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Greetings Ladies,

It is September and your Board is working hard to finish up details for the Annual Meeting! We have been discussing everything –agendas, menus, bus arrangements, flower arrangements

and most of all, our stressful hotel arrangements. All is in order at last and we are planning a special treat for those who are staying at the Marriott instead of the Ritz!!

My first year as the Sr. Representative to Sulgrave Manor has been a learning one. The gentle prodding and encouragement of Cotton Hubard, Treasurer, and the constant energy of Bess Fuchs, Junior Representative, have combined to shape me up for a strenuous but absolutely delightful job. Clearly the best part of the job is working with each of you, the cream of the NSCDA.

Sulgrave Manor is standing the test of time well. With a dedicated staff and Board, the House serves to both educate and inspire. Its well respected and popular school program continues as it

welcomes approximately 17,000 visitors a year. We have worked diligently this year to raise funds for such exciting extras as a new garden, mounting a new exhibit and the continuing conservation of the collection. As a result we were able to present the Manor with a check for \$50,000 at Sulgrave Day.

The long anticipated documentary, "The Washingtons of Sulgrave Manor" is at last completed by Ken Winber! This beautiful production brings alive the Washington family as it makes its way to Sulgrave and on to America. The DVD and the research that went into it will provide an excellent educational tool for the Dames and it will also preserve the shared history and unique values of England and the US. After a

celebratory viewing at our Annual Meeting and at Biennial, the DVD will be available for sale in both a long and short version. Kitten Ford, Honorary Trustee, has driven this project. Our job now is to make the best possible use of our sizable investment by getting it in schools, in homes

and on the airwaves. (See the back page of this newsletter for information on how to order it.)

Sulgrave Day was memorable. A group of 65 Dames, family and friends were greeted with delightful weather, a Manor in good order and gardens lovelier than ever. I wish that every Colonial Dame could visit Sulgrave Manor, the place for which you work so hard. The trips surrounding Sulgrave Day were a huge success. An important decision we will make at the Meeting in October will be what trips to offer in two years. Join us in 2012.

We have a great success to report at the Manor. The view shed at Sulgrave Manor was under serious threat. There was a plan to build a wind farm with nine turbines in the open country between

the villages of Sulgrave and Weston. These things would tower over the tiny villages and one would be ½ mile from Sulgrave Manor! The villages formed an action committee and Jane Treadway, former Senior Representative and Advisory Board Member, coordinated an American letter writing campaign in support of the committee's efforts. Thanks to your response and that of those supporters in England, the plan to build a wind farm at the edge of Sulgrave has been cancelled!

We, The Friends of Sulgrave Manor will join the English Board of Sulgrave Manor to host the first American Watson Chair Lecture and Dinner on October 14, 2010 in Washington, DC. The



Laura Rutherford, (right) Sr. Representative to Sulgrave Manor with the Baroness Jill Knight of Collingtree, Chairman of the Sulgrave Board, and Bess Fuchs, Jr. Representative, prior to opening the new exhibition space.

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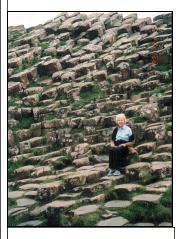
Northern Ireland, June 2010

The leprechauns were in full force during our enchanted trip through Northern Ireland. The flowers, they were incredible. Our

incredible guide, Alistair Fitzgerald, said that the rhododendron bushes of all colors were "pests". Can you imagine! Our hotels were makeovers of castles or mansions, giving us lots of ambience. For the sites seen, the Giant Causeway remains outstanding for me (Google, whether or not you are familiar with it). I keep wanting to repeat "incredible".



The ancestral homes of our presidents Arthur, Grant, Jackson, and Wilson were visited with much interest. They are, for the most part, simple structures with varying memorabilia, but it is really humbling to think our former leaders came from this modest heritage.



Mary Bohls, TX enjoying the "Giants Causeway" in Northern Ireland on one of the Dames Sulgrave Trips. We were lunched and dined in lovely old, old homes with cuisine often made by wife or mother. These hosts have maintained their homes, one for 300 years, and seemed to enjoy our company. Some of their libraries would make one envious.

We stopped at the seaports of Donegal, Belfast and Groomsport from which so many of our ancestors emigrated.

Many other sites were seen. Faith and begorra, it's a fair land.

Mary Bohls



The Sulgrave Day speaker talking with The Baroness Jill Knight of Collingtree and Laura Rutherford.

Traveling with the Dames

Sulgrave Manor Interlude and Sulgrave Day

The Sulgrave Manor Interlude was a delightful four day visit to gardens of the Cotswolds. Two favorites were High Grove, the home of HRH Prince Charles and Bowood, home of Lord Lansdown and his stunning rhododendron garden. The group spent three nights at the new hotel at Bowood before heading to Sulgrave Manor for a full day of festivity and ceremony.

Sulgrave Day 2010 began with a service at St. James the Less, then all walked to the Manor for coffee and tours of the house and garden. Mrs. David Fuchs, new Junior Representative, opened the new exhibition space near the garden

which features an early history of the creation of

Sulgrave Manor as a Museum. That was followed by a traditional Pimms Cup and a buffet lunch with our English friends and members of the Board of Sulgrave Manor, led by Baroness Jill Knight of Col-



Old friends chatting in front of the beautifully embroidered bed hangings in the Great Chamber.

lingtree. NSCDA President Hilary Gripekoven spoke at the luncheon. The day ended with a moving flag ceremony in which FSM Senior Representative Laura Rutherford participated. While we heard the shared melody of the British National Anthem and our own beloved hymn, "My Country Tis of Thee", some of us quietly admired the roof and gardens to which the Dames have contributed in recent years.



A scene you missed by not traveling with the Dames to Croatia. A modern Gladiator using "Roundup" instead of a sword.

Cruising the Dalmatian Coast

What could be better than starting a trip in Venice., leaving the airport by high speed water taxis, cruising the Laguna Veneta and arriving at our hotel by the water door. We were in original Danielli rooms, fusty, old fashioned, furnished with pieces from an old Dracula movie complete with the requisite squeaking floors. It was wonderful. A perfect setting for the start of a trip.

There is the immediate recognition factor and greetings as we

see old friends and meet what soon become new ones. On a Sulgrave trip you have plenty of time to get to know members and their guests from all over the country. It is great fun to be part of it.

In the evening you multiply your experience by talking with fellow travelers. We all saw different aspects of things as well as the same ones.



Kay Glenday surrounded by Roman guards at Diocletian's Palace.

Imagine being in a Roman coliseum in Istria and seeing a man in mountain climbing gear 100 feet off the ground, on a ledge spraying weed killer on the growth in order to prevent the roots from destroying the walls. In another port we docked next to Marjorie Merryweather Post's majestic *Sea Cloud*. Later we saw her leaving the port under full sail.

All along the Croatian Coast we saw remnants of centuries of super powers. First there were the Romans, followed by the Venetians, Hapsburgs, the Soviets, and now finally independence. Through it all you were aware that the Croatians had kept their own identity. The people of Montenegro were different still, and oh my, were the men handsome! A glass of lemonade while sitting at a table on the central square was enough to confirm this.

The old Venetian churches, are still vibrant, as in several we saw long lists of the children who had just made their First Holy Communion.

I loved spotting Winged Venetian lions all over the Dalmatian coast, over arches, nestled into walls, pictured on stained glass, and on the facades of buildings.

What we call "globalization" the ready intermingling of formerly separate cultures, actually began in places like these, fostered by the Pax Romanun, the Roman rule that made traveling and trade safe and predictable. The seas were the highways and we were traveling one of them, modern voyagers on an ancient passage.



Dames gathering before dinner on board *Le Boreal* in the Adriatic.

Bess Fuchs

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Fundraising and Sulgrave Manor

Raising money is the most important thing that we as Dames do for Sulgrave Manor. The NSCDA was involved with raising money to help buy the house, establish an endowment, and have continued to support the museum for the last 96 years. In the dedication of the Manor as a Museum it was said that it was to be a centre from which sentiments of friendship and goodwill between the British and American peoples will for ever radiate

There are many ways that the Colonial Dames continue to do this. We are grateful for all the hard work that the Associate Trustees do. Each year they send out a solicitation to the membership of their State Society.

The Baroness Jill Knight, President of the Board of Sulgrave Manor is a great fundraiser, and she does this by being entertaining. As she talks to you, she weaves you under her spell and you find yourself opening your pockets for her cause. Many of the State Societies invite her to come and speak, at either a luncheon, tea or a dinner.

All of these ways of fundraising added up to, \$110,000 in 2009. Thank you to all Dames for being so generous, and especially to the Associate Trustees for working so hard to raise the money.

Bess Fuchs



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inaugural speaker will be Michael Beschloss, presidential scholar, author, and television personality. Tibbie Field, past Senior Representative and her committee have done a wonderful job of planning and producing this much anticipated event.

The Friends of Sulgrave Manor is a unique group of Dames with a mission. Betty Chilton, recording secretary from West Virginia, describes our mission best when she says, "I consider it a real honor, responsibility and challenge to protect and preserve Sulgrave." I believe we all do and I consider it an even greater honor to be the leader of such a group.

I look forward to seeing each of you in October!

Laura Rutherford

Sr. Representative to Sulgrave Manor

Embroidery

This embroidery is symbolic of the great emigration by the English to North America in the 17th century. It was made by Amphyllis Washington (nee Twigden) and was taken to the United States by one of her children sometime after 1656. It was doubtless displayed in their houses on the Northern Neck as they helped that area to move from being part of the frontier of European settlement to being the prosperous colony of the 18th century.

It remained in Virginia with the Washington family until the 20th century. The purchase in 1914 of Sulgrave Manor in South Northamptonshire to be "a centre from which sentiments"



Mid-17th century embroidery, sewn by the great great grand-mother of George Washington

between the British and American peoples will forever radiate" predates by some twenty years Churchill's coining of the phrase "special relationship", encapsulating the recognition of the shared language, values, culture and bloodlines. The embroidery was given back to the Manor, built by the five times great grandfather of the first President of the independent United States George Washington, as part of the American contribution to setting Sulgrave Manor up in its

of friendship and goodwill

continuing symbolic role.

London in November

Will you be in London November 4th? We are planning a luncheon for those Dames that live in London, and for any other Dames who would like to join us. Friday evening will be a dinner and the Watson lecture at the Houses of Parliament. If you are interested, please email or call: Bess Fuchs: bfuchs@optonline.net 631-271-5254 28 Middle Hollow Road, Huntington, NY 11743 631-271-5254

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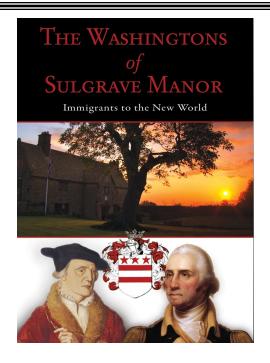
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More Pictures of Sulgrave and Sulgrave Day



Laura Rutherford and The Baroness Jill Knight of Collingtree waiting for the flags of their two countries to be lowered.



A view of the surrounding countryside.



Margaret
Brown, former
Sr. Representative with her
Granddaughter
Caroline, in the
garden at
Sulgrave Manor, with a sculpture of George
Washington





A close up of the Embroideries.

Awards

Sulgrave Manor is on Pins and needles. Sulgrave Manor won the Best Inspirational Project award again this year for the John Washington Garden. That will go forward to the East Midlands Regional Awards, where we are already entered into the Best Visitor Experience category. The announcement will be at the award dinner in Newark, UK, Sept 7th.

We are also on the short list for an award from the East Midlands Tourism, "Think Family".

Like Traveling?

Want to travel with other Dames?

Please join us for a four day trip October 7th to Virginia. We will start in Washington, go to Richmond, Three James River Plantations, Jamestown, and Fredericksburg.

For further information please contact: Dorothy Knox Houghton 4019 Inverness Drive Houston, TX 77019

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In Memoriam

Regina Maleham Black died on January 1, 2010. In her eighty nine years she packed in at least three separate lifetimes of energy, service and commitment to her friends and the causes she loved, notably the NSCDA and historic preservation. Her chief passion was the Hotel de Paris in Georgetown, one of the two museum's owned by the NSCDA in Colorado. Responsible for raising a two million dollar trust to support the Hotel, Reggie was honored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for her work to make the Hotel a National Trust site. In her service as Associate Trustee of Sulgrave Manor, Reggie demonstrated the same commitment to support Sulgrave. In October, 2008, Reggie orchestrated a dinner and presentation of "Lawrence Washington" by a former director that earned \$4000. The last event she organized. but did not live to attend, was a tea for the Hon. Jill Knight that raised \$2000 for Sulgrave Manor.

Edria G. T. Hagios, Associate Trustee from New Jersey, died on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at the Hunterdon Care Center. Edria was a consummate Dame. Her most recent contributions as cochair of the successful celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Old Schoolhouse in June 2009, a member of the Peachfield Campaign Steering Committee and our Associate Trustee for the Friends of Sulgrave Manor. As a past Preisdent in New Jersey, Edria was a counsel and mentor for those of us who followed her in office. She will be missed. Edria is survived by her husband, Ted, and her son, Dennis.

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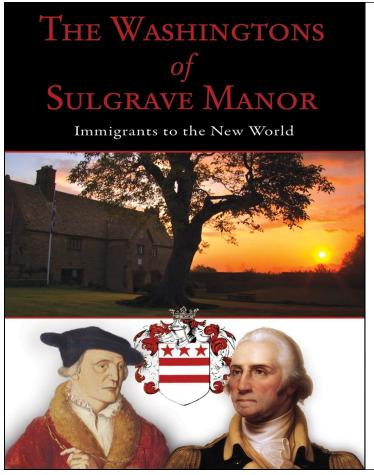




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The long awaited DVD is finally here. "The Washingtons of Sulgrave Manor", gives you the history of the Washington family from the time that Lawrence bought the land from Henry VIII, ca. 1539, to when his great-grandson John emigrated to America in 1659. We know the history – Henry VIII's war with the church and how it played out – but we have no sense of what it was like to be there, what a day, a week, a month felt like at Sulgrave Manor in sixteenth century England, the comings and goings, the everyday tasks in the complex agri-business of an important land ownerwool merchant named Lawrence Washington. The film is designed as an experience inside a story. The History of Sulgrave Manor and all its intrigues are incorporated In this documentary.

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