



A rainy, chilly Saturday morning never stopped a good egg roll at Eggstravaganza! on April 1.



A Message from the President

The accomplishments of Tudor Place during my final year as President have filled me with pride and gratitude. Working together, the staff, volunteers and trustees engaged in activities that fulfilled the organization's important mission and ensures its continued success into the future.

Guests filled the South Lawn in May as we celebrated the 31st Annual Spring Garden Party and honored Diana Prince's many contributions to the community and her steadfast support of Tudor Place. Co-chairs Julia Cottafavi and Paige Shirk collaborated brilliantly to create a memorable evening that raised over a quarter-million dollars to support the organization's programs and preservation efforts.

That same month, we were recognized by the Emily Nelson Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) who bestowed the Women in American History Award to Tudor Place's matriarch, Martha Parke Custis Peter. For our efforts to preserve the site and share its stories, they also presented the DAR Excellence in Historic Preservation Award. It was a proud moment for Tudor Place.

While I will remain on the Board of Trustees, I have passed the gavel to Dr. Christy Pichichero. Along with new trustees, Fran Barnes, Jamie Gerber and Laura Will, Dr. Pichichero and the Board will build upon the important achievements of the past three years while charting a new future with a refreshed strategic planning effort.

Thank you to everyone who helped me during my tenure as President of Tudor Place.

Sincerely,

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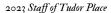
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Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for this National Historic Landmark.

The 2023 Landmark Lecture Series

examined the ways we are using new research and techniques to center the lives of enslaved people at Tudor Place. The series forged partnerships with individuals and organizations who share our commitment to telling the stories of communities traditionally marginalized in historical narratives and laid the groundwork for important work ahead. An October 10 conversation with descendants, done in partnership with Georgetown University's Art & Museum Studies Masters Program, was the highlight of the series.

Renovation of the Mower House that began in late 2022, was finished by the end of 2023. It was the largest capital project undertaken since the historic house was completed in 1816. This project is a critical next step toward the completion of our Master Preservation Plan. Thanks are extended to everyone for their generous support of the Third Century Capital Campaign.

I am looking forward to 2024 with great anticipation and excitement as we dream of our future through a refreshed strategic plan that continues the important work begun under the current plan. My deep appreciation is extended to President Mary Moffett Keaney for her supportive leadership the past three years and to Dr. Christy Pichichero who has stepped into that role so capably.

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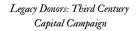
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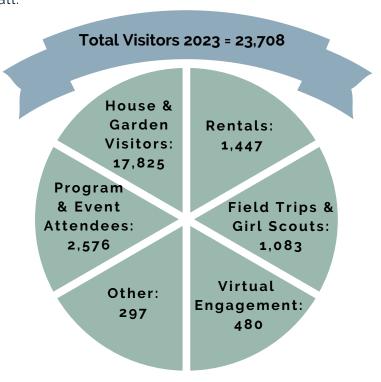
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Visiting Tudor Place

We were able to return to our sixday week schedule for house tours and self-guided garden visits, after operating in a virtual and hybrid environment from the postpandemic economy.

Along with public tours, the year included events such as Tudor Tots (the sensory program for young learners 18 months to four years), and family favorites: Eggstravaganza! in March, Trick or Treat in October and Candlelight Tours during December.

Because of your support, pilot programs that were a hit last year were repeated this year, including Summer Saturdays in July and August. New programs integrating tours and activity-based exercises included "From the Archive with Love," "Women's History Month Tea" and a "Mother's Day DIY Pressed Flowers" workshop. "Art in the Garden" participants channeled their inner Monet to create masterpieces among the flowers of the 5 1/2 acre estate, in this unique outdoor art class. Gardeners invited volunteers to "Invasive Eradication" on Saturdays during the fall.



For the Curious

Programs that highlight Tudor Place's unique resources make discovering history fun.

Tudor Nights, the after-hours series showcasing rarely displayed objects

Collection & Archive, began with "The Feminine Touch: Celebrating Works of Art Created by Women."
During the event in March, decorative objects, silver pieces and folk work by acclaimed women artists were on view. "Commemorating American Independence", featured how the Peter family and the nation used George Washington's legacy to commemorate American Independence. During National Book Month in October, "Out of Print: Literary Treasurers" displayed books that intrigued the Peter family. An activity station led visitors to an online quiz to discover, Which Little Woman Are You? next to a 1869 copy of Louisa May Alcott's, "Little Women."

In June, scholars of the 2023 Enslaved.org Summer Research Opportunity Program returned to Tudor Place to get a closer look at Thomas Peter's account book and a behind the scenes tour. Their work aids research about individuals enslaved by the Peter family.

Also in June, attendees at "Behind the Canvas" engaged with Artist-in-Residence Peter Waddell and Professor Tom Long (GWU, Director of The Albert H. Small Normandy Institute, former Lieutenant, USN). They discussed the anniversary of D-Day with illustrated close ups of Waddell's painting, "The Defining Day" showing the full scope of the invasion of the Normandy beaches at 9.30 a.m. on June 6, 1944.

Later in the fall, members were treated to a live demonstration by wood-turner Neal Kaske. His works from Tudor Place felled trees are sold alongside honey and lavender sachets in the Museum Shop.



Top left: Students from Enslaved.org Research
Opportunity Program; top: attendees enjoy objects
at Tudor Nights: Out of Print: Literary Treasurers";
middle: objects displayed at Tudor Nights: The
Feminine Touch - Celebrating Works of Art Created
by Women; bottom: members enjoy a
demonstration on the lathe with artist, Neal Kaske.



Continuing Conversations

The 2023 Landmark Lecture
Series* explored ways to
reposition stories of
underrepresented communities
while archaeological analysis
solidified evidence of an
enslaved home space.

On October 10, documentary
filmmaker, Frederick Murphy, led a panel (image
top left) discussion with descendants of enslaved
people in, "Identity, Trauma & Reconciliation: A Conversation
with Descendants." One of the panelists included, Ann Chinn: a
descendant of Hannah Pope, a person born enslaved at Tudor
Place, who labored for the family until she was sold to a
Georgetown neighbor in 1845. Other panelists, Karl Haynes and

photos of their ancestor, John Luckett, and the tools he used as a gardener. John was self-emancipated and a paid laborer at Tudor Place for over 40 years.

The lecture series provided participants and attendees the

Jerolyn Cole, spoke of their first visit to Tudor Place to see

opportunity for collaborative learning and discovery in order to confront the complexities of the past. Recordings of all lectures can be seen on the Tudor Place YouTube channel.

Dovetail Cultural Resource Group delivered a report substantiating that an area in the orchard was an enslaved home space. They found a large root cellar and many 19th century ceramics (typical for enslaved dwellings because these individuals were forced to use out-of-fashion castoffs from their enslavers). They also found an 1863 Civil War store token (stamped "John Thomas Jr. Premium Mills, Coffee & Spices) indicating that the structure was still standing during the Civil War. The report will guide future archaeological and documentary work and enrich our interpretation of enslavement at Tudor Place.

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Sustainability & The Landscape

Stewardship of the site's unique historic landscape is a priority that is guided by the Cultural Landscape Report and horticultural best practices.

Gardeners began the year plucking (also known as thinning) the boxwood. Knowing how and when to trim these plants results in healthier specimens that are less prone to disease and pests. Plucking the boxwood is important not only for the appearance of the plant but also its health, promoting air circulation to the interior leaves and allowing in more sunlight.

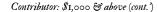
Despite our diligent care and proactive treatment of boxwood, interior plants of the Box Knot area tested positive for Boxwood Blight and other pathogens. With generous support from Trustee Braxton Moncure, gardeners removed and destroyed plants infected with Boxwood Blight, replacing them with Buxus microphylla, 'Little Missy' which has been shown to be more resistant to harmful pathogens. These plants were installed in the interior of the Box Knot with the same geometric alignment of the parterre as before.

Gardeners and volunteers engaged in other sustainable practices including off-site composting of garden waste, removal of invasive plants, use of leaves for mulch in planting beds and minimal application of chemicals.

Final installation of the paling fence panels between 32nd Street and the Dower House's (administrative building) parking lot was completed this year thanks to generous donor support.



Top left: Gardener Janet Spain plucking the boxwood; top: box kot with diseased boxwood removed and the parterre maintained; middle: gardeners and volunteers planting 'Little Missy'; bottom: the new paling fence.





Preservation & The Future

The Master Preservation Plan is the blueprint for how we preserve Tudor Place's architecture, conserve the extraordinary collection and care for the heritage landscape into the next generation.

Progress towards these goals is made possible through the generosity of grants and contributions from individuals, families and foundations.

To maximize visitor safety, new carpet was installed on the first floor of the historic house. This durable duo-weave carpet and installation was generously provided by Trustee Mary Bartlett. In mid-September restoration to windows on the north façade was completed.

The Mower House project was completed in November with the installation of a 150-kilowatt emergency generator (image above). In addition to ensuring power resilience for the site, renovation to the original building created additional space for storage of electric lawn equipment and supplies used in the care of the historic landscape. The project was funded through support from generous donors and the DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities.

Design work for the Conservation & Discovery Hub at the garage building and systems in the historic house continued in 2023. A new design for a geothermal wellfield will support environmental control systems. Installation of the wellfield is the next Master Preservation Plan project.

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Knocking On Death's Door

Visitors to the historic house experienced nearly 200 years of funeral customs and burial practices in "Death Comes to Tudor Place" during October.

Interestingly, many of Martha and Thomas Peter's family who lived at Tudor Place also died in this house, including their great-great grandson, Armistead Peter 3rd, the last owner of Tudor Place. He passed away in an upstairs bedroom in 1983.

During this month-long special installation, expressions of grief and mourning commonly utilized by upper-class households during the 19th century were displayed. Mourning jewelry was especially popular. Armistead Peter Jr. wrote, "the mourning brooch" (image top left) "worn by Grandmother Peter [Martha Peter] [was] worn by her after the death of Genl. Washington..." Memorial booklets were also popular. This booklet (image top right) was produced after the death of Britannia's only child, Markie in 1886. The funeral was held at Markie's home near Tudor Place on 31st Street and O Street.

By mid-century, the rural cemetery movement influenced the establishment of scenic graveyards where the wealthy could purchase family plots and build elaborate monuments. Oak Hill Cemetery in Georgetown, became the graveyard of choice for the Peter family. We do not yet know where the individuals enslaved by the Peters were buried.

The constraints of the institution of slavery and racism meant the enslaved people were not often provided adequate time to grieve and family members were laid to rest in segregated cemeteries. In broadening Tudor Place's tours to encompass traditions expressed by the Peter family and the enslaved and free domestic laborers, visitors were encouraged to reflect on diverse voices of history.

Died, September 8, 1886, in the 43d year of her age

MARTHA CUSTIS PETER,

beloved wife of Armistead Peter, M. D., and only child of Mrs. Beverley Kennon, of Tudor Place, Georgetown Heights, D. C.



Top: Mourning brooch made in 1800 from gold, ivory, glass, pearl, hair & ink (7067); top: memorial booklet (MS10_B1_F22); middle: a girl's bodice c. 1850 made from silk, silk fringe, glazed cotton, whalebone & brass (8873a) possibly worn by Markie (Britanna's daughter) following the death of her father, Commodore Beverley Kennon; bottom: images of Mount Zion Cemetery and Columbian Harmony Cemetery, established in 1859 and the most active cemetery for DC's Black community from the 1880s to 1920s, with photos of Hannah Pope & John Luckett.



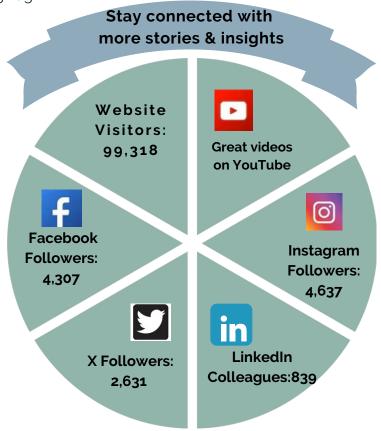
Wrapping up the year in lights

In December, Tudor Place was transformed into a sparkling wonderland.

This year's holiday installation at Tudor Place explored gift giving traditions of the late 19th and early 20th centuries,

representing the development of the modern Christmas holiday. The growth of America's economy between 1880 and 1920, replaced homemade items such as wooden toys, needlework and food by manufactured goods including items like candle holders, lamplighters and tinsel.

Programs with the holiday theme included: guided Candlelight Tours, Tudor Tots, Holiday Tea & Tour and the return of Tudor Lights - the annual holiday party. The halls were decked with boughs of holly and members and guests stayed for cocktails and holiday fare including Caroline's famous eggnog.



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A heartfelt thank you to honoree Diana Prince, cochairs Julia Cottafavi and Paige Shirk, the Garden Party Committee, sponsors, members and friends who contributed to making the evening a huge success.

At the 31st Annual Spring Garden Party in May, we honored a true "wonder woman": philanthropist, community advocate and Honorary Trustee, Diana Prince. Proceeds for this annual fundraiser support preservation of the 5 1/2 acre estate, conservation of thousands of objects in the Tudor Place Collection & Archive and dynamic programming for all ages.

Also in May, Rachel Norman, American History Chair of the Emily Nelson Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented the Women in American History Award for Tudor Place's matriarch, Martha Parke Custis Peter. DAR chapters are encouraged to select notable women from their state or community to honor with this award which emphasizes the role of women, past and present, in American history. Peter Pearre, descendant of the Peter family, holds the certificate for the DAR Excellence in Historic Preservation Award, also presented at the ceremony.

District Fray Magazine awarded Tudor Place one of the top ten picture-perfect gardens near DC noting, "if you are looking for a day filled with history, Tudor Place is the spot for you. Walk the flower-lined paths as you learn and reflect on the past of this landmark. If your day in the garden is taken over by a summer thunderstorm, fear not and take to the second-largest Washington collection located indoors."

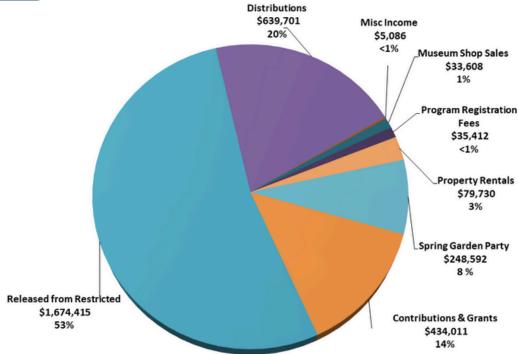


Cottafavi and Paige Shirk with Board President Mary Moffett Keaney; middle: Rachel Norman, Mark Hudson and Peter Pearre at the DAR Award Ceremony on the South Lawn; bottom: pathway towards the Circle Garden.

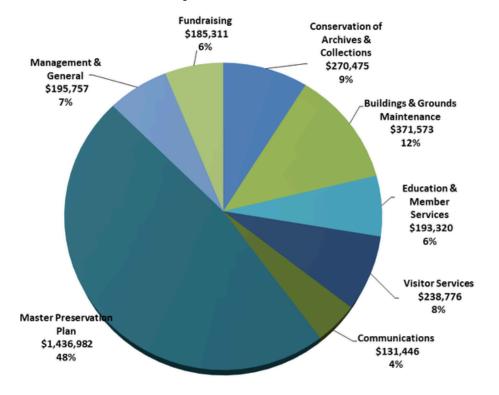


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Current Assets			
Cash & Equivalents	\$	227.054	\$ 238,464
Pledges & Grants Receivable	\$	30,758	\$ 507.389
Inventory	\$	10,634	\$ 17,897
Prepaid Expenses	\$ \$ \$ \$	45.197	\$ 55,861
Investments	\$	761,329	\$ 1,718,996
Total Current Assets	\$	1,074,972	\$ 2,538,607
Long-Term Assets			
Pledges & Grants Receivable Operating Property &	\$	19,204	\$ 28,423
Equipment	\$	35,823	\$ 45.436
Long-term Investments	\$	11,922,847	\$ 10,682,330
Total Non-Current Assets	\$	11,977,874	\$ 10,756,189
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Current Liabilities			
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Accrued Expenses	\$	90,812	\$ 257,315
Total Liabilities	\$	90,812	\$ 257.315
Net Assets			
Without Donor Restrictions	\$	516,912	\$ 389.997
With Donor Restrictions	\$	12,445,122	\$ 12,647,484
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TOTAL Net Assets & Liabilities	\$	13,052,846	\$ 13,294,796

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Local college students engaging with the curatorial team at Tudor Nights on March 9

