

FIVE STAR

APRIL • 2009 *The George C. Marshall International Center at Dodona Manor*



DODONA MANOR FEATURED IN HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK 2009



Mack Stiff, Jackie Ellis, Joanne Titus & Ben Franks

The Leesburg Garden Club has selected Dodona Manor to be one of the sites on the Club's 2009 tour of houses and gardens. "It's a clear affirmation of the progress that we have made with the restoration of the Dodona Manor grounds" said President Fred Morefield as he advised the Board and staff of the invitation.

Historic Garden Week has been described as "America's Largest Open House". Dodona

Manor along with several other Leesburg area properties will be featured on Sunday April 19th, and Monday, April 20th. In addition to touring the grounds, visitors will also be able to walk through the first floor of the manor house where they will receive packets of Zinnia and Marigold seeds courtesy of the Burpee Seed company (W. Atlee Burpee & Co.), which through its Foundation has been funding the recreation and maintenance of General Marshall's vegetable garden. Docents will be on hand to discuss the history of the house and grounds and answer questions. Aided by a host of volunteers from the Woodlea Garden Club, Jackie Ellis, our part-time gardener, along with Joanne Titus, our part-time handywoman have been busy getting the grounds in tip-top shape. Preparations began as early as this past fall when Jackie and Board member Eeda Dennis planted 1000 daffodil bulbs, half of which

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EXHIBITION ON KATHERINE MARSHALL & COMMUNITY EVENTS INCREASING VISITATION



The pace of visitation increased substantially this past October with the opening of the exhibit "Katherine Marshall: First Lady of the Army." Because of the exhibit's success, it will remain up until the fall of this year. Weekend visitations contributed substantially to the numbers with a 27 percent rise in drop-in visitors. In fact, the number of people who visited Dodona Manor in 2008 was up 14 percent over the previous year, according to analyses prepared by staff member, Janet Van der Vaart.

Increasingly, local organizations are also using Dodona Manor for events. The senior leadership of the US Army's Corps of Engineers used Dodona Manor for an all-

day retreat this past spring; while a group of lawyers from the Corps will be returning in a few weeks for another all day session. The Leesburg Rotary Club organized a very successful croquet competition and fundraiser on the Dodona Manor grounds in September: they have also advised us of their plans to return. Two other special uses of Dodona Manor: the Board of Journey through Hallowed Ground held their December Board meeting at Dodona and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors had a reception on the Stone Court.

If an organization you are associated with would like to tour Dodona Manor or use it for a special function (a meeting, fundraiser, reception, picnic...), please call our Tours and Events Coordinator, Janet Van der Vaart, at 703-777-1880.

DODONA MANOR SEEKING AFFILIATION WITH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

At the suggestion of the Friends of Dodona Manor member Kent Knudson, we have initiated the process to become an Affiliated Site within the National Park Service. Kent (a Navy dentist living in Texas) has visited a large percentage of the national parks and is quite familiar with how this part of the US Interior Department operates. Kindly, Kent offered to do the spade work – studying how other sites developed relationships with the Park Service, determining what forms of relationship might be possible, and assessing the pros and cons.

Based on Kent's input along with further analysis the Board concluded that it would be in our interest to become an Affiliated Site. Under this form of relationship, the Park Service can provide marketing support (inclusion on their web-site, help with brochures, etc) and technical assistance (primarily with facilities issues) but the management and control of Dodona Manor remains unchanged.

Since legislation is needed to obtain Affiliated Site status, President Fred Morefield, Board member Carl Biersack, and volunteer Jonathan Moore met in December with Congressman, Frank Wolf who expressed his enthusiasm for the idea and offered to help make it happen. Carl, who is an experienced political hand, is now working with Congressman Wolf's staff and initial discussions with the National Park Service have been positive. We will keep you posted on developments.

A NEW LOOK FOR GEORGECMARSHALL.ORG

Our website, www.GeorgeCMarshall.org was recently updated to make it easier for visitors to navigate and quickly get to the information they are looking for.



Working closely with our technical team, board members Keith Wauchope and Bob Ragsdale oversaw the restructuring and redesign of the site. “The website has always had great information but it wasn’t always easy to find what you were looking for” says Bob Ragsdale “The changes we implemented have made it much simpler to get to the information you want”.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In mid-February twenty members of the Board and staff came together for an all-day strategic planning retreat. It was most productive. Jill Gruver, an experienced facilitator, led us through some useful exercises. First, we described and discussed the environmental issues that we face – the economic crisis, the continuing decline in the number of people who remember General Marshall, our heavy dependence on volunteers, etc. Then we went through what is called a “SWOT analysis;” we identified our Strengths, our Weaknesses, the Opportunities we have, and the Threats we must guard against. With this background and working in small groups, we developed goals in four areas – education, community relations, financial performance, and organizational structure.

The Executive Committee and the Board, in a series of special meetings, are now developing

the plans, including the assignments of responsibilities, needed to meet these goals.

It was clear at the retreat that over the last ten years we have made substantial progress. But it was equally clear that there are some substantial challenges to be met and big opportunities to be seized. The retreat has brought our Board members and staff personnel together on issues and provided a common path for all of us to follow. If you have any questions on the retreat or on our plans, please call me at 540-668-7100 or send me an E-mail at morefieldf@cs.com. I would enjoy chatting with you.



Fred Morefield

THE DOCENTS THAT DEFINE US



Docent Jan Lackner showing event guests the house

The Oxford American Dictionary defines a docent as “a member of the teaching staff immediately below professorial rank” - hmm, that’s not quite us. The second definition is “a person who acts as a guide, typically on a voluntary basis, in a museum, art gallery or zoo” and that’s just who we are (except for the zoo part). We are the people who give the tours at Dodona Manor.

How does one go about becoming a docent? We offer a formal docent training course at Dodona Manor twice a year – once in the spring (which is now underway) with another in the fall. The instruction consists of a short series of seminar type classes followed by on-the-job training where the individual is observed giving partial tours until they are comfortable leading tours on their own. Alternatively, some qualified candidates follow a self-taught path with oversight by the docent trainer. Docents

are expected to be factual interpreters of the Marshall story but are encouraged to interact with our guests and to be open to questions and discussion. It is amazing how much we learn from our visitors, many of whom have their own “Marshall stories” to share.

But that still doesn’t answer the question of who we are. We have been brought together through a common interest in sharing the legacy of George C. Marshall, and our desire to introduce the man and his home to the public. Demographically however we are hard to categorize. Our numbers include teenagers, octogenarians and every age in between. We are students and teachers (sometimes both at once), businessmen and businesswomen, lawyers and librarians. Some of us are still in school, while others have advanced degrees. A few of us are history buffs who have found that they like old houses, others like old homes and have found that history isn’t so dull after all.

The visitors we receive are as varied as we are, and sometimes they provide us with challenges. There was the European woman who arrived with flowers for “The General,” and a WWII veteran from Oklahoma who was

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OVER 200 JOIN IN VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION



Major General John A. Macdonald - His remarks were titled, The Korean War, Making a Remarkable Difference for America

On a blustery and surprisingly cold November 11th, the Town of Leesburg joined us in hosting the Veterans Day commemoration at Dodona Manor. This year's focus on veterans of the Korean War resulted in the attendance of a large number of people from the local Korean-American community. In total, more than 200 people were present, including military attachés from 17 of the countries that fought along side the Americans under the UN flag.

Korean Consul General Taemyon Kwon and Grand Master Eung Gil Choi, proprietor of the Leesburg Tae Kwon Do school, spoke movingly of the sacrifices of the US forces and their allies and thanked them on behalf of the Korean people. General Paul F. Gorman (US Army, Retired), who gave the keynote

speech, reminded everyone of the importance and special challenges of this war. The progress that South Korea has made over the last fifty years was brought out by Major General John A. Macdonald, who also spoke; General Macdonald served in Korea for eight years. The invocation and benediction were given by Admiral Ross H. Trower, who is retired from the Chaplain Corps. Once again, Colonel Gerhard "Jake" Jacobson (US Army, Retired) served as the Master of Ceremonies.

After the service, refreshments were served in a large tent and the participants enjoyed free tours of Dodona Manor. Our sincere thanks to Dr. Michael Cavanaugh and the Physicians of the Cornwall Pavilion for their sponsorship of this special event.

Note: planning for the 2009 Veterans Day commemoration is already underway. We and the Town have agreed this year's focus will be on our local National Guard unit, which is currently preparing for a return to the Middle East. If you are interested in helping with the planning and execution of this year's commemoration, please call or email us.



Korean Consul General Taemyon Kwon addresses attendees.

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making a pilgrimage to honor "his general." One afternoon the Secret Service arrived (black SUVs and all) announcing that the Danish Prime Minister and his family were about to arrive for a spur of the moment visit on their way back to Washington from Gettysburg. Sometimes Board members wander through with ambassadors in tow. Other times mothers arrive with disgruntled teenagers

in tow. We docents try to be responsive to the needs and interests of each of our guests. We are always open to new members and we hope you will choose to join us and share your experiences and skills. We're a ready-made group that laughs together, celebrates births, mourns deaths and shares in the life events of each other. Call Janet Vandervaart at (703) 777-1301 for more information.

MARSHALL LEGACY TRUST MEMBERS INSPIRED BY TALK ON MARSHALL & ETHICAL LEADERSHIP

Professor Gerald M. Pops of West Virginia University gave a stimulating talk on Marshall at the Marshall Legacy Trust luncheon in December. The talk focused on the two years just prior to World War II, the period of greatest testing and challenge for Marshall, and traced Marshall's growth as an ethical leader. In this talk, Professor Pops drew from his latest book, "Ethical Leadership in Turbulent Times: The Public Career of George C. Marshall," which is due out shortly. The Marshall Legacy Trust was established in the late 1990s to honor the Center's major donors and sponsors.

REINER LEIFHELM JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Reiner Leifhelm, the Chief Financial Officer of REHAU Inc., has been elected to the Board of Directors. Reiner joined REHAU in 1992 following 12 years of service with the German Army. Reiner is a member of the Leesburg Rotary. His wife, Anna, is an enthusiastic Dodona Manor volunteer; she helps often with events. The Leifhelms live in Lansdowne.

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SAVE THE DATES: FRIENDS OF DODONA MANOR EVENTS

Evening Talks with Three Grandchildren of George & Katherine Marshall

Over the years the grandchildren of Katherine and George Marshall have been most helpful in furtherance of the Center's mission. Back in the 90s they provided guidance to the historian and architect William Seale as he planned the restoration of Dodona Manor. In addition, they gifted to the Center the original furnishings which make the restored Dodona Manor so special.

In recent years the grandchildren have continued to support the Center with donations and loans of memorabilia, photographs, family correspondence and financial gifts. They were particularly helpful with the development of the current exhibit on Katherine Marshall.

During their visits to Dodona Manor they have shared with us stories about their grandparents and Dodona Manor.

To stimulate their memories further and entertain and educate our Friends, we have asked each of them to return once more and give an informal talk on what they remember. We have scheduled the talks by Kitty Winn, Ellene Winn, and Jim Winn, the children of Mollie Winn, for successive months this spring. These talks will be very informal. They probably will all be quite different. We are providing plenty of time for questions and answers. Join us for these special evenings.

Kitty Winn—Tuesday, April 21st at 7pm

Ellene Winn—Thursday, May 14th at 7pm

Jim Winn—Thursday, June 4th at 7pm

Admission for Friends of Dodona Manor and their guests is free. Admission for non-members is \$10 per person. RSVP is required by the Friday prior to each event as space is limited. Refreshments will be served.

GARDEN WEEK (CONTINUED)

were a gift from Mrs. Dennis. More recently Joanne has been busy mulching, attending to touch-up painting, and filling the planters on the porches with pansies, petunias, and vinca. Over the winter, two of the boxwood bushes surrounding Katherine Marshall's rose garden were relocated – for better balance.

Naturally the roses will not be in bloom for Historic Garden Week and there will be very little in General Marshall's vegetable

garden – only some early lettuce and spinach. The other local properties on this year's Historic Garden Week tour are Morven Park, Woodberry (the home of Board member Robert Patton and his family), Murray Hill (an estate of the Rust family for more than 70 years), and the 260-acre River Farm, with its main residence, Longview. Information and tickets are available from the Loudoun Convention and Visitors Association – 703-771-2270.



Jackie and Ben tending to the vegetable garden

REMEMBERING PHIL EDSON

The Center lost one of its most dedicated docents this past November 13th when Philip Edson died after a short illness. Former Education Director, Rachel Thompson, recalls that it wasn't unusual to see an e-mail from Phil pop up on her screen: "I would love to see more fresh flowers throughout the house," he would write. "The Marshalls loved gardening, so vases of roses or zinnias from the yard should be a summer 'given.'" While serving a docent shift, he might say, "You know, I was at the Balch Library the other day, and I picked up an article from the old Democratic Mirror about the Nourse family"—they had lived at Dodona during the Civil War—"I wonder if you would like a copy?" Soon that information would be incorporated into the Docent Handbook. Phil also conducted careful and dogged research about J. Anthony Wills, who painted the beautiful portraits of the Marshalls that now hang in the dining room - this research revealed just how important Wills was as an artist of the 1940s and 50s.

Phil's docent friends will miss his familiar presence around Dodona, but they will remember fondly his dedication to the mission of the Center, and to the person whose legacy it serves. Board president Fred Morefield has announced that in Phil's honor, a tree will be planted on the grounds at Dodona, with a plaque noting his service. He, along with the docents and staff at the Center, offer condolences to his wife, Virginia Edson, who is also a volunteer here at Dodona.

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“A VISIONARY ADVENTURE ACROSS CONTINENTS” - MARSHALL’S LEGACY PRESERVED IN WORKSHOP



2008 Workshop Participants

The Center’s showcase education program, The Marshall Immersion Workshop, is now in its seventh year and the 2009 program promises again to offer a most exciting experience for all participants.

The workshop, “A Visionary Adventure across Continents,” focuses on the far-reaching impact of the European Recovery Program (ERP) – known to the world as the Marshall Plan. This week-long program will take place July 27th through July 31st and is open to selected secondary-level US and world history teachers from across the country.

Teachers will experience the rare and special privilege of meeting in Dodona Manor to learn more about Marshall’s contributions to twentieth century history. New in 2009 is a simulation specifically developed for this year’s focus by workshop director Rachel Thompson. Using a series of primary documents from the Truman Presidential Library, participants will gain a better understanding of Marshall’s specific and significant role in securing the passage of the ERP. Teachers will also view documentaries about the Marshall Plan and several engaging archival films originally created to promote the ERP in Europe. They will then have the opportunity to interact with Linda Christianson, researcher and co-producer of the comprehensive PBS documentary “The Marshall Plan: Against the Odds.” A significant aspect of the workshop emphasizes Marshall’s use of diplomacy as a tool for rebuilding Europe after the war. Through a partnership developed with the U.S. Department of State, participants will have the unique opportunity to

experience an afternoon of learning at the Department of State’s Diplomacy Center. Teachers will complete the week in Lexington, Virginia and spend two days at the Marshall Museum and Library. There they will study original documents that relate to and reveal the background of some of Marshall’s most important decisions. One such historic treasure is Marshall’s personal copy of the June 5th Harvard speech outlining the key concepts of the ERP.

Chief among the many outstanding components of the Marshall-immersion learning experience is the opportunity for interaction between American and European colleagues. The 2009 summer workshop will again include participants from Germany and Austria. Through a generous grant from The Eeda Dennis Education Fund, two teachers from Norway will also be taking part in the program. The participation of our European guests gives all teachers on both sides of the Atlantic the invaluable opportunity to learn about each other’s education systems and cultures. Participants also exchange ideas and perspectives on how the workshop



2008 Workshop Participants

content and materials might benefit their respective classroom instruction. All who have had this opportunity unanimously cited the experience of working with colleagues from across the Atlantic as milestones in their professional and personal lives. For teachers of US and world history, the Marshall Immersion Workshop is truly a visionary adventure across continents. For more information and to apply for this workshop, visit The Center’s website www.georgemarshall.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT DODONA MANOR

EVENTS FOR FRIENDS OF DODONA MANOR

A reception in conjunction with the dedication of the Clarence and Lalla Harrison Dodge Walk.

Saturday, May 23rd at 4:00 PM.

The Dodges were early and very generous supporters of the plan to purchase and restore Dodona Manor – the brick walk between the manor house and the garden shed is to be named in honor of them.

Talks by three grandchildren of Katherine and George Marshall:

Kitty Winn, Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 PM.

Ellene Winn, Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 PM

Jim Winn, Thursday, June 4th at 7:00 PM

EVENTS BY INVITATION

A reception to celebrate the life of Joan Sanchez.

Saturday, April 25th.at 4:00 PM.

Joan Sanchez, the wife of former Board President Nestor Sanchez, passed away in December. Friends of the Sanchezes are being invited.



EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Exhibition: Katherine Marshall – First Lady of the Army.

During normal tour hours through September 30, 2009.

Dodona Manor during Historic Garden Week.

Sunday, April 19th, and Monday, April 20th. See article on page 1.

Annual 4th of July Family Picnic.

Saturday, July 4th from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Make a picnic lunch, grab a blanket, watch the Town parade down King Street, and then enjoy your picnic on the Dodona Manor lawns. Tours of the manor house will be available at half price. Weather permitting.



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