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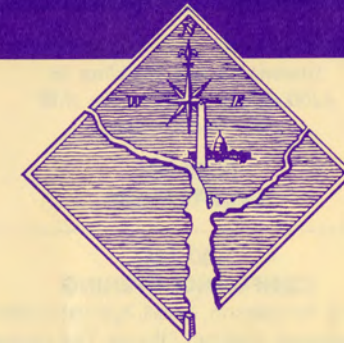
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FRIDAY, February 25

*University of the District of Columbia
Student Lounge, Building 38
4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
(Van Ness Campus)*

12:30 P.M. REGISTRATION

1:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE OPENING

Francine I. Henderson, Head, Special Collections Department, Gelman Library, The George Washington University

1:15–2:45 P.M.

FRITZ GUTHEIM: HIS LIFE AND LEGACY TO WASHINGTON AREA STUDIES

Participants in this session will assess the career of Frederick "Fritz" Guthem—noted urban and regional planner, architectural historian, historic preservationist, environmentalist, and much more—who died in October, 1993.

Moderator:

Howard Gillette, Professor of American Civilization, The George Washington University

Panelists:

Gilbert Gude, Chairman, Potomac River Consortium

Jane Loeffler, Architectural Historian, Ph.D. candidate, American Civilization, The George Washington University

Eileen McGuckian, Executive Director, Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd.

Gail Rothrock, Planning Supervisor, Historic Preservation Section, Maryland National Park and Planning Commission

Dana White, Professor of Urban Studies, Institute of Liberal Arts, Emory University, Atlanta

Comments:

Richard Longstreth, Professor of American Civilization, The George Washington University

3:00–5:00 P.M., Session I A TALE OF TWO COMMUNITIES

This session will examine two suburban Maryland Communities: Bethesda and North Brentwood.

Moderator:

Jane Freundel Levey, former Managing Editor, Washington History Magazine; Historian, The History Factory

Papers:

"Bethesda, 1865–1945," William Offutt, retired Montgomery County Public School teacher and local historian

"North Brentwood: Sociology and Demography Meet History," Frank Harold Wilson, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and Fellow, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin, Madison

"Organizing a Community History Project,"

Ruth J. Wilson, Project Director, Footsteps from North Brentwood

3:00–5:00 P.M., Session II A MAP OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1870 TO 1874: THE BIRTH OF MODERN WASHINGTON IN THE TERRITORIAL PERIOD

Participants in this session will explore major changes to the face of Washington, D.C. in the brief period of the Territorial Government.

Moderator:

William M. Maury, Author of *Alexander "Boss" Shepherd and the Board of Public Works*

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Presenter:

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7:30–9:30 P.M.

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Speaker:

Amina Dickerson, Director, Elizabeth F. Cheney Center for Education and Public Programs, Chicago Historical Society

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A SECOND MILEPOST ON THE ROAD TO SELF- GOVERNMENT: THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION FROM THE APPOINTED COMMISSIONER/COUNCIL GOVERNMENT TO THE ELECTIVE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Moderator:

John R. Risher, Jr., former District of Columbia Corporation Counsel

Panelists:

Sterling Tucker, Chairman of the first elected Council of the District of Columbia and a member of the appointed Council

Douglas E. Moore, former Democratic Council member-at-large and Brookland Community Activist

Jerry A. Moore, former Republican Council member-at-large and a member of the appointed Council

Marty Swain, former member of the Board of Education

12:00–1:15 P.M.

LUNCH, FILM PRESENTATION, AND DISCUSSION: "IN SEARCH OF COMMON GROUND"

Bring your lunch and view this acclaimed video based on the oral histories of the senior residents of the Potomac Gardens public housing site. Betsy Cox, producer of the film, and Thelma Russell, President, Potomac Gardens Senior Resident Council, will be on hand to discuss the film with the audience.

1:15–3:00 P.M., Session I

THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL: 1793–1993

The Capitol occupies a significant place in American culture as in the city of Washington itself. The panel explores the celebrations connected with the building's inception, centennial, and bicentennial.

Papers:

"Restoring 'Freedom,'" Barbara Walanin, Office of the Architect of the Capitol

"U.S. Capitol Historical Society, 1993 and Beyond," Clarence Brown, President, U.S. Capitol Historical Society

"1793, 1893, 1993: Celebrations of the Capitol," Matthew Gilmore, Librarian, Washingtoniana Division, District of Columbia Public Library

1:15–3:00 P.M., Session II

DESIGNING THE "SECRET CITY": AFRICAN- AMERICAN ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS

The contributions of African-Americans to Washington's cityscape have remained obscure for too long. The physical fabric of the city testifies to their individual achievement in the face of constricted opportunities.

Moderator:

Glen B. Leiner, Landmark/National Register Coordinator, D.C. Historic Preservation Office

Papers:

"Traditions of Building: Contractors and Craftsmen in Deanwood," Ruth Ann Overbeck, President, Washington Perspectives, Inc.

"A Hidden Legacy: The Work of African-American Architects in the District of Columbia, 1876–1940," Betty Bird, Architectural Historian, Washington, D.C.

"Howard University's School of Architecture," Harry G. Robinson, III, F.A.I.A., Dean, Howard University School of Architecture and Planning

3:15–5:00 P.M., Session I

BUILDING AND BEAUTIFYING THE CAPITAL CITY: A TASK FOR GERMAN-AMERICAN ARTISTS AND ARTISANS

Moderator:

Volker K. Schmeissner, Associate Professor, Northern Virginia Community College

Panelists:

“D.C. Then and Now, a Comparison,” Raymond A. Ehrle, Retired Educator, Psychologist and Military Officer

“The Impact of the Civil War,” Bradford Miller, President, The German Heritage Society of Greater Washington, D.C.

“German American Architecture and Sculpture in Washington, D.C.,” Nancy Pierce, The German Heritage Society of Greater Washington, D.C.

“Music in Washington, D.C.,” Frank H. Pierce, The German Heritage Society of Greater Washington, D.C.

“German-American Merchants,” Eda S. Offutt, Docent, The Historian Society of Washington, D.C.

“Contributors to the Community,” Dennis Olsen, Superintendent, Prospect Hill Cemetery

3:15–5:00 P.M., Session II

THE WHITELAW HOTEL: AFFIRMING A COMMUNITY THROUGH HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Segregation was firmly entrenched in Washington in 1919, the year that the Whitelaw Hotel opened for an exclusively black clientele at 13th and T Streets, N.W. As segregation ended, so did the Whitelaw's glory days. Nine years after the 1968 riots devastated the Shaw neighborhood, the Whitelaw Hotel closed. In 1991, Manna, Inc., reopened the Whitelaw Hotel to provide housing for low- and moderate-income tenants. Aware of the Hotel's historical significance, Manna restored the Whitelaw's ballroom and memories of its glorious past.

Moderator:

Mary Beth Corrigan, Curator of Research Collections, Historical Society of Washington

Panelists:

David Hurley, Director of Development, Manna, Inc.

Bruce Duffy, Novelist

Pauline Jones, Activist and Archivist, St. Augustine's Catholic Church

Tally Holmes, Jr., former owner of The Whitelaw Hotel

The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. (HSW), formerly the Columbia Historical Society, was founded in 1894 to preserve, collect, and teach the history of the nation's capital. Now entering its second century, HSW strives to use the past to enrich the life of today's Washington and to foster among its diverse communities a strong sense of civic identity upon which to build a shared vision of the city's future. HSW's extensive research collections, programs, publications, and exhibits document the national, regional, and local events, movements, and personalities that have shaped Washington since 1790. The research collections are open to the public, as are two exhibit galleries and period rooms in the Christian Heurich memorial mansion. *Washington History*, HSW's semiannual magazine, is a free membership benefit. For more information about HSW, please call (202) 785-2068.

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