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132ND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS PAMELA EDWARDS ROUSE WRIGHT, PRESIDENT GENERAL



## Celebrating Education Awards Night!

**WHAT AN OUTSTANDING OPENING NIGHT WE had!** From the flag drop, to the amazing speeches, to the joy of being together again—this Congress is off to a sparkling start. Are you ready for another full day of DAR fun? We have a packed schedule for you today—and a packed Congress Herald full of articles, photos and ads from our favorite committees and events.

We will begin at 9 a.m. with our first business session and hear the reports of our National Executive Board and the recommendations of the National Board of Management, followed by votes on the proposed amendments to the NSDAR Bylaws. Chapter delegates will want to be in attendance!

Before we conclude our business session and head to lunch, we will have the presentations of the American Heritage America 250! Quilt and the Historian General's DAR Excellence in American History Book Awards for adult and children's books.

The afternoon is packed with events, so be sure to wear comfortable shoes and keep hydrated. Don't have enough time to visit every event or see every presentation? The Congress Herald will be here for you each day with articles recounting the exciting events and happenings of the 132nd Continental Congress and featuring photos of our amazing attendees. Can you find yourself or someone from your chapter in these pages?

We will gather at Our House Beautiful again at 7 p.m. for the Education Awards Night to celebrate students and educators who have

been shining examples in their commitment to American history and their communities. Our celebration commences with a concert from the All-American DAR Chorus. We look forward to celebrating with you all and seeing our hard-working Pages dressed in every color of the rainbow.

Award presentations tonight include the DAR American History Essay Contest Winners, the Patriots of the American Revolution High School Essay Contest Winners, the DAR Good Citizen Award, the DAR Outstanding Teacher of American History Award and, of course, the Outstanding Junior Member Contest.

While perusing the Thursday edition, you'll find more information about some of these winners, including the names and photos of the 12 winners of NSDAR's American History Essay Contest, who hail from all over the United States. Did one of the winners come from your state? Read more about the eight National Finalists for the 2023 Outstanding Junior Contest—all of whom have dedicated their lives in service to God, Home and Country. We are thrilled to celebrate these extraordinary women.

Did you miss the museum open houses on Wednesday? Spend some time this afternoon exploring the museum on your own. Each period room has a booklet on the room to learn from. Step back into time before you step and repeat for photos this evening.

Now turn the page and immerse yourself in all the happenings around Congress.



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# Let's Celebrate the 2023 National Outstanding Junior Finalists!

THE 2023 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING JUNIOR MEMBER and National Runner-Up will be named during the Education Awards Ceremony from a group of eight National Finalists. This year 36 states, including a collective Units Overseas group, honored a State Outstanding Junior. The finalists were chosen from those 36 outstanding young women by our panel of three judges who reviewed each of the 2023 State Outstanding Junior Member applications. More details about our judges, National Winner and Runner-Up will be featured in tomorrow's Congress Herald. Congratulations to our National Finalists!



ALABAMA  
MALINDA LYDIA WILLIAMS



CALIFORNIA  
NICOLE CHRISTINE RUSSO  
BRADSHAW



GEORGIA  
KATHLEEN "KATHY" ZELES  
MARSH



KANSAS  
HALEY EASTON POPELKA



NEW JERSEY  
ASHLEY LYNNE SMITH WASSER



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ELIZABETH "LIZZY" ANN  
TRACE THIER



OHIO  
STEPHANIE JEAN HELLE



TENNESSEE  
EMILY ANN McDONALD  
DRYDEN

# Celebrating the 2023 National Scholarship Award Recipients!

**T**HE DAR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE IS THRILLED to announce the awarding of \$233,500 in scholarships at the national level this year. Our committee's most highly sought-after scholarships continue to be the nursing, medical and occupational/physical therapy scholarships, followed by our varied history scholarships. Over 3,700 applications were submitted using DAR Academic Works, our online scholarship platform. Special thanks go out to the 30 national vice chairs who were responsible for administering our scholarships and to the 226 judges who served as reviewers.

## Congratulations to all the 2023 Scholarship Committee Award Recipients!

### *America 250! Scholarship*

Emily Matthews, N.C.  
Catherine Hannon, Mo.  
Matthew Cozine, Ala.  
Rebecca Chandler, Miss.

### *Richard and Elizabeth Dean Scholarship*

Elizabeth Place, Kan.  
Daniel Hadi, Ore.

### *Lillian and Arthur Dunn Scholarship*

Lydia Barber, Pa.  
Lauren Prewitt, Ky.

### *Dr. Aura-Lee A. and James Hobbs Pittenger American History*

John Dozier, Va.

### *DAR Centennial Scholarship*

Grace Pere, Okla.  
Sara White, Fla.  
Shay Dawson, Pa.

### *Lucinda Beneventi Findley History Scholarship*

Brandon Fey, Pa.  
Aubrey King, Tenn.

### *Dr. Francis Anthony Beneventi Medical Scholarship*

Setareh Gooshvar, Fla.

### *Irene and Daisy MacGregor Memorial Scholarship*

Gemma St. Louis, N.J.  
Tzu Ning Lu, Calif.

### *Leslie Andréé Hanna Medical Scholarship*

Cassandra Anderson, Ind.

### *Alice W. Rooke Medical Scholarship*

Olivia Pruss, Kan.

### *Caroline E. Holt Nursing Scholarship*

Joy Hufford, Ill.  
Chiara Chier, Wis.  
Lindsay Griffin, Calif.  
Megan Setchell, Ga.  
Betsey Walker, N.C.  
Genevieve Kennedy, Fla.

### *Madeline Picket Cogswell Nursing Scholarship*

Molly Greenwell, Neb.  
Megan Bray, Md.

### *Occupational/Physical Therapy Scholarship*

Victoria Lay, Okla.  
Gina Guzman-Cisneros, N.C.  
Mallory Trumbull, Minn.  
Georgina Orozco, Calif.

### *Edward G. and Helen A. Borgens Elementary Teacher Scholarship*

Rachael Boyd, Tenn.

### *Edward G. and Helen A. Borgens Secondary Teacher Scholarship*

Hannah Nelson, Utah

### *Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship*

Hadiyah Mabry, Ind.

### *Mary Elizabeth Lockwood Beneventi MBA Scholarship*

Jennifer Sayre, Pa.

### *Margaret Howard Hamilton Scholarship*

Addison Clayton, Ark.

### *Nellie Love Butcher Music Scholarship*

Jenna Smith, Texas

### *William Robert Findley Graduate Chemistry Scholarship*

Perrin Godbold, Va.

### *Leo W. and Alberta V. Thomas Utz Scholarship – English*

Sabine Krigsvold, Va.

### *Leo W. and Alberta V. Thomas Utz Scholarship – Math*

Emily Fasteson, Mass.

## AMERICAN ESSAY CONTEST

# American History Essay Contest Winners Sparkle!

## *Congratulations to the national winners of the American History Essay Contest*

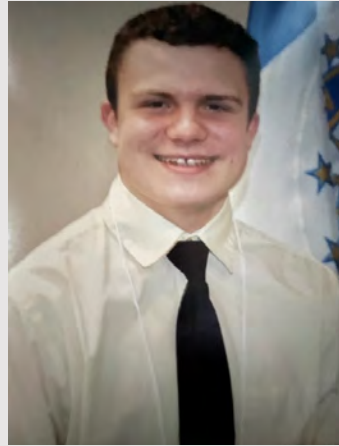
THE 2022-2023 THEME OF THE AMERICAN History Essay Contest was “Delegate to Second Continental Congress.” Over 21,000 students in fifth through eighth grades wrote essays from the perspective of a delegate during the 1775-1776 Second Continental Congress, writing what colony they were from and what was important for them to accomplish for their colony.



Mia Neely



Simona Sordoni



Jamison Lilly



Emily Edwards

### First Place:

- 5th Grade, East Central Division, Mia Neely, Limestone Chapter, Ky.; 6th Grade, Northeast Division, Simona Sordoni, Sara Riggs Humphreys-Mary Sillman Chapter, Conn.; 7th Grade, Northeast Division, Jamison Lilly, Mount Desert Isle Chapter, Maine; 8th Grade, North Central Division, Emily Edwards, Rebecca Parke Chapter, Ill.

### Second Place:

- 5th Grade, Southwest Division, Ara Craig, Princess Timpanogos Chapter, Utah; 6th Grade, Southwest Division, Maria C. Sainz, Presidio Chapter, Calif.; 7th Grade, Eastern Division, McKenzie Watt, Freedom Hill Chapter, Va. 8th Grade, Southwest Division, Thalia Hanfland-Parenti, Uintah Chapter, Utah

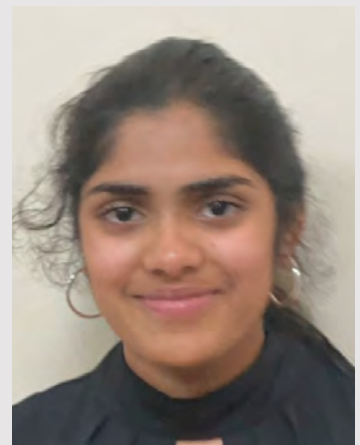
### Third Place:

- 5th Grade, Eastern Division, Jacob E. Catron, Royal Oak Chapter, Va.; 6th Grade, Eastern Division, Olivia Sidoti, Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth, N.J.; 7th Grade, Northwest Division, Ainsley Voeller, Yamhill Chapter, Ore.; 8th Grade, Northeast Division, Bryan Lebitsch, Melzingah Chapter, N.Y.

## *Congratulations to the the national winners of the Patriots of the American Revolution DAR High School Essay Contest*

THE PATRIOTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAR High School Essay focuses on figures of the American Revolution, in preparation for the 250th anniversary of the nation’s founding. Students in grades 9-12 selected a figure from the American Revolution era and discussed who they were and how they influenced the course of the American Revolution. Figures could be any person, whether a well known figure or an every day man, woman or child who supported the American Revolution in ways large or small. Students were encouraged to use primary sources for their research. There were over 2,660 students who participated in this essay contest.

- First Place: Northeastern Division, Hansika Lenkala, Abigail Phelps Chapter, Conn.
- Second Place: Eastern Division, Elizabeth Howard, Cumberland County Chapter, Penn.
- Third Place, Northwestern Division, Eliana Evelyn Plopper, Beaver Chapter, Ore.



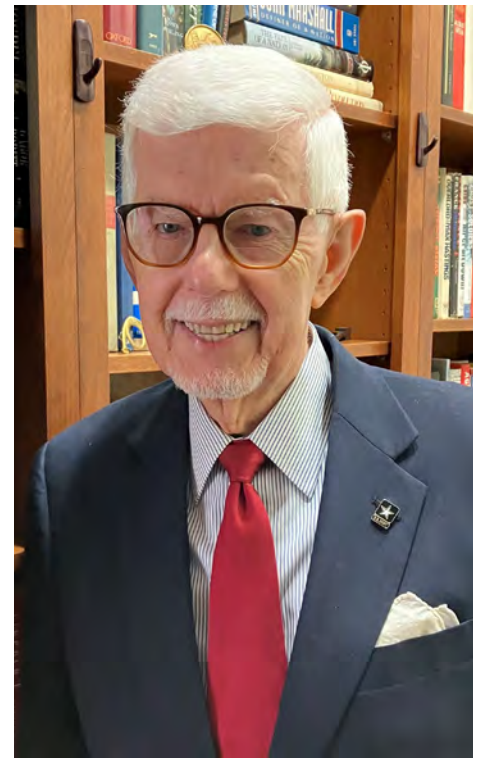
Hansika Lenkala

# National Recognition of Historic Preservation Medal Winner

**T**HE PRESTIGIOUS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEDAL WAS presented last evening to Mr. Forest Jack Bowman. The Historic Preservation Medal recognizes and honors a person who has done extraordinary volunteer work over a long period of time in establishing a historic district, preserving a local landmark, restoring or preserving objects of historic cultural significance, or establishing or participating in oral history projects, youth leadership, and education, as it pertains to historic preservation, at the regional, state, and/or national level.

The application to honor Mr. Bowman with this award was submitted by the Woodburn Chapter of Morgantown, West Virginia. The Wednesday evening presentation of the award focused on Mr. Bowman's efforts

to bring the mast from the battleship USS West Virginia, one of the surviving ships of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, to the campus of his alma mater, West Virginia University. In 1959, as the Student Body President of West Virginia University, Mr. Bowman learned that the USS West Virginia was scheduled to be dismantled in 1961. He wrote to the Navy asking for a piece of the ship to be displayed on campus. In response, the Navy said that he could have the mast and all he had to do was get it from Seattle, Washington to Morgantown, West Virginia. His unwavering efforts came to fruition and on May 11, 1963, a dedication ceremony for the mast was held. Each year on June 20, folks gather at the mast to celebrate West Virginia Day. Congratulations to Mr. Bowman on his recognition of this important historic preservation!



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# Page Preparation



## For the History Lovers!

OUR COMMEMORATIVE INSIGNIA PINS HONOR THE many key events that paved the way for the American Revolution as well as key points throughout United States history. Add a little of this history to your own DAR ribbon from the DAR Insignia Store collection!





## Miss Michigan Honors 52 Notable Women

HAILING FROM THE GREAT LAKES STATE, the National Junior Doll 2023, Miss Michigan, honors 52 distinct women with ties to Michigan and has been presented on three dolls to accurately tell their stories. Michigan’s history is rich with women fighting for equality, breaking glass ceilings and making their mark in male-dominated fields. Through her, we have shared with you their amazing stories, and hopefully engaged you in some his- or shall we say “herstory.” These women’s contributions are so outstanding that every single one of the 52 women have received the Women in American History Award from DAR!

The National Junior Doll Project started over 50 years ago to benefit the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. This fund is named in memory of Helen Pouch, who died at age 18 in the 1919 Spanish Flu epidemic. The fund is used to support the Junior Membership Classroom Grants, the National Junior Committee Project and DAR schools. Please support us on social media—follow @NSDARjuniordoll on Facebook and Instagram to learn about the 52 notable women featured on Miss Michigan and share her stories with your chapter and states!

Voices and donations, as well as some of the outfits and accessories the winner will receive, are available all week during Continental Congress, adjacent to the Junior Shop. Miss Michigan (including three dolls, 52+ outfits and accessories) will be awarded to one lucky voice holder at the Junior Luncheon on Saturday.



Elizabeth “Lisette” Denison Forth was an African-American philanthropist from Michigan. She was born enslaved and gained her legal freedom by establishing residency in Canada. Upon returning to Michigan as a free woman, Lisette became a domestic servant, working for Solomon Sibley in the 1820s. She had a close relationship with her employers, and in 1825, she purchased four lots in Pontiac, Michigan, becoming the first Black property owner in the city.



Abby Roque is an American ice hockey forward and the first indigenous person to play for the United States women’s national ice hockey team. In 2020, she was named The Bob Allen Women’s Hockey Player of the Year. She made her Olympic debut in 2022 on the silver-medal winning team. She is a member of the Wahnapiitae First Nation tribe, part of the Ojibwe First Nation based in northern Ontario, and grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.



Dr. Rachel Andresen was a non-profit leader who worked to help rebuild racial relations in a post-World War II Michigan, and beyond. Founded in 1951, her organization, Youth For Understanding (YFU), is a volunteer-based global non-profit community that works across six continents. As a leader in intercultural exchange and educational programs for over 70 years, YFU has impacted more than 270,000 students and families and more than 70,000 volunteers.

# Daughters of Distinction: Grandma Moses

TWO MONTHS BEFORE ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS elected as the 16th President of the United States, Anna Mary Robertson Moses was born. One hundred and one years later, when Anna, by then better known as Grandma Moses, passed away, John F. Kennedy was in the White House. The beloved folk artist who painted gorgeous landscapes after arthritis made embroidery difficult, joined the DAR in her 90s, through her patriot ancestor, Private Archibald Robertson. Shortly after joining the Society, she painted the 1777 Battle of Bennington, which her patriot ancestor fought in. Grandma Moses is a remarkable example of tenacity and the triumph of curiosity.

Her work resonates with Daughters nationwide who know that we are never too old—or too young—to start sharing our passion with the world. Grandma Moses' paintings can be found in the White House, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and several D.C. museums, including the Hirshorn, Smithsonian American Art Museum and The Phillips Collection.

How can you be more like Grandma Moses? She was great proof that it is never too late to try something new. What new thing will you try at this Continental Congress or when you get home? Try a new artistic endeavor for the American Heritage Contest, or learn to knit from your favorite aunt!

DAR INSIGNIA STORE POP-UP SHOP

Show your Support!



Contributors to the American Indian Fund become eligible for this insignia pin after a \$200 minimum donation to the Office of Development.

## American Indians Committee 2023 Grants

**T**HE NATIONAL CHAIR OF THE AMERICAN Indians Committee is proud to announce the two grants that have been approved and will be distributed over the next year.

The first proposal was received from the Golden Spike Chapter, Utah, on behalf of the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation. The funds will be used to remodel part of their headquarters to include a classroom, children's reading area, library, tables and chairs. Space for this remodel will include an area to serve as a repository of the tribe's history and culture, and classroom space for all ages. The total estimate to remodel the space is \$457,000 and their application is for \$10,000. The tribe's objective is to record and preserve oral and written traditions, customs and history which otherwise may be lost. In addition,

the headquarters would make this information readily available to all members of the tribe.

The second proposal was received from the Chief Shawano Chapter, Michigan, in cooperation with the Mackinaw Area Historical Society for their Waganogan Domicile Project. This project is to build a domicile educational structure for the Anishinaabe area, specifically the Straits of Mackinaw.

A "Waganogan," similar to a wigwam, would have served as a summer home for Native Americans of the area. For many years, the historical society developed and maintained a Heritage Village, where buildings allow firsthand learning of what life was like in the area from 1880 to 1917. In 2021, the traditional log home onsite was damaged beyond repair. Now the historical society

can replace the log home with a domicile more typical of the Anishinaabe people who inhabited the area. The total cost for this project is \$6,000; the grant application is for \$2,600.

Through your support of the American Indian Fund, this Committee can provide funding for Native American opportunities including formal education, healthcare programs and more. For more information on each of these projects, please contact the American Indians Committee or visit the Grants tab on our Committee Page on the members' only website.

As not all available funds were distributed this year, please be reminded to discover opportunities to spread the word about grant funding for Native American communities.

# Hats Off to Virginia Daughters!



**M**ORE THAN 370 DAUGHTERS FROM 90 chapters around the Commonwealth and their guests—adorned in their finest hats and fascinators—will gather on Thursday, June 29, at the Ronald Reagan Building for a festive luncheon to celebrate the year’s accomplishments and honor their patriots and veterans.

The annual event will begin with a flag processional and the DAR ritual. Daughters in attendance will introduce their guests, which include family members, friends and honored dignitaries from all levels of the Society and around the country. Guests will enjoy a fan-favorite menu: a refreshing mixed-greens salad, savory coq au vin and a delicious crème brûlée. The luncheon program includes greetings from Virginia State Regent Laurie Parker Nesbitt and guest speaker Larry Walker, DAR Security Director, both of whom are U.S. Army veterans. The event will conclude with door prize drawings for ten lucky winners!

Planning for this premier event began over a year ago and is the culmination of the efforts of the Virginia DAR Luncheon Committee. Members of the committee include Chair Margaret Simmons Powell; Vice Chair Gina Salmons; Recording Secretary Linda Ferrera; Tracy Morton, in charge of reservations and menu; Janet Crowl, in charge of door prizes; and the assistance of Leah Schmid.

Special thanks are extended for support from State Protocol Chair

Barbara Bishop, and State Events Protocol and Procedures Chair McGowan Storage.

Exceptional care was taken in planning all aspects of the event, but of particular interest are the table centerpieces. Each was designed to invoke patriotism and serve as a reminder of the State Regent’s Project. Mrs. Nesbitt’s project benefits Semper K9 Assistance Dogs, Boulder Crest

Foundation, and Operation Deploy Your Dress, all of which support veterans and active-duty military families. Thank you to the Daughters who attended and helped us show our support for these important organizations.

We look forward to spreading even more “Sparkle” next year. Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 27, 2024!



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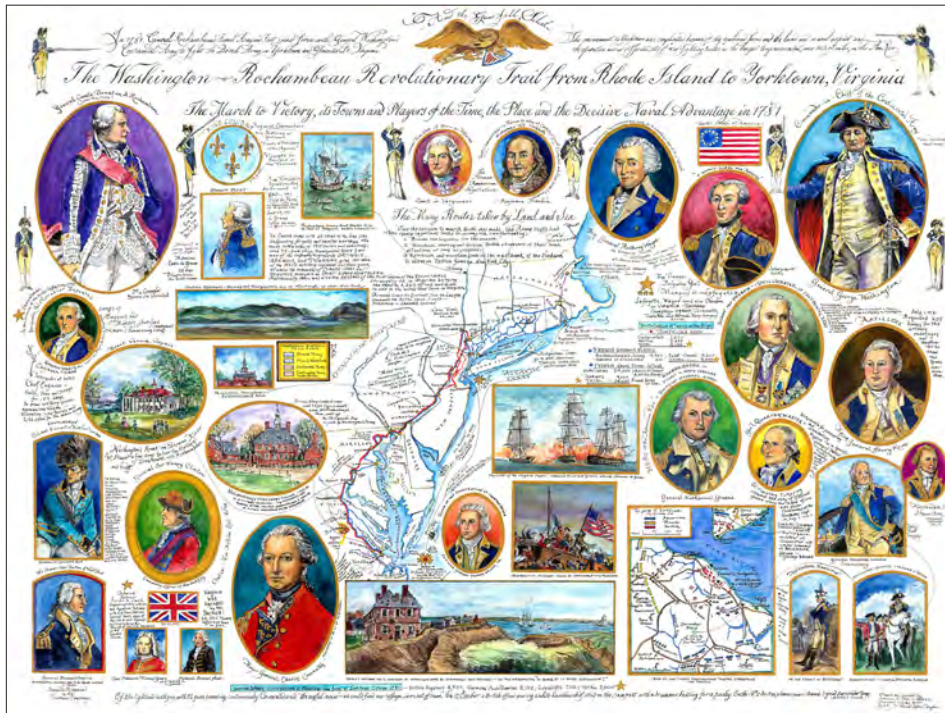


AMERICAN HERITAGE ART & SCULPTURE CONTEST

# Evelyn Cole Peters Award Winner

**J**ANICE DERR, FROM NEW YORK'S COLONEL Aaron Olgden Chapter, impressed the non-DAR Art and Sculpture judges with the educational possibilities and artistic quality of a poster she submitted for this year's contest. Two of the three judges, teachers themselves, and the third, a professional artist, agreed Janice went above and beyond researching and portraying the important, but seldom mentioned final march of George Washington and General Rochambeau from Rhode Island to the British surrender at Yorktown.

Janice's colorful poster begs to be displayed in any American History classroom. It vividly marks the trail taken by Washington and Rochambeau on their way to Yorktown picturing the important heroes, enemies, places and actions taken along the way. All will be fascinated with the many colorful portraits of the men, actions, strategy and maps that show this historic trail. Teachers are invited to contact either of the Art and Sculpture Vice Chairmen for a high-resolution copy of the file to print for their classroom. (Note: file is copyright protected.)



# Annual Southern Sunrise Breakfast

**MISSISSIPPI STATE REGENT CINDY MANGUM AND** Alabama State Regent Patrice Donnelly welcomed over 245 guests to the two societies' annual breakfast on Wednesday, June 28. Early risers attended the breakfast buffet featuring ham, southern-style biscuits, grits, coffee cake and assorted fruit. Members welcomed President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, who brought greetings.

Tables were adorned with beautiful magnolia leaves with copper, gold and shimmering white tones and topped with pinecones and other flowers known throughout our states. To showcase the symbols of each state administration, the event featured a bridge for the Mangum administration—as the Mississippi daughters are “Bridging Pathways”—and a butterfly for the Donnelly administration as the Alabama Daughters are “Finding their Wings.” The floral centerpiece overlooking the buffet contained traditional southern summertime flowers, including hydrangeas, roses, stock, delphinium, dahlias and fresh curly willow. Guests left with a Moon Pie celebrating the 50th anniversary of the NASA Space Shuttle program and a delicious bag of Alabama-grown peanuts

Our Daughters and guests are excited to “Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever,” “Find Their Wings,” and “Bridge Pathways” for DAR during the 132nd Continental Congress!

## PRESS RELEASE REMINDER

Access the Press Release Request online form to be sent to your local media outlets regarding participation in the 132nd Continental Congress on the Press Release page found on the Insider's Guide. Stop by the Lafayette Room, just off the main hallway of Constitution Hall, if you prefer to complete a paper form. Helpful hints to make the process smooth and fast:

- If using a paper form, snap a picture before turning the form in—copies may not be made at the communications office.
- Consider completing the Google Form or emailing a copy your paper form to congresspr@nsdar.org after the Congress has ended if unable to complete it now.
- Forms must be submitted to the Congress Communications team by 9 a.m. on Saturday for your local press release to be sent for the 132nd Continental Congress.



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## Branch Out With the Official Branch Bar



Our gold-filled Branch Bar holds up to 12 Miniature Charms, like our beautiful Mini Insignia and Mini Diamond Insignia. It's the perfect addition to your Congress celebrations and festivities!

# New Insignia Pins Available at Pop-Up Shop



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**A**re you eligible to purchase new service pins or donation pins? Do you need to trade-up your Page Pin or Heritage Club Pin? Be sure to visit the DAR Insignia Pop-Up Shop located in the Constitution Hall hallway on the D Street side for all your insignia and pin needs, including magnetic and non-magnetic official ribbons, miniature insignia, magnets and more. Insignia and pins are a wonderful way to tell your DAR story all year long.

Several beautiful new pins are available for purchase at the Pop-Up Shop, including the Marian Anderson Legacy Pin. Members are eligible to purchase the pin after a minimum donation of \$200 to the Marian Anderson Legacy Fund. Please visit the Development table for further details and to make a donation.

Other stunning new pins include the Friends of C.A.R. Pin (\$100 minimum donation required); the Friends of Education Pin (\$200 minimum donation required); the 125th Anniversary of the DAR Hospital Corps Pin (commemorative pin; all members are eligible to purchase); 250th Birthday of the U.S. Navy Pin (commemorative pin; all members are eligible to purchase); and the Insignia Volunteer Pin (members with required Insignia Volunteer service are eligible). For correct pin placement on the official ribbon, please see the Pin Placement Form INS-1000 on the the DAR members' only website.

The proceeds from your purchases go to benefit DAR's mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism. Thank you for supporting DAR, one pin at a time!

## Celebrating Talented Winners

# American Heritage

**O**N TUESDAY EVENING, THE AMERICAN HERITAGE committee celebrated the 134 winners of the 2023 National contest, the theme of which was “Educating the Next Generation on Our Historic American Trails.” We presented certificates to the winners along with ribbons they can wear throughout Congress. Nine Evelyn Cole Peters Awards were given to the “best of the best.”

Daughters competed in the categories of Art & Sculpture, Crafts, Fiber Arts, Jewelry, Literature & Drama,

Music and Photography. We have so many talented and creative Daughters, there is always stiff competition. We had 569 entries on the national level, not counting the numerous Fiber Arts entries at the state level.

Winners hailed from 36 states and one Units Overseas chapter. Following the awards presentation, the first-place winners displayed their sparkling entries. Daughters had the opportunity to ask questions, find out about techniques and learn what inspired this year’s winners.

Keep an eye out for the special video

showcasing our first-place winners, which will be shown Thursday evening as the band retires. Watch for the complete book of winners, which will be posted on our committee webpages following Congress.

Please plan to visit our table Friday evening at the Sparkle in Service Committee Showcase to learn about the committee. We will have information on the 2024 contest and ways your chapter can participate in preserving and promoting our arts and crafts.



Patricia Fuess, First Place Oil Painting



Top: Suzanne Steinbach, First Place Historic Dress  
Bottom: Jackie Nichols, First Place Other Crafts

## DAR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

## Celebrating 100 Years of Giving!



THIS YEAR, DAR MARKS a century of awarding scholarships through the DAR Scholarship Committee. The committee was first established in 1923 as the Student Loan and Scholarship Fund by our 12th President General Lora Haines Cook (1923–1926). What began as a vision to provide financial assistance and student loans to youth looking to obtain a college education has now evolved into an integral part of our national society's educational mission—the giving of scholarships at the chapter, state and national levels. Over the last year, our committee awarded a total of 1,144 scholarships with a combined worth of over \$1,420,000.

Due to our member's generous support of the Friends of DAR Scholarship Fund, our committee granted 10 additional national scholarships for the coming academic year, which included the following DAR-funded scholarships: Caroline E. Holt Nursing, DAR Centennial, America 250! and Occupational/Physical Therapy.

A sparkling thanks to all who volunteered and supported the work of our committee this year and throughout the century!

## Pennsylvania Daughters Sparkle at the Dazzling Daisy Tea

**T**HE DAZZLING DAISIES of Pennsylvania are joining Daughters from all over the globe to celebrate our Love of Service by hosting a tea on June 29 at 3:30 p.m. at the JW Marriott. Several winners of the American History Essay contest and their families will be in attendance and sharing their award-winning essays. Attendees will have the chance to meet with the State Board of Management members and discuss our State Regent's Project—the restoration of Old Swede's Cemetery, as well as other service

projects Pennsylvania Daughters have performed throughout the Commonwealth this year. There will be plenty of time for attendees to do informal research on areas their patriots lived with Daughters who are current citizens of Pennsylvania, as well as opportunities to discuss potential collaborations on service, exchange ideas, and share problem-solving strategies. Don't forget the refreshments, catching up with friends old and new, and the chance to do it all in a great tea party hat!

### DEVELOPMENT CORNER

## Heritage Club: 25th Anniversary Celebration

ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, NEARLY 700 Heritage Club donors kicked off Congress and a yearlong celebration of the recognition society's 25th anniversary! The Heritage Club's breakfast and lunch events included many special moments including grateful praise from President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, a heartfelt welcome from Donna Weaver, Development Committee National Chair, words of inspiration from Leigh Haislip Spencer, Congress Events and Activities, National Vice Chair and a heartfelt recognition of Merry Ann T. Wright, Honorary President General and founder of the Heritage Club under the Dorla Dean Kemper administration in 1998.

The highlight of the celebration was a presentation by renowned author, Kathryn Clark Childers, as a special guest speaker who recognized the commitment of DAR donors

worldwide. As one of the first five female U.S. Secret Service special agents hired in 1971, Mrs. Childers encouraged all members to continue to "be fearless philanthropists" in their dedication to DAR.

Mrs. Childers' inspiring words helped to launch a year-long celebration of DAR's oldest donor recognition society with a current membership of nearly 19,000 dedicated Daughters who have made cumulative contributions of \$500 or more to DAR.



# New in the DAR Museum's Exhibition Gallery

**C**OME SEE WHAT IS NEW IN the DAR Museum's exhibition gallery! The current exhibit "Pleasing Truths: Power and Portraits in the American Home" is sure to please, as is the recently acquired interactive table that complements the layout. The table's tilted touch screen is mounted on a floor stand, so you can move seamlessly from viewing the portraits to creating your own. By selecting images of objects and portraits from our museum collection, you will find yourself engaging with the art in an entirely different way. The interactive table will certainly be used in future gallery exhibitions, but you can be among the first to enjoy it!



Curator General Susan Metzger, DAR Museum Outreach Chair Mernie Crane and donor Colorado State Regent Colleen Joyce use the new interactive table.

## Creating Our DAR Today Podcast!

WE WILL HAVE lots of exciting interviews and information from our time at Continental Congress. If you see us filming in the halls—or at any events—stop and say, "Hi!" We cannot wait to share with everyone the fun and fantastic events happening this week.

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### DEVELOPMENT CORNER

## Founders Club Event

TOMORROW, JUNE 30, THE Founders Club returns to the historic Willard Hotel for cocktails and dinner. This highly anticipated event honors donors who are leaving a legacy by remembering NSDAR in their estate planning. Be sure to visit the Development Committee at the Sparkling in Service Committee Showcase Friday evening!

# 132nd Congress Wednesday Highlights

An Opening Night sparkling with excitement!



# 132nd Congress Wednesday Highlights, cont.



Daughters attend the Mississippi-Alabama Southern Sunrise Breakfast.



Maine Daughters hosted their open house.



Hostesses welcomed attendees to the Unit Overseas Delegation Meeting.



Kansas State Regent Rebecca Kline welcomed more than 200 guests to the Golden West Tea.



Valarie Leary, Organizing Regent of Barrell and Read Chapter and President General, Pamela Rouse Wright in attendance at the Heritage Club Breakfast.



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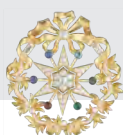
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**A LOOK BACK AT 1948**



*Daughters who have visited Our House Beautiful are familiar with the architectural refinement of Memorial Continental Hall, the soaring ceilings of Constitution Hall and the wide passages of the Administration Building. In 1948, though, the National Society was faced with a dilemma: the Society had outgrown its current space. President General Estella Armstrong O'Byrne made the modernization of our headquarters the goal of her administration. During her first Continental Congress, Mrs. O'Byrne advocated for the major renovation and relocation project, which included the addition of the three-story Administration Building and the renovation of Memorial Continental Hall into the library we cherish today. With approval from the membership, construction quickly began. By 1950, the work was completed and dedication ceremonies took place.*

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