

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

DINAH MEMORIAL PROJECT FOCUSES ON COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

By Dennis Pickeral, Executive Director, Stenton



Stenton staff, supported by a team of consultants and advisors, have been busy engaging in a series of conversations with members of our community as part of the grant project, *Inequality in Bronze: Monumental Plantation Legacies*, funded by the Pew Center for Arts and Heritage. The goal of these conversations is to determine how to best interpret, elevate, and commemorate the full story of Dinah, a once-enslaved woman who lived at Stenton in the 18th and early 19th centuries, and who, according to oral tradition, saved Stenton from burning by British troops during the Revolution.

Staff began working with a team of community ambassadors in the fall of 2018, who have helped with outreach to key stakeholders in our neighborhood. On December 3-5, we held our

first series of community focus groups, facilitated by Dina Bailey, Director of Methodology and Practice for the International Sites of Conscience. Through these discussions, we are gathering input that will be used to create a new 21st-century memorial to Dinah.

Discussions included the following focus areas: what people think they know about Dinah and the context surrounding her, what a memorial might look like, and what emotions a memorial should evoke. Similar focus groups, which included Stenton Committee members, were held on December 17-18 and February 4-5 and included exercises that captured words participants associated with a possible memorial's visuals, materials, and language; a spectrum activity that asked

participants to determine whether they would prefer facts or representative ideas of Dinah to influence the memorial design, as well as what future Stenton-community partnerships could look like. The next community meetings are scheduled for June 12-13.

With the assistance of Neysa Page-Leiberman, Executive Director of the Department of Exhibitions and Performance Spaces at Columbia College Chicago, and Public Art Curator for our project, we are now searching for an artist to design and create the new Dinah memorial. We plan to schedule presentations of the finalists to the community in July. To learn more about the *Inequality in Bronze* project, visit www.stenton.org/dinah.



Join us at the Stenton Garden Party celebrating Dinah, Heroine of Stenton, and Honoring Kevin & Rebecca Kerchner, Thursday, the Second of May Five to Seven o' clock. To RSVP, email programs@stenton.org or call 215-329-7312. Visit www.stenton.org for ticket prices and sponsorship opportunities.

PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS

Dear Dames,

Welcome back to *Connections* and its highlight of fun, entertainment, and educational happenings at and for the Colonial Dames! Your membership, participation, enthusiasm, and financial support all play vital roles in our Society's vitality. Thank you very much. Please keep an eye out for new prospective members, from Baby Dames to young professionals, empty nesters to energetic retirees. It's never too late to be a Dame!

Spring is just around the corner, and it's time to mark your calendars so you won't miss the many and varied PA Dames events planned through June. Here are a few of them.

On April 10th, many of us will attend a talk on "Slavery in the Quaker World: Philadel-

phia and Barbados" given by Katharine Gerbner (niece of fellow Dame Gina Whelan), at Philadelphia's Museum of the American Revolution. In addition, you may enjoy attending our April 17th off-site Stated Meeting at Andalusia, the ancestral home of the Biddle family overlooking the Delaware River. It will be followed by lunch at the Union League Golf Club at Torresdale. This will be our annual Founder's Day recognition of milestone membership anniversaries.

On May 2nd, we will host our Stenton Garden Party. On June 6th, from 5 to 7 pm, a Needlepoint Workshop will take place at Stenton. Also in June, please join us for a History Hunters Happy Hour at Headquarters and two Dinah Focus Group Sessions at Stenton. What is this exactly, and who was Dinah? Learn about how both our Stenton neighbors

and The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage are partnering with us in this project. You'll find the answers to these and other questions by reading the articles in this issue of *Connections*.

In addition, be sure to take a look at photos from last year's New Members Reception and reports from the very active Allegheny and Lancaster-Dauphin-York County Committees, plus pictures of our MLK Day Open House and The Art(ifacts) of Cooking Event, all at Stenton, plus much more!

Thank you again for your interest and love of the Dames. I look forward to seeing you soon at many of these occasions.

Warmest Regards,

Barbara Brand Rogers

LANCASTER-DAUPHIN-YORK NEWS

By Margaret Broussard, *Committee Chair*

On Feb. 9, 2018, the Lancaster-Dauphin-York Committee held a Christmas party at the home of Nancy Gingrich. About 25 members, spouses, and guests attended, including our president, Barbara Rogers, and her husband, Jim.

At our February 5 meeting, Marty Brandt gave a very interesting presentation on the preservation and restoration of the Union Canal Tunnel in Lebanon.

Elections were held, resulting in the following board:

Chairman, Bobbi McMullen
 Secretary, Diane Murry
 Assistant secretary, Carolyn Holt
 Treasurer, Sara Hodge
 Membership, Irene Walker
 Naturalization, Anne Williams
 Historian, Susan Ashbey Davis.



Top Left: Donna Jones and Deede Joss; Top Right: Lili Avery, Betsy Teti, Betsy Ruderfer and Fran Merriam; Bottom: Elizabeth Hobbs.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COMMITTEE NEWS

By Betsy Teti, *Committee Chair*

Allegheny County Committee Dames have enjoyed two outstanding programs this year. We were delighted to have our very own Dame Betsy Ruderfer share the history of her family in a most entertaining program in January. "Tales of a Two Timing Dame," Ancestral Tales was presented in an engaging and spellbinding way. Betsy is a natural presenter and the group thoroughly enjoyed her story and the many artifacts that she brought to share.

In March, Dames were riveted by Russ Raisig of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum as he presented "World War I: A Soldier's Story," Mr. Raisig shared artifacts and memorabilia loaned by the Soldiers and Sailors Museum which made the event entertaining and enlightening. A most fitting program as the 100th anniversary of World War I has just been commemorated.

YOUNG BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BOOK SIGNING EVENT

On January 22nd, over 70 guests attended Nick Bunker's presentation and book signing at Headquarters. In this new account of Franklin's early life, *Young Benjamin Franklin: the Birth of Ingenuity*, Bunker portrays him as a complex, driven young man who elbows his way to success. Guests enjoyed tea sandwiches and sweets generously provided by NSCDA/PA members. If you are interested in purchasing

this book at the discounted rate of \$25, contact Adriana at adriana@nscdapa.org or 215-735-6737. Only a few copies remain!

Don't miss our next lecture and book signing event! Join us at Headquarters on **June 18th at 4:00 PM** to hear George Boudreau, Margaretta Lovell, Laura Keim, and Stephen Hague discuss their essays from *A Material World: Culture, Society, and the Life of Things in Early Anglo-America*.

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Top: Nick Bunker signed copies of his book; Left: NSCDA/PA Members Kitten Klaus, Kitty Strawbridge, and Suzanne Ullrich posed with Bunker and his new book; Middle: Bunker gave an overview of Young Ben Franklin's experiences in Philadelphia; Right: NSCDA/NJ Members Linda Boyd, Daryl Albury, NSCDA/NJ President, Susan Leontiades, and Mary Cloud Hollingshead attended.



Date: Wednesday June 12th

Time: 5 pm to 7 pm

Place: NSCDA/PA Headquarters

SAVE THE DATE: HISTORY HUNTERS HAPPY HOUR

History Hunters is so lucky to have so many amazing people involved with the program, and we want to say thank you! Please join program guides, supporters, and fellow teachers for a fun, casual reception to thank all those who made the History Hunters program possible this year! Light refreshments, beer, and wine will be served.

Please RSVP by June 10th by emailing Kaelyn at kaelyn.barr@stenton.org. Hope to see you there!

HELP WELCOME NEW CITIZENS

"Moving." "Inspirational." "Something every Colonial Dame should take part in, at least once!" Those are words, used often, to describe the experience of members who help out when NSCDA/PA participates in new citizen, or naturalization, ceremonies. Whether they help display the many flags in our "Parade of Flags" presentation, or simply hand out special welcome bags of flags and the Parade of



Patsy Jones and Wylie Raab assisting with New Citizens Ceremony

Flags coloring books, the occasion is always memorable. And we could use your help! The new citizens ceremonies

in which Philadelphia-area Dames will be assisting this year will be held on Thursday, **May 16** and **October 3, 2019**, at the James A. Byrne U.S. Courthouse, 601 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. To sign up to volunteer, please email adriana@nscdapa.org or call 215-735-6737, or Julia Forbes, Patriotic Service Chair-elect, at juliasforbes@live.com. For Dames living in the Lancaster-Dauphin-York County Committee area, contact L-D-Y Patriotic Service Chair Anne Williams at awilliams@desfint.com or 717-396-0474. Pittsburgh area Dames wishing to help should contact Allegheny County Committee's Patriotic Service Chair Mimi Humenik, mimihumenik@aol.com.

Past ceremony volunteers are especially

impressed and moved by the hard work that goes into becoming a naturalized U.S. Citizen. The citizenship test alone is daunting! **Try your hand at a few of the questions, below, and see how YOU do.** [Answer key at bottom.]

- 1) When was the Constitution written?
- 2) The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
- 3) The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.
- 4) Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?

wart; to create an army; to make treaties

Answer Key: 1) 1787 2) four hundred thirty-five (435) 3) James Madison; Alexander Hamilton; John Jay; Publius 4) Possible answers: to print money; to declare

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STENTON GARDEN UPDATE

By Carol Rush, *Stenton Garden & Landscape Committee Chair*

THE STENTON GARDEN GROWS VOLUNTEERS.....

The Stenton Garden & Landscape Committee is a small, but dedicated, group with wide-ranging experience. Susan Yeager, our Gardener, has connected with Drexel University, and Stenton is now a site for Drexel’s mandatory-for-freshmen Civics Engagement community service requirement. Each term, about 10 students spend three Saturday mornings in Stenton’s garden cleaning, clearing, digging, pruning, and planting. And, Wow!, have they made a difference! As a thank you for their hard work outside, each group gets a tour of Stenton to learn not only about the property, but about the Colonial Dames’ roll in historic preservation and our community outreach through History Hunters and The Dinah Project.

....BUT COULD USE MORE TREES.

This spring the Garden Committee will focus on adding to the native plant screen along the fence. We have lost some trees over the last few years and these holes need to be filled. For structure and height we will add native holly and upright white pines. These trees will provide the tall and dense backdrop for groups of flowering trees. You can help. We would appreciate your donation of the following, or your contribution towards purchasing same. Please contact Dennis Pickeral or Carol Rush for more information.



Stenton Garden Wish List

- American Holly (*Ilex opaca*) 6’ – 10’
- Upright White Pine (*Pinus strobus* “Fastigiata”) 6’ – 10’
- Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)
- Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
- Fringe Tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*)
- Franklin Tree (*Franklinia alatamaha*)
- Sweetbay Magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*)
- Sourwood (*Oxydendron arboretum*)
- An electric-powered Gator/golf cart
- Garden Tools—Wheel barrows, leaf blowers, weed whackers, hand tools, etc.

We hope to see you at the Stenton Garden Party on May 2nd when the garden looks its spring-time best!

HISTORIC GREENHOUSE WINDOWS AND DOORS RESTORED

By Dennis Pickeral, *Executive Director, Stenton*

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from Historic Germantown’s Sustaining Our Sites Fund, the nearly nine-foot windows and doors in the historic greenhouse at Stenton have been restored. The early 19th century greenhouse, situated in the middle of the service wing, was built by George and Deborah Logan. The project was completed by Nickles Contracting, Inc., who specialize in historical restoration.



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Left: Stenton and Ladder 18 hosted an MLK Day Open House where neighbors met their local firemen, and Dinah, who saved Stenton from the British in 1777! Right: At The Art(ifacts) of Cooking event, Archaeologist Debbie Miller highlighted Stenton’s extensive archaeology collection and Culinary Historian Deborah Peterson cooked-up some tasty treats using colonial recipes.



SULGRAVE MANOR

By Sally Congdon, NSCDA Senior Representative and President, Friends of Sulgrave Manor Trust

In January, Caroline Goedhart, Junior Representative to Sulgrave Manor Trust, Vicky Bradshaw, who is now a Trustee in her own right, and I traveled to Sulgrave for the Sulgrave Manor Trust Board meeting. Upon arriving at the Manor, Alison Ray, CEO, and Jo Cowley, Operations Manager, greeted us and took us immedi-



ately into the old gift shop that is being converted into a space for a new George Washington exhibit. Painting, UV window treatment, electrical, and carpentry work were underway for the first phase of creation of a new dedicated exhibit which will share treasures from the Sulgrave Manor collection and focus on George Washington's personal attributes and life. The goal is to enable visitors to fully understand the impact George Washington had during his lifetime and how his legacy resonates with us today. The official opening of the completed project will be in June of 2021 to celebrate the centennial of the opening of Sulgrave Manor to the public.

As we walked out into the courtyard, the Manor was buzzing with activity. We were greeted by the Manor House, completely encased in scaffolding and workmen completing repointing, roofing, window and door restoration. Slate samples were on display for repaving of the courtyard

to correct drainage and ensure visitor safety. All of this work was supported by a grant from the Friends of Sulgrave Manor.



The Brew House will now serve as a new visitor entrance, gift shop and tea room, and we saw its conversion underway. The old tea room will now be used for school programs, and Emma Canterbury, Learning and Engagement Manager, enthusiastically talked about new activities for children that will include programs such as Living Long ago-Exploring what life was like at home vs. on a ship in Tudor times; Bugs & Buds, a science based program; and Rich & Poor, what it was like to live at Sulgrave with different economic levels. As we continued our tour around the Manor, we ran into Jill Stewart, a retired clinical oncologist and volunteer, leading a group of volunteers who were preparing the gardens for spring.

During the Trust meeting, Norman



Hudson OBE, announced that following 30 years of involvement with Sulgrave Manor, he planned to step down. At dinner that night, we presented him with a silver Revere bowl that he said was very

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special since Paul Revere's house in Boston was one of the first places he visited on his very first visit to the United States.

We also welcomed our new Chairman, Dr. Nigel Bowles, former Director of the Rothermere American Institute at the University of Oxford, who has a particular interest in the U.S. Presidency.

In the formal announcement of Dr. Bowles as Chairman, CEO, Alison Ray, stated, "We are hugely grateful to Norman Hudson for all his commitment and leadership. We are also thrilled that he has agreed to take on the role of Patron so that we may benefit from his ongoing support for our organisation. Nigel Bowles brings a new set of skills and expertise to the Board, ready for the next exciting phase of our work."

Mr. Hudson said, "The appointment of



Nigel Bowles as Chairman is timely and apposite. As an expert on American political history, he is ideally placed to put emphasis on the reason for which Sulgrave Manor was first rescued - to symbolise a shared cultural history, the bond of friendship and common values between the United States and Great Britain."

We were definitely struck by a feeling of optimism and excitement at Sulgrave Manor!

Photos from January 2019- 1. Alison Ray, Sally Congdon, Vicky Bradshaw, Thea Young; 2. Courtyard view of Manor House in scaffolding; 3. Gardens; 4. Repointing Work.

MEMBERSHIP

In this issue, we'd like to share some photos from last June's very well received membership cultivation event, Ladies Night Out. The camaraderie among proposers and prospective candidates was in full swing at this two hour evening reception. Our stately Headquarters in Philadelphia and its beautiful blooming grounds provided a welcome setting to interest new friends in joining the Dames. President Barbara Rogers gave an overview of our Society, and prospective members had the opportunity to mingle with board mem-

bers and other Dames to learn more about our mission, activities, the membership process, and their qualifying ancestors. We will be holding another membership development event this spring. Please save the date of **June 3rd from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** and plan to bring your family, friends, and colleagues to join us at Headquarters to learn more about membership in the NSCDA/PA! Detailed information will follow soon.

For more information about how to propose a member to our Society, contact Lynn Salvo, Membership Chair, at lynnsalvo@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

By Lynn Salvo, Membership Chair, NSCDA/PA



Top Left: Rachel Brozena & Elizabeth Gardiner; Top Right: Debra Hartley, Amanda Muckle & Cynthia Moore; Bottom Left: Lynn Salvo, Membership Chair & Lee Manonian; Bottom Right: Debra Hartley met with Sharon Holt, Associate States Registrar, to discuss qualifying ancestors.

THE 1891 SOCIETY

By Peggy Conner, Treasurer, NSCDA/PA

On April 8, 2009, Jane Buckman Aylward (PA 3470) died and left the bulk of her estate, unrestricted, to The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Alice Lea Tasman, then-Society Director, Stephen Hague, and Beatrice Childs helped foster Mrs. Aylward's interest in leaving her generous gift to the Dames. It is our hope that all Dames should likewise participate in this way to help facilitate future gifts. We will be forever grateful to Mrs. Aylward for her foresight and generosity and continue to carefully steward the resources in furthering our mission.

In connection with our renewed efforts to grow our Legacy Giving program, we think it first very important to honor those in our midst who have already made this important decision. We wish to express our thanks to the following Dames who have informed us that they have included NSCDA/PA in their estate planning documents.

A Charitable Bequest to NSCDA/PA not only ensures the current and future prosperity of the organization, it benefits your family through tax advantages and creates a legacy for future Dames. A Char-

itable Bequest can help save estate taxes by providing a charitable deduction for the value of your gift. Also, it reminds your family, most especially your daughters, granddaughters, and so on, of the joy you've received from your membership and encourages their dedicated involvement.

It can be a gift of any size. As Donor, you may designate a specific area of the Society that was particularly important to you—such as Stenton, Headquarters, the gardens, or Patriotic Service or perhaps supporting our education programs or one of our Historical Activities projects. Gifts can be made of specific amounts, percentages, particular assets – anything that works best for the donor. We will be holding a seminar on the topic of Legacy Giving at the Headquarters of Pennsylvania Trust in Radnor in the early fall but if you would like to meet personally with us please just give Peggy a call.

In order for us to express our thanks, we respectfully ask that you inform the main office or Barbara Stechert if you have already made these arrangements. We wish to include you as honored members of the 1891 Society.

For more information, please contact Barbara Stechert, Stenton Development Associate, at development@stenton.org.

Members of The 1891 Society

- *Jane Aylward
- *Viola Bement
- Anne L. B. Burnett
- *Gail McKnight Beckman
- Sarah B. Congdon
- Margaret M. Conner
- *Adair M. Curtiss
- Barbara J. Gillis
- *Edith Armason Harrison
- *Dorrance H. Hamilton
- Dorothy W. Hocker
- Sharon D. Holt
- *Mr. John M. Kennedy III
- Janet Kimbleton Grace
- Martha Green Lewis
- Lee McIlvaine Manonian
- *Jean P. McDonald
- Dora L. Rogers
- Carol F. Rush
- Margaret L. Shaver
- Lisa S. Street
- Alice Lea Mast Tasman
- *Elizabeth Thieme
- Jane Foster Willson
- Anne S. C. Nimick
- *Deceased

SEEKING BALANCE

By Barbara Rogers, President, NSCDA/PA

One of the most fundamental principles in life is finding ones own sense of balance. The same is true in the financial operations of the NSCDA/PA. Annually we struggle to find funding for new and continuing initiatives, to compensate our staff fairly, and to care for Stenton, Headquarters, the 1618 Latimer house, and to contribute to Woodville all while keeping our projected revenues in balance with our ap-

proved expenditures. This year, the Board of Managers, after a very long discussion agreed to approve a \$50 per year member dues increase for fiscal year 2019/20 in an effort to share in the funding of these responsibilities. Stenton is predominately funded by gifts and grants and investment income as well as the net proceeds from the very successful James Logan Dinner. The other facilities and obligations are funded from

member dues, investment income and rental proceeds and, as cost of our operations rise, so must our revenues. A more detailed view of our financial picture will be included with your upcoming dues statement, but the Board wanted to make sure we allowed every member sufficient time to plan for the increase and to be able contact us with any concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact our Treasurer, Peggy Conver at peggy.conver@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

NEW MEMBERS

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| CARTER, Mrs. Anne (Margaret Anne Gadsden Mac-Donald) Ancestor: Christopher Gadsden PA-6932 | LACKEY, Mrs. Stephen (Cynthia Cramer) Ancestor: Joseph Dana PA-6933 | MYER, Charlotte Hilliard Ancestor: Samuel Levis PA-6931 |
| GREGG, Catherine Lewis Ancestor: Thomas Smoot PA-6922 | MYER, Caroline Victoria Ancestor: Samuel Levis PA-6930 | SANFORD, Mrs. William S. (Carolyn Cramer) Ancestor: Joseph Dana PA-6927 |

REINSTATEMENTS

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| DOWNS, Joan Doris Boyden (Joan Doris Boyden) Ancestor: Jonathan Boyden PA-6652 |
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TRANSFERS IN

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| FORBES, Mrs. Tench Cox (Julia Morris Smith) PA-6934 Txfr from MA | HUMISTON, Catherine Page (Catherine Page Sullivan) Ancestor: Thomas Nelson, Jr. PA-6921 Txfr from CA PA-6882 |
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DECEASED

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| ALTHOUSE, JR., Mrs. Alfred K. (Dorothy Stockton Ristine) Admitted: April 13, 1951 Died: February 28, 2019 PA-2979 | JOHNSON, Mrs. Harold Lafayette (June Flint) Admitted: March 12, 1993 Died: January 31, 2019 PA-6209 | POSVAR, Mrs. Wesley W. (Anne Palmer Fishwick) Admitted: June 15, 1989 Died: December 2, 2019 PA-6111 |
| BRUBAKER, Mrs. George T. (Margot Lasher) Admitted: December 9, 2003 Died: December 23, 2018 PA-6439 | | |

TRANSFERS OUT

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| GANZ, Ms. Ashley I. (Ashley Kim Isaacs) PA-6878 Txfr to NY | Taylor, Mrs. Constance A. (Constance Annette Corbett) PA-6828 | Txfr to FL WRIGHT, Mrs. Andrew Delaney (Arrison Willow Rose Seals) PA-6836 Txfr to VA |
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RESIGNATIONS

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| DAHLER, JR., Mrs. Donald Lee (Katherine C. Thomas) PA-6737 | ESSIG, Erica Louise PA-6591 | PREWETT, Mrs. Adam Charles (Heather Drysdale Richey) PA-6375 | SLOAN, Mrs. Gurney P. (Adelaide Faith Rorer) PA-3101 |
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NSCDA/PA 2018-2019 Calendar

LANCASTER/DAUPHIN/YORK Meetings & Events

STENTON Events

STENTON Committee Meetings

1st Thursday of Every Month (except Jul & Aug)

Development & Strategic Planning

National Meetings & Events

LINEAGE Meetings

2nd Tuesday of Each Month (except Jul & Aug)

ALLEGHENY Meetings & Events

NSCDA/PA EVENTS

NSCDA/PA Board Meeting

2nd Friday of Each Month (except Jul & Aug)

| 2019 | DATE | DAY | EVENT | TIME | PLACE |
|--------|------|---|--|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| April | 17 | Wed | Stated Meeting @ Andalusia | 9:30 am | Andalusia House & Garden |
| | 20 | Sat | Stenton Easter Egg Hunt | 1:00 pm -3:00 pm | Stenton |
| | 26 | Fri | Star Party | 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm | Stenton |
| May | 2 | Thu | Stenton Garden Party | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Stenton |
| | 3 | Fri | Education Day at Fort Halifax for 5th Graders. | | Fort Halifax |
| | 6 | Thu | Stenton Committee | 10:30 am | Stenton |
| | 10 | Fri | Board Meeting | 9:30 AM | Headquarters |
| | 14 | Tu | ACC Annual Meeting | 10:30 AM | Fox Chapel Golf Club |
| | 15 | Wed | Annual Meeting & Elections - Joyce Munro speaker: Lydia T. Morris: A Steward of the Past | 10:00 am | Headquarters |
| | 16 | Thu | New Citizens Ceremony | 10:30 am | James A. Byrne U.S. Courthouse |
| June | 3 | Mon | Prospective Members Event | TBD | Headquarters |
| | 5 | Wed | Speaker Norma Shearer will speak on Fort Halifax during the French and Indian War | 11:00 am | Lancaster Country Club |
| | 6 | Thur | Stenton Committee | 3:00 pm | Stenton |
| | 6 | Thur | Wine & Design: Needlepoint Crafting Workshop led by Carol Rush | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Stenton |
| | 12 | Wed | Dinah Focus Group Sessions | 12:00 pm | Stenton |
| | 12 | Wed | History Hunters Happy Hour | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Headquarters |
| | 13 | Thur | Dinah Focus Group Sessions | 5:30pm | Stenton |
| | 14 | Fri | Board Retreat | 9:00 am | Stenton |
| 18 | Tu | "Material World" Lecture and Book Signing | 4:00 pm -6:00 pm | Headquarters | |
| July | 4 | Thu | Stenton 4th of July Celebration | 11:30am- 1:30pm | Stenton |
| August | 31 | Fri | ACC Annual End of Summer Supper | | Fox Chapel Golf Club |



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Don't forget! The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers is on May 15th at 10 AM. We will be collecting items for military personnel stationed overseas. Desired items include personal hygiene products, small games, and snack foods (see Stated Meeting postcard for complete list). If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to donate items, please deliver them to Headquarters before May 13th.
Thank you!



Entrusted With History's Future

The National Society of The Colonial Dames
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Mission Statement

The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is dedicated to preserving our State and National heritage through preservation of historic properties, conservation of antiquities and archives, education, scholarships, patriotism and respect for our Colonial ancestors whose distinguished service prior to 1776 and ideals are the foundation of our Country.

Adopted by the Board of Managers, October 10, 2003