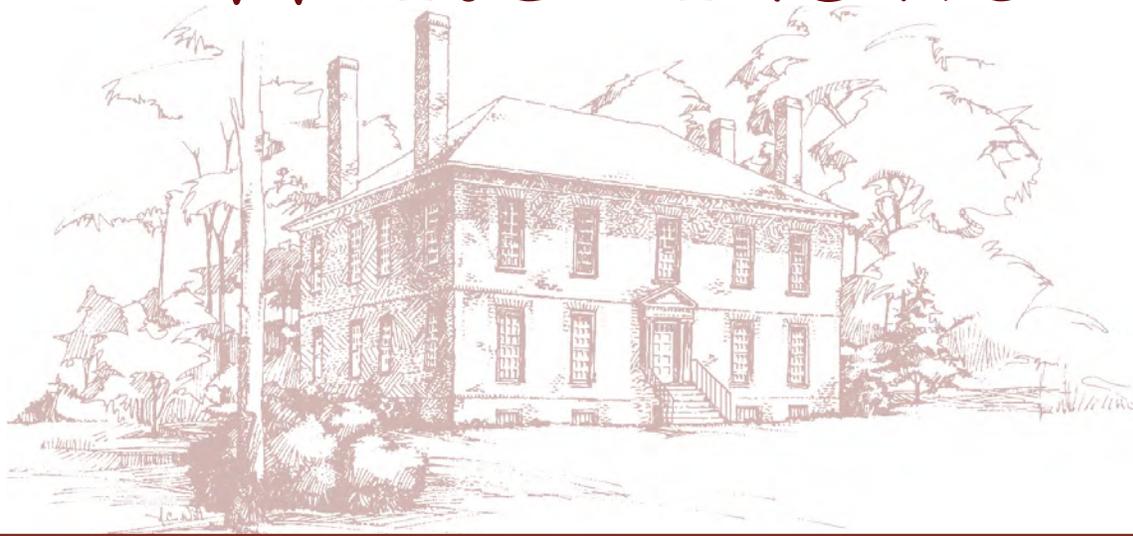


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Accreditation

This fall, Wilton House Museum was awarded reaccreditation by the American Alliance of Museums. Through a rigorous process of self-assessment and review by museum peers, accreditation demonstrates Wilton House Museum meets high museum standards and a commitment to Best Practices. This accreditation comes during an exciting period of re-assessment of Wilton's interpretation and educational offerings. Accreditation however reflects the continued commitment to serve as an educational entity, and the stewardship of the collections and resources we hold in the public trust.

"This was just over a year-long application process" explains Executive Director Keith MacKay "made successful thanks to the dedication of board members, the strategic planning committee, employees, volunteers, and community stakeholders." Wilton House Museum was first accredited in 1985. All accredited museums are required to apply for accreditation every ten years. Other Virginia museums reaccredited in 2017 include Colonial Williamsburg and the VMI Museum System. "Accredited museums are a community of institutions that have chosen to hold themselves publicly accountable to excellence," said Laura Lott, Alliance president and CEO. "Accreditation is clearly a significant achievement, of which both the institutions and the communities they serve can be extremely proud."

Annual Fund

Your Annual Fund gift makes possible a noteworthy year of historic preservation, educational programming, priority projects, and collaborative partnerships. Contributions of any size to 2017-2018 Annual Fund makes a daily difference at Wilton House Museum as our goal of securing \$140,000 accounts for a quarter of the operating budget.

Please join us as we strive to engage our community in relevant and exciting ways with history, the decorative arts, and the influence of the past on the issues of today - with a gift of any size to the Annual Fund



What's brewing? Wilton House Spruce Porter

Wilton House is proud to announce a collaboration with the Richmond based brewery, Garden Grove. Located in Carytown, this brewing company has partnered with many local businesses for philanthropic support and to celebrate Virginia history. Together, we've created a way to bring Randolph history to life in a modern Richmond way- Mary Randolph's spruce beer recipe will be reincarnated as the Wilton House Spruce Porter. Come experience the taste of our history with us on December 2, from 2:00-6:00pm. We will have a table set up with goodies and activities related to our great house and are offering free tours at the museum for all those who purchase a Wilton Porter. In addition to the Wilton Porter release, a pop up chef from the Richmond restaurant, Postbellum, will be serving hardy fare alongside us. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Wilton House, we hope to see all of you there to share this with us!



“The Wilton House has been a cornerstone of Richmond history for generations, longer than many of us can fathom! The entire team here at Garden Grove are extremely excited about partnering with the Wilton House Museum in their effort to educate and enrich the ‘Wilton’ story that continues to this day.”

- Jesse Mobley -Garden Grove Brewing

Wilton sends our best wishes...



After nine years of service as Wilton House Museum's Director of Education, William Strollo accepted the position of Curator of Exhibitions at the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum in Washington, D.C. There he is helping to manage a \$2 million gallery renovation, planning permanent and changing exhibitions, and working with fellow curators on upcoming projects. The new galleries at the DAR Museum will open in February 2018. Additionally, William oversees a portion of the museum's collection, which includes paintings, prints, toys, coins, folk art, and medals. Congratulations, William!



And Congratulations to Andrew Lunney, who has accepted the position at the State Capitol as the assistant to the Clerk of the Virginia House of Delegates. There, Andrew will join the office that ensures the well-ordered, efficient, and effective running of the historic institution that is the Virginia House of Delegates. During his two years as Development Manager Andrew Lunney secured the two highest Annual Fund campaigns in the museum's history. Thank you Andrew Lunney and William Strollo for your contributions to Wilton House Museum. Both played a vital role this last year in securing AAM Reaccreditation and Strategic Planning.

UPCOMING MUSEUM EVENTS



Release of the Wilton House Spruce Porter

Saturday, December 2; 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

We are extremely excited to be partnered with Garden Grove Brewing for this special collaboration. We were able to dig up an old recipe from Mrs. Mary Randolph book *The Virginia Housewife!* Our team will be onsite featuring a few exhibit items and discussing Wilton House Museum.

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Chamber Music Society

Sunday, December 10; 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM

An intimate concert of early Baroque chamber music from England with pieces by John Dowland, Henry Purcell and John Blow. This special event includes a post-concert reception with the performers.

Purchase tickets online at cmscva.org



Jefferson and the Creation of American Architecture

Thursday, January 11; 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Lecture by Richard Guy Wilson.

Dr. Wilson holds the Commonwealth Professor's Chair in Architectural History at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. His specialty is the architecture, design and art of the 18th to the 20th century both in America and abroad.

\$10 admission. Advanced reservations are required Purchase tickets in advance through the Wilton website.



Dressing Tables, Portraits, and Peg Legs: the Power of Objects

Thursday, February 22; 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Lecture by Jennifer Van Horn.

The Power of Objects investigates these diverse artifacts—from portraits and city views to gravestones, dressing furniture, and prosthetic devices—to explore how elite American consumers assembled objects to form a new civil society on the margins of the British Empire.

\$10 admission. Advanced reservations are required Purchase tickets in advance through the Wilton website



Welcome Home George Washington

Friday, March 16; 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Lecture by Dean Norton

The beauty, use and importance of Mount Vernon's gardens and landscape will be discussed as well as preservation over the years. With over 48 years of employment for the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, Norton's presentation is not a history lesson, but an informative yet entertaining look at the gardening world of George Washington, the Ladies' Association and personal stories

\$10 admission. Advanced reservations are required Purchase tickets in advance through the Wilton website.



Preservation and Photography: Frances Benjamin Johnston

Thursday, April 12; 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Lecture by Chris Oliver

VMFA's Assistant Curator of American Art, explores the important photography of Frances Benjamin Johnston's survey of Virginia architecture in the early 20th-century

\$10 each or register for all three for \$40. Purchase tickets in advance through the Wilton website.

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