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SEASON'S GREETINGS!



With this issue, we are providing a report on the AA's activities in 2018. As you will be able to see in the report, in my first year as president, the AA has been very active on many fronts as the AA has sought to fulfill its mission responsibilities. Be sure to note the information on the recently established AA Heritage Society, and the recently published *AA Journal*, and the new board of directors for the AA which assumes office on January 1, 2019. Sincere thanks to Carrie Taylor, Chris Pollock, and Carl Kline for their service on the board for the past three years; and welcome to Bob Chapman as the new vice president, and new board members Nancy Golden and James Russiello.

The breadth and scope of AA activities in 2018 could not have been accomplished without the tireless, volunteer efforts of many people, too many to enumerate here. The AA appreciates the efforts very, very much of so many of you. We simply could not continue to function without your efforts.

The AA Board saw the necessity to slightly raise the membership dues after about 10 years of no increases. We are now in an early renewal process to encourage membership renewals at the old 2018 rate before the new rates go into effect on January 1, 2019.

Please see the enclosed membership renewal form and renew before 12/31/2018 to get the savings.

The AA needs a treasurer. The treasurer's duties include depositing checks and paying bills and keeping track of income and expenses in an accounting system so that annual reports and a budget can be generated. The workload is very light. Please let me know if you might be interested in this important volunteer position.

The AA is looking for hosts for recruiting parties for the 2019 Summer Schools. **These events must be held shortly as the deadline for 2019 Summer School applications is March 1, 2019.** The AA can contribute up to \$250 to help cover the cost of a recruitment party. Please let me know if you wish to host an event or if you want additional information.

The Spring 2019 Study Tour and Annual meeting of the VSA will be held in Philadelphia from Wednesday, May 22 through Saturday, May 25, 2019. The HQ hotel is the Loews Philadelphia in Center City at 12th and Market. The AA would like to hold its **Annual Meeting and Dinner on Friday evening, May 24** at a private home near the hotel. The usual attendance is about 15 to 20 people. The AA will pay the expenses. If you might be able to host such an event, please contact me as soon as possible so that we can have the meeting publicized in the VSA tour brochure.

The officers and directors of the Alumni Association (AA) of the Victorian Society Summer Schools extend best wishes for the holidays, a healthy and happy 2019, and deep appreciation for your support of our organization.

David Lamdin (dalamdin@aol.com)
President



REPORT on 2018 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

In early 2018, the AA financially or otherwise supported Summer School Recruiting Events in NYC, Chicago, SF, and Norfolk. (see report following)

In March 2018, the AA published a Newsletter which was mailed to all its members. Two subsequent Newsletters were digitally sent to members. The AA *Journal*, a 44-page color publication was distributed in November to current AA members and posted to the AA website. With the approval of the VSA, the AA recognized in the *Journal* significant donors to VSA Summer Schools.

In March 2018, the AA provided the VSA (SSC) with \$23,250 for 2018 SS scholarships. Together with a prior donation of \$1,000 in late 2017, the total donation to the scholarship program for 2018 SS students from the AA was \$24,250.



The AA joined with the VSA to send flowers to the memorial service for Gavin Stamp. The AA also joined with the VSA to publish a memorial booklet in memory of Gavin. The booklet contained remembrances from many of the students who were fortunate to have studied with Gavin. These booklets were very well received and were distributed to Gavin's family and to donors to the London SS scholarship fund established by the AA in memory of Gavin.



As required by its Bylaws, the AA held a very successful Annual Meeting and Dinner in Madison, WI in May 2018 at the beautiful home of David and Jane Villa. Over two dozen members were in attendance. Numerous bylaw changes were approved, and a new board was elected to serve for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2019. The AA Bylaws as revised were subsequently approved by the VSA and are available for viewing on the AA's web site: vsaalumni.org

In the summer of 2018, the AA financially or otherwise supported receptions for the summer schools.

In the summer of 2018, the AA received numerous donations to the scholarship funds in memory of Carole Chapman including a very generous grant of \$10,000 from the Bob and Carole Chapman Trust Fund.

The AA had not increased its dues and donation structure for about 10 years. Accordingly, the AA Board approved a modest increase in basic membership dues from \$45 to \$55 a year. Similar increases were made in the higher levels of membership. The AA has begun the 2019 membership renewal process permitting members to renew at the old rates before the new rates become effective on January 1, 2019.

By all accounts, the recent Alumni Study Tour to Northern Ireland from 2-10 October, organized by our guide the architect John Redmill was a smashing success! This 22nd AA tour (19th foreign) started with a Reception at the Irish Architectural Archive in Dublin and ended with a Final Dinner at the Lough Erne Resort Hotel. In between the group of 31 participants experienced an illustrated lecture and walking tour of Belfast with architect Marcus Patton, visits to many National Trust properties such as Mount Stewart and Castle Coole. Fabulous lunches and tours at Ballydugan House with Mrs. Simone Beech, Ballywalter House with Lord and Lady Dunleath and Clondeboye House with the Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava. A visit to the Titanic Museum and Experience in Belfast as well as many other visits too numerous to mention made for a most satisfying experience for the Summer School Alumni.



The AA currently has about 275 Households with the number of individual members being a few dozen more.

With the \$10,000 bequest from the estate of Paul Duchscherer and the \$10,000 grant from Bob and Carole Chapman, the AA sought and received approval from the VSA for there to be established within the AA a Heritage Society where the AA will publicly acknowledge those who have named the AA as a beneficiary in their wills or estate plans. Those who have created a personal legacy by already including the AA in their estate plans or those who plan to include the AA in those plans should notify the AA president of their action or intent so that they may be enrolled in the AA Heritage Society and acknowledged for their generosity.

The AA updated the website in December. Please visit the web site at vsaalumni.org Updated information is regularly posted to the AA's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/vsaalumni>

2018 Recruitment Events

Recruitment events are an extremely effective way to introduce prospective students to the Summer Schools. We encourage alumni involved with Victorian Society Chapters, museums, and other such organizations to arrange for a recruitment event. The Alumni Association provides **up to** \$250 to help cover the costs of such events as well as copies of the Summer Schools brochures, the *Alumni Journal*, and the names and addresses of alumni in your area. If you are interested in arranging a recruitment event, contact David Lamdin at dalamdin@aol.com.

The Chicago Recruitment Event was co-hosted by the Victorian Society in America and the Alumni Association on January 22, 2018 at the Chicago AIA and SAH building. Over 60 people attended the event featuring a presentation, *Looking at H.H. Richardson's Other Chicago House*, given by **John Waters** (Newport 2007, London 2013, Chicago 2015), then the co-director of the Chicago Summer School and the preservation programs manager of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, and Justin Miller, architectural historian from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. **Andrew Elders** (Newport 2017) shared his experience at the school to a receptive audience.

The Norfolk Recruitment Event was hosted by the Norfolk Chapter of the Victorian Society at the historic Eloise Hunter Museum in downtown Norfolk, Virginia on February 9, 2018. After the attendees enjoyed wine and snacks provided by the Norfolk Chapter, Jaclyn Spainhour (Newport 2013) explained the logistics of applying to the schools, how to obtain scholarships, and details of the programs at the Newport, Chicago, and London Schools.



The New York Recruitment Event was co-hosted by the Alumni Association and The Victorian Society in America at the Jefferson Market on February 14, 2018. Richard Guy Wilson presented a lecture, *The Greatest Victorian Architect: Frank Lloyd Wright and Newport Rhode Island* to a standing-room-only audience. Recent students from the classes of 2017 Moira Gallagher, Alexis Barr, and Amon White shared their experiences at Newport, Chicago and London schools, respectively.

The San Francisco Recruitment Event was held in February 2018 in the 1885 residence of Cher Zillam, designed by German born architect Henry Geilfuss for William Westerfield, a successful German immigrant in the catering and bakery business. Jim Siegel and the Alumni Association sponsored the event, which was organized by Alumni **Hank Dunlop, Stephen Haigh, Ian Burke and Christopher Pollock. Adam Klafter** (London 2014, Newport 2015) reviewed the myriad places visited in the London School. **Kyle McGuire** (Newport 2014) talked about the Newport School as well as the 2016 Alumni Association Study Tour to Vienna.



Congratulations to **Laura L. Camerlengo** (London 2008), Associate Curator of Costume and Textile Arts, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, who is the respective co-curator and curator of two current exhibitions at the de Young Museum, San Francisco - « **Contemporary Muslim Fashions** » (on view through January 6, 2019) and « **Fans of the Eighteenth Century** (on view through spring 2019).

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We could not possibly function as an organization and fulfill our mission without the financial support of all our members.

If you have not yet done so, please consider renewing your membership now. Information on how to renew can be found on our website: vsaalumni.org

We would like to especially thank those individuals at the Sustainer, Supporter, and above categories (\$100 or more per year) for their generous support of the Scholarship Funds, those who donated to a specific Summer School, and those who made memorial donations to the Scholarship Funds. Please let us know if you see any errors in this list.

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Darrell Lemke and Maryellen Trautman

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

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.

Including the Alumni Association in your estate plans is an effortless way to support the Schools. 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.