic Service

Naturalization Programs- The NSCDA/PA recognizes the importance of immigration to our nation and has a long history of welcoming new citizens. Through projects that help immigrants undertake the naturalization process, and by regularly hosting and participating in naturalization ceremonies, NSCDA/PA members welcome, support, and celebrate new citizens.

Troop Support- The Society supports American troops at home and abroad through care packages and other activities. Since 2016 the NSCDA/PA has provided support for the Thorncroft Equestrian Center's programs for Women Veterans.



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