

ARLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY YEAR IN REVIEW 2006-2007

July 2006

A display case containing courthouse and constitutional office history was designed by Historical Society president George W. Dodge and dedicated at the Arlington County Courthouse. Chief Judge William T. Newman, Jr., was the speaker and Job's Daughters Bethel #1 sang the official song of Arlington County. The Ball-Sellers committee participated in the Arlington County Board's "Walking Tour of Glencarlyn," which focused on street pavement needs.

August 2006

The society maintained an exhibit booth at the Arlington County Fair. Bookstore manager Eleanor Pourron arranged for the sale of our books and museum items.

September 2006

The 50th Anniversary of the Society was celebrated at the Sheraton Hotel, followed by a champagne and chocolate reception at Arlington House. The featured speaker was radio talk show host Bob Edwards. Sara Collins and Cindy Kunz were co-chairs of this event.

October 2006

A museum property clean-up day at the Arlington Historical Museum was successfully organized by Chick Walter. Life size scarecrows were made by 35 children on a sunny afternoon on the lawn at the Ball-Sellers House.

November 2006

Local sports historian and author Frank J. Ceresi spoke at the membership meeting about local baseball history. He displayed baseball artifacts including an autographed home run ball hit by Babe Ruth.

December 2006

An author's holiday market was held at the Arlington Historical Museum in conjunction with a holiday celebration. The authors included Sara Collins, George W. Dodge, Zula Dietrich, Hank Hume, Thomas W. Miller, Jr., Ross Netherton, Martha Orth, Sherman Pratt, Ruth Rose, Anne C. Webb, and Willard J. Webb.

January 2007

A "Movies at the Museum" program began at the Arlington Historical Museum featuring movies related to persons buried in Arlington National Cemetery. The movies included Constance Bennett in *Topper*, Audie Murphy in *The Unforgiven*, and Tony Curtis in *The Outsider*, about Iwo Jima flagraiser Ira Hayes. Author Ruth Rose presented the topic "Growing Up as a Lee" at the Society membership meeting at the Central Library. Several classes of Kenmore students visited the Ball-Sellers House in connection with their studies of Colonial history.

February 2007

At the museum author George W. Dodge presented a program "Black Valor at Arlington National Cemetery" about the battlefield deeds of black soldiers interred in Arlington. Four Society members attended the 23rd Annual Conference of the Small Museum Association in Ocean City, Maryland. A chimney cap was installed at the Ball-Sellers House to prevent squirrels from coming into the attic.

March 2007

At the membership meeting at the Central Library, Wayne Parks, a descendant of James Parks, portrayed in dramatic fashion his great grandfather, a slave of George Washington Parke Custis. An interior clean-up day at the Arlington Historical Museum was conducted by the membership. Keven Vincent led a "Walk through George Washington's Forest" as a part of the Jamestown 2007 celebration.

April 2007

A cookout for the Arlington Historical Museum and Ball-Sellers House docents was held at the museum. At the Ball-Sellers House, a garden was planted with items that would have been grown in John Ball's time, including tobacco plants (donated by Claude Moore Farm).

May 2007

The membership meeting at the Central Library included a presentation prepared by Diane Gates and a discussion of local baseball history, as the scheduled speaker was unable to attend. The Society's banquet was held at Cherrydale United Methodist Church and featured retiring Clerk of the Circuit Court David A. Bell. He reviewed his experiences during his 31 years as Clerk. An Arlington Learning in Retirement class led by Karl VanNewkirk visited the Ball-Sellers House as part of their study.