

Friends of Craik-Patton Continues to Grow

The FRIENDS OF CRAIK-PATTON November mailing has resulted in donations meeting 64.7% of the goal of the Craik-Patton Development Committee, according to Sue McKinney, chairman. The goal was to double membership for 2014 and to have 100 percent membership from all volunteer boards. The response from our November mailing is proof, "said Mrs. McKinney, "that birds of a feather flock together to support historical nests."

The FRIENDS group was formed in 1986 with the purpose of supporting and developing interest in the Craik-Patton House and to provide volunteers for programs and special projects approved by the Board of Directors.

Rebecca Steorts, 2014 FRIENDS chairman, reports that 154 members have joined from the states of West Virginia, Virginia, Florida, North Carolina, Maryland and New York. "We are especially pleased that 108

new members have joined," said Mrs. Steorts, "and we expect the figures to go even higher." Donations are \$25 for Individuals; \$35 for Family; \$50 for Contributing; and \$100 for Supporting. "Every dollar in donations benefits the House and any amount above membership levels is tax deductible," said Jeanne Grubb, president of Craik-Patton, Inc.

Members of the Craik-Patton Development Committee are Laura Lee Albert, Jane Boylin, Kit Wellford, Ellen Setliff, Lynn Goldsmith, Jessica Graney, Jeanne Grubb, Sue McKinney, Kit Wellford, Becky Steorts and Anne Silbernagel.

The Craik-Patton House is the official headquarters of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in The State of West Virginia (NSCDA-WV). The museum house is the West Virginia Dames' main project in West Virginia. NSCDA-WV President Jane Boylin has challenged all

by Becky Steorts

Board of Managers to support FRIENDS.

The Greek Revival style house in Charleston, West Virginia, with historical connections to George and Martha Washington, is a delight to school children attending the Craik-Patton House tours and the Holiday Open House, where docents tell the unique historical stories about life in the early 1800s in the Kanawha Valley.

You can HELP US KEEP HISTORY ALIVE IN WEST VIRGINIA by becoming a FRIEND OF CRAIK-PATTON. Just make your check out to FRIENDS OF CRAIK-PATTON and mail to P.O. Box 11782, Charleston, West Virginia 25321.

Friends Campaign	2013	2014
Friends	119	154
Membership Dues	\$5,145	\$5,450
Renewed Members		46
New Members		108
Percentage of Goal		64.7%

Letter from the President

I am writing this letter to you on the first day of February, a warm, sunny day, one to enjoy after the extremes of January. I know this weather will not last, but it does make me anticipate the tulips planted in November by a great group of volunteers that will bring beauty to the garden in April. We have been blessed this past year with many folks who have volunteered their time and/or money or both, by helping make the George Washington events a success, or serving as docents for the Holiday Open House or for the school tours. Whether one works on cataloging the collection or by providing funds for framing the donated

George Washington etchings, know that the house benefits from you and your contribution. Joining the Friends group is a great way to start being a part of Craik-Patton. Do plan to visit in April, we promise the garden will be spectacular and don't miss the restored well house with its copper finial. See the fireplace mantel which brings such charm to the conference room and take time to examine the etchings depicting George Washington in different times of his life.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Grubb



The new Craik Portrait hangs above the parlor mantel.

Thank you to our donors!

Thank you to the following for framing a George Washington Etching:

Sue and Doug McKinney
Lynn and Steve Cvechko
Priscilla & Rob Lawson (two etchings)
Marie & John Nesius
Alex Franklin

Thank you to our event sponsors:

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Volunteers Needed!

We are always looking for dedicated individuals to assist with various things in and around the Craik-Patton House Museum. At this moment, we need volunteer docents to assist with leading tours for school groups and group tours.

We will offer Docent Training on Wednesday, March 19 at 1pm. The training will last for about two hours. Docents will be introduced to the Craik-Patton House, its history and its varied and extensive collection.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Craik-Patton House, please email Cailin Howe at info@craik-patton.org or call her at 304-925-5341.

George Washington Visits the Craik-Patton House

On November 7, George Washington visited Charleston as part of a two-day event organized by the NSCDA-WV to raise funds for the Craik-Patton House. Described in Forbes magazine as "the World's Greatest George Washington Impersonator", Dean Malissa, the official George Washington interpreter for Mount Vernon, spoke to over 100 guests at a special luncheon at Edgewood Country Club, who were able to ask questions and interact with the General.

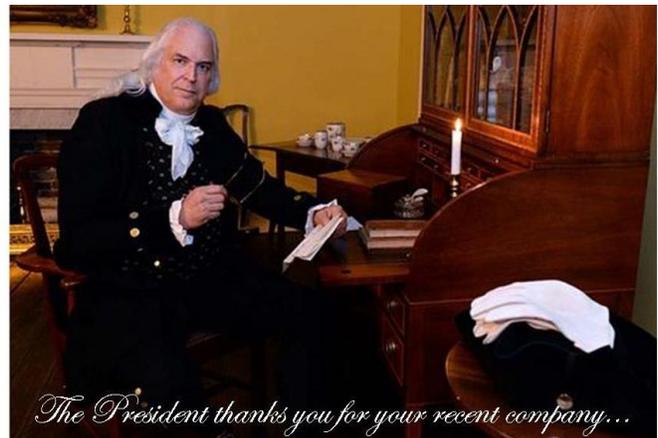
The event also included an exclusive dinner with the President at the Craik-Patton House. Due to the venue size, the dinner was limited to 50 guests.

George and Martha Washington were sophisticated entertainers. The dinner featured a special menu of the Washington's favorite dishes and wines with period décor, based on the book *Dining with the Washingtons*. President

Washington was once again the honored guest. It was truly an unforgettable evening! The President regaled guests with stories of his life and even taught a few period dances.

Proceeds from the events will provide necessary funds to maintain and improve the historic Craik-Patton House, Headquarters of

The Colonial Dames of America in the State of West Virginia. The Co-chairs for the "George Washington Comes to West



The President thanks you for your recent company...
Dean Malissa seated at the reproduction of George Washington's desk in the Craik-Patton House Library. James Craik was in possession of George Washington's desk at the time that he lived in the Craik-Patton House (1834-1844). George Washington willed the desk to his "dear friend" Dr. James Craik, our James Craik's grandfather. Craik descendants sold the desk to Mt. Vernon in the early 1900s where it is displayed today. In the 1990s, the Brown Family purchased this reproduction for the Craik-Patton House as a representation of the house's connection to the Washingtons.

Virginia" event were Katharine Becker, Jessica Graney, Priscilla Lawson and Kit Wellford, all of Charleston.