



### Message from the President

Tom Dickinson

#### VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR FUNDRAISING, MEMBERSHIP

It is my duty as president to inform all members that the Arlington Historical Society's financial situation needs immediate attention. Due to recent unexpected costs for a new furnace, air conditioning repairs, and other essential operations and maintenance costs, coupled with a decline in membership and revenues, our budget is in danger of running in the red.

Therefore, my main priorities as president will be to enhance and increase Society revenues, and to increase membership. In order to accomplish these goals, we will need help from our members.

Specifically, we need a volunteer to lead a formal "Fundraising Committee" and another volunteer to head a "Membership Development/Recruitment Committee". Preferably, such a person would have some professional experience or background in fundraising and/or marketing.

I am appealing to all Society members, to nominate yourself, or someone you know who would be willing to take on these duties. These objectives are essential to the long-term viability of the Society.

I welcome any nominations, inputs, or suggestions.

Thank you very much.

Tom Dickinson, President of Arlington Historical Society

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## **Arlington Public Schools' Fab-Four-Plus-One Team Assists with Collections Care in 2009-2010**

by Linda Gouazé

AHS Collections Management Committee

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During the 2009-2010 school year, Barbara Kelley and I welcomed four Arlington Public Schools (APS) high school students and an APS staff member to the Arlington Historical Museum twice a week to help us care for our large artifact collection.

APS Job Coach Cornell Hunter, Sr., guided the work of four students who are participants in a community-based volunteer program designed to promote the development of readiness skills. They did a wonderful job for us on a variety of one-time and cyclic maintenance tasks for over 2,700 of our 7,000 artifacts.

The team started out by tagging, rewrapping, and repacking over 2,000 books and toys and then gently cleaned our small number of silver-plated artifacts. Finally, they moved on to the huge and very exacting task of vacuuming our collection of over 600 textiles, a cyclic maintenance task that needs to be done for each textile once or even twice every year.

We devised a 16-step process for unpacking, vacuuming, and repacking our textiles, demonstrated it to the team once or twice, and then just turned the job over to them under the direction of Cornell Hunter.

A photo essay that will appear in the next issue of this newsletter takes a closer look at the complex process the team went through for each textile item.

Because the APS team was able to work so independently, Barbara and I could focus on completely separate matters during the same time period, so more than twice as much was accomplished during those sessions than we would have been able to do without the APS team.

All of the Fab-Four-Plus-One Team members did such great job for us that we had two awards ceremonies for them during the year!

First, Eleanor Pourron presented them with our AHS cloth tote bags in March, so that they can show off our embroidered name and claim volunteer bragging rights in the hallways at school.

Then on their last volunteer day with us this year, Jennifer Sale Crane, the Society's Immediate Past President, presented them with Certificates of Excellence. They each also took home a 117-page listing of every artifact they worked on.

We were thrilled with the way this program unfolded during the 2009-2010 school year and are looking forward to having it happen again for the 2010-2011 school year.

If you have something you would like to share in the next the newsletter, or would just like to offer feedback for any future editions, please contact Lori Quayle, Newsletter Editor 703.304.4975 or e-mail (preferred) [loriquayle36@gmail.com](mailto:loriquayle36@gmail.com)





In appreciation for their outstanding work, Eleanor Pourron, Manager of the Society's Museum Bookstore, presents each Arlington Public Schools team member with our cloth shopping bag embroidered with the Society's name—the right size for schoolbooks and legible enough for bragging rights in the halls.



After months of hard work, Cornell Hunter and his students look ready to receive their Certificates of Excellence from the Society and ready to start their summer vacations, while well-wishers sit behind them.



Jennifer Sale Crane, Immediate Past President of the Arlington Historical Society, conveys our thanks and appreciation to the team from Arlington Public Schools and presents team members with Certificates of Excellence in a brief ceremony held on their last volunteer day for this year.

### Is it time for you to renew your MEMBERSHIP?

Annual membership dues cover the period from July 1 to June 31. Membership forms are always available at the Arlington Historical Museum and are also conveniently downloadable from the AHS website. So stop by or visit our website today!

[www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org)

#### Exclusive member benefits include:

- A subscription to a quarterly newsletter
- A free copy of the annually published Arlington Historical Magazine
- Great discounts at the Arlington Historical Museum bookshop
- Invitations to special members-only events

Membership even makes a great gift for a friend or loved one!

Photos courtesy of Barbara Kelley



# Meet the Board of Directors

## 2010-2011

### President

**Tom Dickinson** has been a resident of Arlington, VA since 1978 and a member of the Arlington Historical Society since 1980. He chose to settle in this particular part of the country in order to pursue a career at the Pentagon and indulge in his lifelong passion for American history, especially the Revolutionary and Civil War. Over the decades, Tom has amassed his own collection of photographs, documenting the transformation of Arlington's quaint neighborhoods now easily identifiable by large concrete high rises. He has a special interest in the preservation of old historic buildings and owns a rural Virginia farmhouse built in 1869. He holds a B.A. in American History from Beloit College and is a member of many of historical societies and committees, including the Smithsonian Institution Resident Associate Program since 1980. He is also on the board of directors for Arlington Heritage Alliance (AHA), and serves as the liaison between the Society and AHA. Tom is married to Ann Tutundjian, a CPA and mother of his two sweet children: Elise, a recent graduate from Haverford College in Philadelphia, and son Will, a recent graduate of Washington-Lee High School and Cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.

### Second Vice President

**Diane Gates** is a reference librarian at the Central Library and is the staff liaison to the Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women. She is originally from Tallahassee, FL where she received both a bachelor's and master's degree from Florida State University. After receiving her M.A. in Library and Information Science, she worked as a librarian for the University of California-Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Public Library, and EG&G Energy Measurements. In 1992, Diane relocated to the Washington metro area and immediately became enthralled with the history of Virginia and Arlington County. She has since worked for the Arlington County Public Library system in many capacities, and for the Virginia Room where she coordinated some of the *Arlington Reunion* programs in partnership with Arlington Historical Society. Diane has been a board member since 2008, and also serves as chair of the programs committee for the Society.

### Corresponding Secretary

**Barbara Kelley** has spent most of her life living and working in Arlington, VA. She is a 1976 graduate of Nelson County High School and later earned her associate's degree in business administration from NOVA. After working for the Clerk's Office for almost 32 years, she retired in 2008. She then became the treasurer for Arlington Historical Society. Barbara has four children, who all share her birthplace, Arlington, VA. She married her husband Tom in 1987, who is a sitting general district court judge here in Arlington. In addition to her position on the AHS Board of Directors, Barbara is also chair of the budget committee.



## Directors

**Alice Andors** has more than 20 years of experience in marketing and public relations and works as an independent marketing communications consultant and writer. She first became involved with the Arlington Historical Society through the fundraising efforts of the Aurora Hills Women's Club. She was instrumental in designating the Arlington Historical Museum as the beneficiary of the Women's Club's Annual Holiday Boutique, and continues her liaison with both organizations. Alice joined the board in 2008. As a board member, she has been working on revamping the Society's graphic identity, introducing a new logo last year; publications, including the printed program for the annual membership dinner; maintaining the membership database; and improving outreach to members by developing new tools including e-mail marketing.

**Matthew Keough** graduated from Providence College in 2006 with a B.A. in History. He moved to Arlington, VA in 2007 and has pursued his love for history through many different avenues. He has interned with many organizations including the National Park Service and the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. He is currently an executive office assistant at the American Historical Association. Matthew joined the Society in 2007 as a docent at the Arlington Historical Museum and later became involved with inventorying the collections of Arlington Historical Society. He has been a board member for two years and is also the Society's docent committee chair. Matthew hopes to continue learning about and spreading the rich history of Arlington.

**Susan Daniel** is a legal advisor for the United States Section, International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, a bi-national treaty organization that assists in preventing and resolving disputes over the use of the waters shared by the two countries. She has been a practicing attorney for 18 years providing legal counsel to federal, state and local government entities with special expertise in the areas of environmental compliance and employment law. Susan serves as a docent at the Arlington Historical Museum and is an active member of the Arlington United Methodist Church. She has previously served as a board member of the Oklahoma County League of Women Voters, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful and as past president and board member of the El Paso Kiwanis Club. Susan holds a B.A. in Economics and a J.D. from the University of Oklahoma, College of Law.

## Immediate Past President

**Jennifer Sale Crane** is an architectural historian with Straughan Environmental Services. She holds a master's degree in historic preservation from Goucher College. In July 2008, she had the privilege of being part of the team that re-assembled one of Arlington's 1949 Lustron Homes inside the Museum of Modern Art in New York City for an exhibit on prefabricated architecture. Jennifer recently presented "Postwar Prefabricated Homes in the Washington, D.C. Suburbs" at the 2010 Vernacular Architecture Forum conference, held in Rosslyn. A former Arlingtonian, she currently resides in Springfield, VA with her husband, David Crane, three cats and a gentle black lab mix, Mojo. Jennifer and her husband are eagerly awaiting the arrival of a baby girl in September.

*Not featured: First Vice President, Patricia Kime; Director, George Dodge*

Recording Secretary and Treasurer are currently vacant.



## Arlington's Attic:

### Exhibit at AHS Annual Meeting

by Linda Gouazé, AHS Registrar

Chair, Collections Management Committee

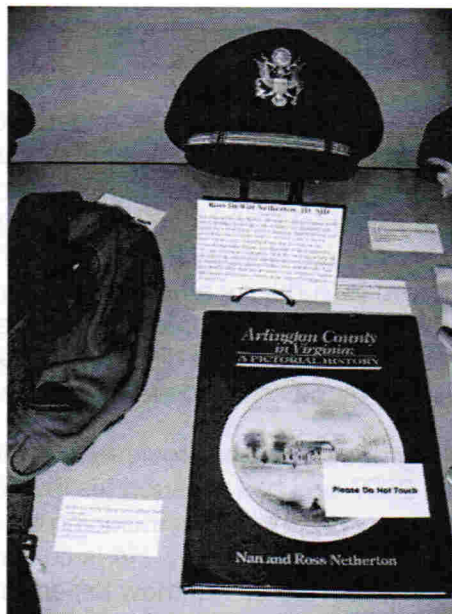
The proximity of Memorial Day to last May's annual meeting gave us a natural exhibit theme, so Lori Quayle and I combed through the "Attic" to put together a small display for the meeting as a tribute to the Arlingtonians—born or adopted—who have gone to war in our defense over the past few centuries.

The resulting exhibit contained items recalling every Arlington veteran for whom we have material in the collection, plus Martha Orth's handsome storyboard honoring Ball-Sellers House resident Julia Powell, who made history in 1918 in the U.S. Navy as a member of the first group of enlisted women in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Veterans remembered in the exhibit—representing all Arlingtonians who have served—were: Samuel S. Burdett and Joseph Harriman for the Civil War; Joseph William Harriman for the Spanish-American War; Edward Fenwick, Sr., Milton B. Payne, Julia Powell, and Dr. Williamson Welburn for World War I; Allen English, Marjorie Lederer, Margaret Moody, and Ross D. Netherton for World War II; and Shirley Butler for the era of the Korean Conflict.

We also recognized the huge contribution of an Arlington civilian, Dr. Charles Drew, who, on the eve of World War II, developed the large-scale blood banks that enabled medics and field hospitals overseas to save many thousands of Allied lives. Thus, though a civilian, it can be said that Dr. Drew had a broader impact on World War II than any other Arlingtonian.

Several of the artifacts exhibited at the annual meeting are on long-term display in the main exhibit room at the Arlington Historical Museum. Come by and take a look!



**Ross D. Netherton, PhD, COL, USAR (Ret.)**, a WWII veteran of the US Army Signal Corps, died April 30, 2010 at the age of 91. Ross and his late wife, Nan, were both notable historians of Northern Virginia; he was president of the Northern Virginia Association of Historians (NVAH) at the time of his death. As shown here, we exhibited their 1987 book, "Arlington County in Virginia: A Pictorial History," along with his WWII Army Service cap and Signal Corps utility bag at the annual meeting. The Nethertons were popular speakers at AHS programs and donated many items related to local history to our Arlington Historical Museum.

-Linda Gouazé

**Robert J. Watson, PhD, LCDR, USNR (Ret.)**, known to AHS members as "Bob" and also as a gentleman and scholar, died July 1, 2010 at the age of 89. Bob has a long history of service to the Society as a director on the board, as second vice president, cataloger of collections, and during the years 1996-1998 as president. He and his surviving wife, Laura, served faithfully as docents at the Museum for many years and we were pleased to see them as recently as April 24th at the special reception for docents at the Museum.

Bob, who acted in dramatic presentations at his church, St. Andrews Episcopal, generously assisted me by portraying John Singleton Mosby when he resided in Arlington in the two History Walks I lead in May 2009 for the 150th anniversary of Arlington UMC. The Watson family was amused because they had named their cat after this Confederate hero. Bob will be missed and we send our condolences to his family.

-Sara Collins



## Recent Events:

### 6/3/2010: Donation from the Women's Club Boosts Building Fund by Alice Andors

Despite the sweltering heat, members of the Aurora Hills Women's Club (AHWC) gathered for their annual tea on the grounds of the Arlington Historical Museum. The club has been raising money for renovation and restoration efforts of this historical landmark for four years at the Holiday Boutique, held the first Saturday each December.

The photos below, courtesy of Alice Andors, provide a glimpse into the day's exciting festivities.



AHWC President Van Newstrom (left) presented a check for \$4,460 to AHS President Tom Dickinson and Immediate Past President Jennifer Sale Crane (right)

(Left to Right) AHWC members Libby Kinard, Stefanie Hume, and AHS board member Alice Andors

### 6/12/2010: Annual Membership Dinner and Fundraiser by Patricia Kime

The dinner, held at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, featured a social hour, fundraising raffle, and a conversation with John Kelly, a Washington Post columnist. Alongside his wife Ruth, Kelly delivered witty musings of local history collected as a result of his passion for reading old newspapers. He did not dissappoint!

Nearly 75 members attended, and five took home raffle prizes including gift certificates to Ruth's Chris Steak House, Cheesecake Factory, Morton's, Jaleo, and Kora as well as a Virginia wine basket.

The successful event was only marred by a mailing issue that occurred before the dinner. AHS mailed approximately 350 invitations for the event and roughly 40 percent of its members said they never received them. Somewhere in a U.S. Post Office lies a bag of beautiful invitations and response cards. The AHS Board of Directors has attempted to track down the missing invitations, but as of yet the U.S. Post Office cannot explain the error.

The board would appreciate any feedback on this year's dinners and events. Also, please feel free to share any ideas you may have for next year!

If you have a vision for next year's annual dinner, please contact board member Patricia Kime 703.528.4374 or e-mail [kimefamily@comcast.net](mailto:kimefamily@comcast.net)

## Want an article featured in the annual magazine?

The logo for the Arlington Historical Society features the word "Arlington" in a large, elegant, cursive script. To its right, the words "HISTORICAL" and "society" are stacked vertically in a clean, sans-serif font. "HISTORICAL" is in all caps, while "society" is in lowercase.

Articles are currently being solicited for publication in the Arlington Historical Magazine. Softcopy (e-mail or computer CD) submission is preferred. Most formats can be accommodated; you are invited to contact the editor to confirm computer and software compatibility before submission. The deadline to submit a copy has been extended to **August 15, 2010**. Communications and manuscripts may be addressed to: Arlington Historical Magazine, Attn. W. Karl VanNewkirk, 1116 North Rochester St., Arlington, VA 22205-1741. If you have any questions, please contact Karl VanNewkirk 703.536.5916 or e-mail [karlvannewkirk@comcast.net](mailto:karlvannewkirk@comcast.net). A style sheet will be provided upon request.

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