

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LOUDOUN PRESERVATION SOCIETY

### 2009 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Loudoun Preservation Society's signature program provides annual grants to local non-profit organizations and governments for the restoration or preservation of historic buildings and landscapes; the conservation of material culture; and the documentation and publication of Loudoun's history. LPS has distributed over \$818,000 to more than 50 organizations.

The 2009 grants were awarded at our annual meeting at Oatlands in December. Eight organizations received a total of \$27,478.60. Recipients were:

Banshee Reeks Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia – \$3,697 to be used for the purchase of archaeological equipment to support their field work, laboratory analysis, and documentation. The Chapter is a first time recipient of a Preservation Society grant.

The Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority – \$5,000 will go toward a wheel replacement project at Aldie Mill.

Christian Community Church at St. Paul's (Neersville) – \$5,000 grant award to partially fund a

new slate roof for the historic structure. The organization received the Catherine Boyd Grant, named in honor of a founder of the Loudoun Restoration and Preservation Society.

The Waterford Foundation – \$3,500 to partially fund the repair and painting of the exterior walls of the John Wesley Community Church.

George C. Marshall International Center at Dodona Manor – \$2,500 for the removal of dead trees on the property.

Mosby Heritage Area Association – \$1,531.60 to fund publication of the scavenger hunt booklet.

Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation – \$2,250 for the conservation of a portrait of Governor Davis's mother.

Oatlands – \$4,000 for plaster work on the tea house column capitals and masonry repairs to the brick floor.

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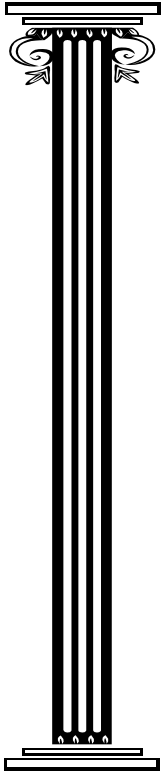


#### Front Row:

Bob Shuey/Banshee Reeks Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia;  
William O'Keefe/Morven Park;  
Su Webb/Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority;  
Kathleen Hughes/Waterford Foundation, Inc.

#### Back Row:

David Boyce/Oatlands;  
Stephen Price/George C. Marshall International Center at Dodona Manor;  
Marc Leepson/Mosby Heritage Area Association;  
Roland England/Christian Community Center at St. Paul's.



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

At the Board's January meeting, I was elected to serve as your president for the next two years. I am deeply honored to serve in this capacity. I succeed Vernon Davis, who leaves behind quite a legacy. He was a member of the Loudoun Restoration and Preservation Society since its formation in 1973, and he served as Vice-President and then President for almost 20 years. During his tenure, the organization ran August Court Days, implemented the historic plaque program in Leesburg, and oversaw the architectural study of Carlheim/Paxton. Most recently he led the merger of the Preservation Society of Loudoun County and the Loudoun Restoration and Preservation Society, and he smoothly managed the merged organization's first year. Vernon is passionate about preservation, and we owe him a big thank-you for his dedication and commitment.

Our first year as the Loudoun Preservation Society was a busy and productive one. We continued the projects and programs from the former organizations and we started new ones for 2010. You can read more about them on the next page.

We are a dynamic and growing organization, and there are many ways for you to get involved. Please don't ever hesitate to call or e-mail me.

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## 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Each year at the annual meeting, we elect new Board members to fill the positions of members whose terms have expired. This year we said good-bye to long-time Board member JoEllen Keating. She served for many years on the Board of the former Preservation Society of Loudoun County, and she remained on the Board as the merged organization transitioned through its first year.

Judy Gerow was elected to the Board for a three year term. Judy and her husband, Chris, have lived in Loudoun County for many years. She is a member of the Leesburg Garden Club. Judy has been active in various preservation causes and was a key participant in the effort to achieve state designation for the Catoctin Rural Historic District.

At the Board's first business meeting, officers were elected for two year terms. They are: Lori Kimball, President; Rene Dennis, Treasurer; and Cheryl Sadowski, Secretary. Vernon Davis became Immediate Past President.

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## Newsletter and Electronic Communications

Communication with our members is important, and we recognize that people have different preferences for receiving their news. LPS will provide a twice yearly printed newsletter like this, one at the beginning of the year and one during the middle of the year. By its nature, it can't easily provide time sensitive announcements or alerts. For those, we plan to launch a periodic e-mail communication to provide reminders, announcements and action alerts. The e-mails will be brief, and e-mail addresses will not be shared with other organizations. Of course, to send e-communications, we need e-mail addresses! If you would like to be on the Society's e-mail list, please send a message to Lori's personal address (LHINTERL@aol.com) or to the organization's general address (LPS@preserveloudoun.org).

Our web site is another form of communication, and we update it often. [www.PreserveLoudoun.org](http://www.PreserveLoudoun.org)

## PRESERVATION RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The focus of the Preservation Resources Committee is on non-legislative projects for promoting preservation in the county. This broad mission includes assisting individuals or groups with their preservation efforts; raising awareness about both success stories and sites that are endangered, and educating the public about the importance of preservation and conservation. The committee was formed under the former Preservation Society of Loudoun County (PSLC), and its accomplishments included the formation of the Friends of the Blue Ridge Mountains organization and the publication of the Citizens Guide to Historical, Cultural and Environmental Organizations in Loudoun County.

The committee is actively working on several current and future projects. One is an online resource guide for owners or prospective owners of historic properties and for those trying to save an endangered historic site. It will offer information on rehabilitation tax credits, land conservation easements, research tools, and like-minded organizations. The committee hopes to launch the online guide by May.

LPS has partnered with the Joint Architectural

Review Board to present awards during National Preservation Month in May. We will make our Preservationist of the Year Award, and the JARB will recognize outstanding preservation projects in the county and town historic districts. The awards will be announced at an event hosted by LPS. Details have yet to be worked out but this will be an event for our members, award recipients, government officials and representatives from other preservation organizations in the county. We envision this activity growing into something bigger for Preservation Month in future years.

Lastly, the Committee is discussing a possible project related to maintenance of family cemeteries. It was brought to our attention that many are suffering from neglect. We are researching the existing state legislation, legal ramifications, and what other localities are doing.

As you can see, we have several interesting projects in the works, all offering an opportunity for you to get involved! We welcome more volunteers. For more information, contact Lori Kimball at 703-669-2506 or [LHINTERL@aol.com](mailto:LHINTERL@aol.com).

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## LOUDOUN COUNTY PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION COALITION

Two years into its existence, the Coalition continues to advocate at the local and state level on applications and legislation impacting preservation and conservation. The group is an informal alliance of over 20 historic preservation and environmental non-profit organizations in the county. Its members and their organizations worked on several issues recently, such as supporting the Limestone Overlay District (recently approved by the Board of Supervisors), researching the formation of a Heritage Commission (which most neighboring counties already have), and participating in the discussion about implementing portions of the Chesapeake Bay Regulations.

The Coalition's "In Our Backyard" column continues to run every other week in Leesburg Today. Written by member organizations, the articles strive to educate the general public about Loudoun's history

and environment. Thirty-two columns have been published, covering topics such as the preservation of Carlheim/Paxton in Leesburg and how to help wildlife in your backyard. This year's column will resume in March.

This past January, the Coalition hosted an event, "In Our Backyard—A Celebration of Loudoun's Historical and Environmental Heritage". Held at Loudoun Water's spacious facility in Ashburn, 18 of the Coalition's member organizations had exhibits and answered questions about their activities. Despite snow the previous day, public attendance was strong. Loudoun's new County Administrator, Tim Hemstreet, attended and made a few remarks. Keynote speaker, Rick Gillespie, gave a motivating talk about cherishing and preserving Loudoun's history and environment.



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Dr. Deborah Lee, the keynote speaker at the meeting, presented excerpts from her new book, "Honoring Their Paths: African-American Contributions Along the Journey Through Hallowed Ground." The book was partially funded by a Loudoun Preservation Society grant awarded to JTHG in 2007. Beth Erickson, Vice-President of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, presented an autographed copy of the book to the Society.

#### **The Arc of Loudoun Signs Lease at Paxton**

After sitting vacant for five years, the Carlheim mansion in Leesburg, better known as Paxton, and its 16 acres were leased to the Arc of Loudoun, a nonprofit agency serving citizens with diverse special needs. Now known as the Margaret Paxton Memorial Learning and Resource Campus, the estate will serve as a learning center, most notably for the Aurora School. Much needs to be done to the mansion to meet modern needs. LPS is assisting The Arc of Loudoun with grant applications to raise funds for rehabilitation of the building.

## **MARTINIS MATTER**



Celebrate the weekend and contribute to a good cause!!

When: Friday, March 5, 5:30 PM-close

Where: River Creek Club,  
43800 Olympic Blvd., Leesburg

The Loudoun Preservation Society and The Arc of Loudoun offer their "Mansion-tini" to raise funds for the rehabilitation of historic Carlheim/Paxton in Leesburg.

Raffle items will be available.

When checking in at the main gate, tell the security guard you are attending Martinis Matter.