



GREETINGS!

As the Alumni Association enters its 2022 membership renewal season, the Board of Directors has decided to reduce the membership fee for 2022 to \$25. Of course, it is the hope that all current members will be able to renew their 2022 memberships in the Alumni Association. With the continuing averse economic impact of the virus, we do not want to lose any potential renewals because the membership fee is too high. In addition, we plan to reach out to alumni who have not been active members for the past few years and hope to encourage their renewed membership with the reduced membership fee.

As you may know, the Alumni Association has no paid staff. Membership fees are used to cover the administrative expenses. The balance of the membership fee is used for Summer School Scholarships.

Many members donate over and above the basic membership fee to help fully fund the scholarship requirements. Because of our members and generous donors, we have been able to provide well over \$20,000 in scholarships each year for many years. With your renewed membership and support together with our recently established Endowment Fund, we hope to be able to continue to offer scholarship assistance to potential student so that none are precluded from attending the Summer Schools because of lack of sufficient funds to pay the full tuition.

Please watch for the renewal notice coming soon from our Membership Director, Sara Durkacs and visit our website at vsaalumni.org

Thank you for your continued support.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



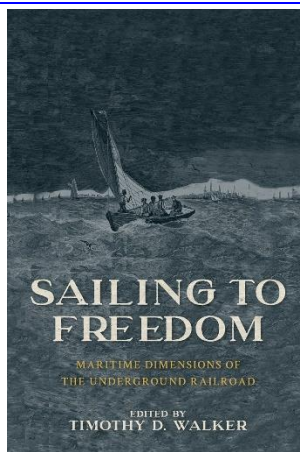
Join **Thomas Jayne** (London, 1984) and Pilar Viladas at the Jay Heritage Center in Rye, NY on **September 23** for a **Classic Design Luncheon & Conversation** about how to make classic design more accessible and active by seamlessly mixing the old and the new - whether selecting antiques for contemporary settings or modern artworks for historic homes. For further info and tickets see:

[Classic Design \(constantcontact.com\)](http://constantcontact.com)



The Victorian Society of New York is sponsoring an online event on **September 22**. The topic is two new books which shed light on the 19th century journeys for refuge seekers. For info and tickets see:

[Perilous Voyages to New York's Safe Harbor Tickets, Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)



On **September 29**, the VSA New York chapter is also sponsoring an online event featuring VSA member Dr. Margaretta S. Frederick discussing the Bancroft Pre-Raphaelite Collection at the Delaware Art Museum. For further info and tickets see: [The Pre-Raphaelites Updated Tickets, Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)



Dante Gabriel Rossetti (1828-1882), La Bella Mano, 1874-5. Samuel and Mary R. Bancroft Memorial, 1935 (1935-25)



Warren Ashworth (Newport 2009 and Chicago 2015) in collaboration with his wife has written a book of historical fiction which will be published this fall. The protagonist is a Victorian house in Kansas and the other protagonist is an early-nineteenth-century portrait. Details of the publication will be provided as soon as they become available.

We, the House begins in 1878 in a frontier town on the Kansas prairie where a battered Civil War Union veteran builds his new wife her dream house, an Italianate glory she names Ambleside. Soon an early American portrait of Mrs. Simon Peale arrives from Hartford, Connecticut to dignify the dining room wall. When the portrait's existential yelp causes house and painting to discover each other, Ambleside is a perfect 'tabula rasa,' almost literally born yesterday, and Mrs. Peale is a devastated young widow, a starchy professor of Latin, who has been dead since 1841. Together, through the lives and generations of 'their' family, this disarming odd couple witness and try to comprehend the panorama of American social history—from women's suffrage, three wars, the ice box, photography, and the invention of the two-by-four, to indoor plumbing and electrification, the Dust Bowl, the Depression, and Dachau, foxglove, the Love That Dare Not Speak its Name, the song of the catbird, and Little Women. Over the decades, a most unusual love develops between them and quietly deepens, until one day in 2010 an art historian from New York happens to see the portrait of Mrs. Peale and, abruptly, everything changes.

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Contributions processed April 1, 2019 through February 2, 2021. Every effort is made to accurately report all donations. However, there was a flurry of donations at the last minute to meet the 12/31/2020 deadline so this listing may not be complete. Errors and omissions may occur. If you see an error, please bring it to our attention so that a correction can be made in future listings.

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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 huge 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** made provisions for a bequest to the Alumni Association

Including the Alumni Association in your estate plans is an effortless way to support the Schools. Please consult with your attorney and 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) 243-350 or at dalamdin@aol.com.

The Officers and board members of the Alumni Association are extremely grateful to all alumni who help support our mission. We offer our special thanks to those listed below who made additional contributions—above and beyond their membership dues—to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Paul Duchscherer Memorial Scholarship

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