

I hope this finds you doing well and coping with the pandemic. This eNewsletter is intended to bring you up to date on some items, and on our income, expenses, and financial status so far this year.

Not including the deposits for Portugal trip, between what we received last year and what we have received so far this year, I find it very impressive that about 75 individuals, couples, and organizations have donated about \$60,000 in donations to the Buttrick Challenge. We have \$45,000 of that amount in a CD and the balance in our checking account. I am still hoping to reach the \$100,000 mark for donations to the Buttrick Challenge before 12/31/2020.

We expect to commence our annual membership renewal process shortly. When renewing, please consider making an additional donation to the Buttrick Challenge. All donations up to a total of \$100,000 will be matched dollar-for-dollar with all funds being placed in an endowment fund to earn interest and support student scholarships for years to come. All donations to the Buttrick Challenge are tax-deductible as provided by law. All donations must be received by 12/31/2020 to be eligible for the matching grant. It would be such a shame if we were not able to raise the \$100,000 in order to receive the full \$100,000 match.

You can quickly and easily donate to the Buttrick Challenge by visiting our website at [vsalumni.org](http://vsalumni.org) and using PayPal. Just be sure to indicate Buttrick on the donation form. The form for donating by check is included in this eNewsletter.

As with just about everything else, the pandemic has thrown our plans for 2020 into the trash. Along with the VSA's postponements of their annual meeting in Denver, their study tour of Cleveland, and the three summer schools, the Alumni Assoc had to conduct our Annual Meeting in May by Zoom and postpone our tour of Portugal until March 2021. Many thanks to John Martine who has done a fantastic job juggling all of the pitfalls in planning the trip to Portugal in the midst of a pandemic. Acknowledgement letters for the tax-deductible portion of the trip price are in the works and will be sent by email asap.

Our General Fund includes donations to our named scholarship funds and membership renewals. We have a \$25,000 CD for some of that money with the balance of our funds of about \$30,000 in the checking account which includes about \$15,000 in Buttrick money which is not in the Buttrick CD as noted above.

Since there were no Summer Schools in 2020 and thus no need for scholarships, the Alumni Board approved a donation of \$16,000 to the VSA Summer Schools to help with the fixed expenses incurred despite the cancellation of the schools. Our donation was very much appreciated by the VSA.

We sponsored recruitment events in NYC, SF, and Chicago. We paid for our membership software, and our minimal website and administrative expenses. We have continued to publish our eNewsletter periodically and received great reviews for our special editions on the Summer Schools. We continue to investigate the feasibility of updating and integrating the alumni website with the VSA website.

The VSA is planning for its national meeting in Denver in May 2021. At the meeting, the 2021 Preservation Awards and Book Awards are announced. Information on past recipients of these awards as well as instructions on nominations for the awards can be found here:

<https://victoriansociety.org/award-programs/>

**Of note, the terms of office for the current Alumni officers and board members expire on 12/31/2021. For those interested in serving on the Board, elections will be held at our May 2021 Annual meeting.**

**The Victorian Alliance of San Francisco** announces its first ever virtual historic house tour, **Open Victorians**, a free online experience that launched October 5 at

[www.tourvictorians.com](http://www.tourvictorians.com).

The tour showcases six of San Francisco's classic Victorian homes, private residences that can be visited **only** via this virtual event. This series of originally produced videos will introduce viewers to the homes' interiors, exteriors, furnishings and décor with new videos launching each week until October 23. Participants will meet the artisans and homeowners that have restored and cared for these homes, experiencing them through six different themes, including "Decorative Finishes", "Who Lived Here Before Me?", and "Future, Legacy".

After the initial launch, each video will be kept active and can be seen again, so that the end of the virtual house tour, all of the homes can be visited together. The Tour will culminate in a **Front Parlor Salon** webinar, scheduled for October 25, featuring leaders of preservation organizations from throughout the nation, sharing their ideas to inspire the next generation of passionate preservationists. Sign up to receive more details on the Salon webinar at

<https://www.tourvictorians.com/contact/>

"With Open Victorians, the Alliance will demonstrate how historic interiors can be adapted and preserved for both contemporary and traditional lifestyles. We offer these examples as alternatives to the current "gut and entirely remodel" trend, which diminishes our city's great architectural legacy," said **President Rob Thomson**. Info: [housetour@victorianalliance.org](mailto:housetour@victorianalliance.org)

**The New York City Chapter of the VSA** has gone digital!! Due to concerns relating to the spread of COVID-19, the Victorian Society New York will be hosting all lectures online. Please see the events page for info and links to the live lectures. For info on their current schedule, see: <https://vicsocny.org/calendar/>

**The Alumni Association** highly recommends to your attention the Summer 2020 issue of VSA's *The Victorian Quarterly*. This outstanding issue includes information on the 2020 VSA Perseveration and Book Awards, the 2020 Summer Schools Project, an informative article by **Prof Richard Guy Wilson** on the **Griswold House** in Newport, and a fascinating article by **Jo Banham** on "Arsenic and Old Wallpapers". The complete issue can be found at:

<https://vsa.gnosishosting.net/email/newsletter/VQSummer2020.pdf>

**Alumni** may also be interested in viewing the lecture by **Dr. Richard Guy Wilson** on "*Edith Wharton's Architectural and Literary Revolution*." The lecture originally presented on May 8, 2020 was a production of the Preservation Society of Newport County. For info on the Newport Mansions, see: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbHuf5tfjzaAuLKhSC4U8FA>

Richard's lecture is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2LySnFlh8Q>

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# Alumni News

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Be sure to see the richly photographed article on A Narnia-Inspired Design, on Long Island in the Style section of the *New York Times*, September 29, 2020. Ted Loos' article is part of the latest [Design special report](#), which is about taking creative leaps in challenging times. The article features the efforts of efforts of **Thomas Jayne and William Cullum, of Jayne Design Studio** in New York. Thomas attended the 1984 London Summer School. William, an Alumni Association Board member, attended the 2014 London School and the 2015 Chicago School.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/29/style/narnia-inspired-design-house.html?referring-Source=articleShare>

**Travis Brock Kennedy** (London 2017), the Chair of the Alumni Association's Nominating Committee, reports on his current research activities at the Mansfield College, University of Oxford. For additional info, see:

[https://history.web.ox.ac.uk/people/travis-kennedy?fbclid=IwAR3LFRNRI6O5HLcxuF\\_rrFdhQj5HsFggq-XMQw99HR7UtF\\_5eqRijI0JE](https://history.web.ox.ac.uk/people/travis-kennedy?fbclid=IwAR3LFRNRI6O5HLcxuF_rrFdhQj5HsFggq-XMQw99HR7UtF_5eqRijI0JE)



**Dr. Clark Strang Marlor** (London 1982 and Newport 1988), age 97, died peacefully in the care of Tidewell Hospice, on July 16, 2020 in Sarasota, Florida. Born in Camden, New Jersey on November 18, 1922, he was the son of Alan Felten Marlor and Laura Strang Marlor. Clark received a BA degree from Carnegie-Mellon University in 1945, a MA degree from the University of Michigan in 1946, and a Doctor of Education degree from New York University in 1961.

Dr. Marlor was a Professor of Speech and Dramatics at Adelphi University from 1956-1986, and an emeritus professor since 1986. He is recognized as a noteworthy speech educator by Marquis Who's Who.

A longtime resident of Brooklyn, New York, Clark was an active life member of both the Brooklyn Historical Society (Board of Directors), and the Brooklyn Museum, where he volunteered for many years as a library archivist. Clark's enthusiasm for American art inspired him to research, document and write several books cataloging American artists and their exhibitions.

Clark also had a passion for his Victorian ancestry, which prompted him to become a life member of the Victorian Society of America, and a member and supporter of the Alumni Association. He enjoyed traveling with the Society throughout America and England to experience Victorian culture and architecture. He is fondly remembered as a true Renaissance man and greatly missed by many of his friends in the Alumni Association.

The complete obituary can be found at:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?n=clark-marlor&pid=196550562&fhid=32234>

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The Alumni Association would not exist without the support of all our members. **THANK YOU!** Donations above the basic membership level enable us to continue to provide substantial funds for scholarships. We list below and acknowledge those members at the Supporter level and above for their generosity. We also give special thanks to those members and friends who have made donations in support of specific scholarships and to our Jim Buttrick Challenge grant. Your support is much appreciated!

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The Alumni Association is extremely grateful to the following **Victorian Society in America** (VSA) donors, Victorian Society Chapters, and others who so generously supported the Summer Schools through their very generous donations to The Victorian Society specifically for the Schools.

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### **Heritage Society**

The Heritage Society of the Alumni Association was established to allow the Alumni Association to recognize those who have made thoughtful provisions in their planned giving documents, wills, trust, and bequests. These provisions will help to ensure that the Alumni Association will continue to have the resources necessary to fulfill its missions in support of the VSA.

We are extremely grateful to the following members and friends who so thoughtfully and generously included the Alumni Association in their wills or trusts. Their gifts will make a lasting difference to deserving scholars for years to come.

**John C. Freed**, a longtime VSA and Alumni Association supporter made provisions for a \$10,000 bequest to the Alumni Association in memory of his partner, **Paul Duchscherer**.

**Paul Duchscherer** very thoughtfully made provisions in his trust for a \$10,000 bequest to the Alumni Association as well as designating the Alumni Association as the beneficiary of all future royalties from his many books and other publications.

**The Bob and Carole Chapman Fund** very generously awarded a grant of \$10,000 to the Alumni Association Chapter in memory of **Carole Chapman**.

#### **Darrell Lemke & Maryellen Trautman**

Including the Alumni Association in your estate plans is an effortless way to support the Schools. Please consider this sample language:

***I give and devise to the Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools all (or state percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).***

If you are interested in and require further details about including the Alumni Association in your will or trust, please contact President David Lamdin at (703) 243-2350 or at [dalamdin@aol.com](mailto:dalamdin@aol.com).

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY SUMMER SCHOOLS  
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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION of the VICTORIAN SOCIETY SUMMER SCHOOLS

## \$100,000 BUTTRICK CHALLENGE GRANT

The Alumni Association is very excited to announce the creation of an Endowment Fund to support the VSA Summer Schools. We received a very generous matching grant from Jim Buttrick (Newport 1999, London 2000). Jim will donate a total of up to \$100,000 to match dollar-for-dollar donations large or small to the Endowment Fund. These donations must be “new” money received before December 31, 2020. The Endowment Funds will be separately invested for the long term with a small percentage of the value of the fund used each year as needed for summer schools scholarships and operations.

As a supporter of the VSA, you understand the importance that the Schools have played in the lives of those fortunate enough to attend. Students consistently report on how the schools have enriched their lives with the connections made, the first-rate lecturers, and a broadened appreciation of the built environment. The Endowment Fund will provide an ongoing income stream to make the Summer Schools stronger and be our legacy for future Victorians. Please consider a generous contribution.

For additional information contact: David Lamdin 703-243-2350 [dalamdin@aol.com](mailto:dalamdin@aol.com)



*Prof. Richard Guy Wilson with students at the Newport Summer School*

Please complete and return the form below to help meet the Buttrick Challenge

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