

Washington Stories

The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.



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**Tuesday
December 18th
6 – 8 pm
HSW
Holiday Party**

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Record numbers attend Washington Studies Conference

More than 500 people participated in the 34th Annual Washington Studies Conference hosted by HSW in November! Beginning with the wonderful Letitia Woods Brown Lecture given by Reverend Walter E. Fauntroy and closing with the very popular session “Psychedelic DC: Live at the Ambassador Theater”, the Conference featured 28 other well-subscribed sessions.

The theme of the 2007 Conference was “Empowerment” chosen to link the District efforts to explore and commemorate the events of the year 1968, which altered the face of the city.

The Washington Studies Conference provides a forum for presentations on Washington history by participants from a variety of backgrounds, including scholars, students, planners, community activists and archivists. Audience participation and dialogue is highly valued and encouraged with a time for comments, questions and answers at the end of each session.



The Conference was free and open to the public. For the first time HSW offered on-line registration, which was very popular. To read more about the 2007 Conference sessions please visit go to the HSW website www.historydc.org, look under Programs.

The Conference was featured in articles in three newspapers— The Washington Times, The Washington Post and the Northwest Current!

Funding was received from the Humanities Council of Washington, D.C.

Meet Sandy Bellamy - HSW Executive Director

A graduate of D.C.'s Dunbar High School, Sandy Bellamy brings tremendous experience to her role as the Executive Director of the Historical Society of Washington. After receiving her B.A. in art history and her J.D. from Howard University, Ms. Bellamy spent several years working for the Smithsonian Institution as an attorney drafting and negotiating revenue agreements for the Institution's many museums and programs.

Sandy then moved to the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African-American History and Culture in Baltimore where she worked first as Director of Development, and then as Executive Director. She worked with board, staff, contractors, and stakeholders to plan, construct and sustain the new 90,000 square-foot, \$35 million Museum from concept and design to construction and grand opening. She also supervised the selection of content for the permanent galleries; developed traveling and changing exhibits; oversaw production of audiovisuals works; these among many other accomplishments.

In her fundraising role, Sandy successfully developed the campaign that raised more than \$50 million for the museum's capital campaign; established and raised a \$7 million endowment; secured funding from the State of Maryland, launched a successful individual and corporate membership campaign; worked with board to implement successful fundraising events; oversaw the museum's first strategic planning process; and implemented earned income strategies that exceeded projections.

Sandy joined HSW on November 1st, and the board and staff are very excited to work with her !

Members & Fundraising News

HSW will BURN THE MORTGAGE !

Under the leadership of Trustees Thor Halvorson, Kathy Smith and Woody Price HSW set a goal of raising \$27,000 to pay off the last of its debt from the renovation of the Carnegie. Letters were sent to a few of HSW's most stalwart supporters appealing for their support to reach this goal—and WE DID IT !!

Many thanks to all who made this possible: Cindy Aron, Robert Barbuto, Denise Rolark Barnes, Monica Scott Beckham, Rich Bradley, Cameron Duncan, Kate Carr, Tom Carroll, Carl Cole, Russ Dawson, Damon Downing, Ralph Dwan, Bert Edwards, Kateri Ellison, Lois & Richard England, Doug Evelyn, John Gill, Howard Gillette, Kingdon Gould III, John Fleckner, Nora Hohenlohe, Austin Kiplinger, Susan Klaus, Linda Lee, Myles Lynk, Merrick Malone, Ernest May, Alice Norris, Thornell Page, Woody Price, Dan Rezneck, Leslie Shapiro, Kathryn S. Smith, and Herbert Stone!

We will celebrate this wonderful accomplishment at the December 18th Holiday Party—Join us!

Help us Claim the Meyer Challenge Grant! HSW has won a \$150,000 Challenge Grant from the Eugene & Agnes Meyer Foundation. That means we have to raise \$150,000 to claim it! Matching dollars can come from individuals, corporations, foundations, organizations, houses of worship and groups!

What counts? The purpose of this Challenge is to attract new and returning supporters to HSW. So, what counts are gifts from new donors, gifts from donors that have not supported HSW since August 2006, AND if a donor has given since August 2006, any funds exceeding the earlier gift amount will count. For example, if the donor gave \$100 in December 2006 and \$200 in December 2007—\$100 would count toward the Challenge! These gifts can be memberships or donations, can be made by check, by credit card or on-line!

Please call Leslie White at 383-1837 with any questions!

...Upcoming Events . . . Join Us!!

We are busy putting together our programming for the new year! These programs include Saturday programs for children and families, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Commemoration, HSW Wednesday book talks and lectures, the Wilson Lecture Series and Exhibit, and the very exciting "Show & Tell" series in neighborhoods around the city. Details later this month at www.historydc.org and by e-mail.

Do we have your e-mail address? Send email to "info@historydc.org" subject line "Add my email".

Wanted Library. . . . Volunteers

Volunteers are incredibly important to HSW and we need more! We are most interested in volunteers who can commit to a regular schedule and have some experience.

Volunteers needed for **Reference ... Image Research ... Collections**

To volunteer: Email your interest to library@historydc.org or call the Library at 202-383-1850; we will set up an interview with you! **Thank you!!!**

New and Renewing Members October & November 2007

THANK YOU !

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Many thanks to volunteer Bill Brown for all his work with member services!

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