FY 2021 in Review

On behalf of the Board of Managers of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Texas (NSCDA-TX) and the Museum’s Board and staff, we are honored to present the Fourth Annual Report for the Neill-Cochran House Museum. FY21 was a year like no other, dominated from start to finish by the global COVID-19 pandemic. However, despite the extraordinary circumstances, the NCHM finished the year in a strong financial position and poised to thrive.

Financially, the NCHM completed FY21 in such a strong position thanks to tremendous philanthropic support. The Annual Fund set a new record, with over $145,000 in giving (25% above target). We are touched by and profoundly grateful for our community’s support in a year that has been so hard for so many.

In April, the NSCDA-TX hosted “A Texas Tribute,” a virtual gala in support of the organization’s mission in historic preservation. This event, with a robust working committee under the strong leadership of co-chairs Aline Wilson and Fay Kirby, raised over $200,000, enough that we have already added $60,000 to the NCHM Endowment for the Museum’s long-term sustainability. Those additional funds and careful stewardship have brought the NCHM Endowment past the $1,000,000 mark. Growth of the Endowment remains a primary objective for the long-term stability of the NCHM, and we are on the right path.

The major programming focus as FY21 began was the extension of the wildly successful exhibition If These Walls Could Talk, which closed on November 22, 2020. Though originally committed through May 3, 2020, lenders graciously extended their loans through November, allowing the Museum to expand our reach to more of the Austin community, in particular through a series of sold-out performances that connected the exhibition to Black Austin history.

In many ways, FY21 was a year to pivot. Curatorial staff and easy-going visitors, the Museum also pivoted to offer events staged outdoors, and invited visual and performing artists to use our grounds for their work. Through all of this outreach, exposure among staff and between staff and visitors. As a result, the Museum was open to the public from mid-August onward without disruption, while most Museums in Austin remained closed. Thanks to nimble staff and easy-going visitors, the Museum also pivoted to offer events staged outdoors, and invited visual and performing artists and musicians to use our grounds for their work. Through all of this outreach, the Museum has more deeply tied itself to our Austin community, and we look forward to continuing that important effort as we move forward.

Operationally, the NCHM faced significant challenges in FY21. The Museum closed for six weeks in July and August, due to the summer COVID surge. However, this is one instance in which our small size proved a strength. We retained every member of staff throughout the pandemic and staged on-site work to limit exposure among staff and between staff and visitors. As a result, the Museum was open to the public from mid-August onward without disruption, while most Museums in Austin remained closed. Thanks to nimble staff and easy-going visitors, the Museum also pivoted to offer events staged outdoors, and invited visual and performing artists and musicians to use our grounds for their work. Through all of this outreach, the Museum has more deeply tied itself to our Austin community, and we look forward to continuing that important effort as we move forward.

All of us associated with the Neill-Cochran House Museum thank the hundreds of donors who stepped forward this year to ensure that the Museum remained on solid financial footing despite the disruptions of a global pandemic, and the thousands of visitors who trusted that we would provide safe experiences. Thank you for your support.

Eileen Moody
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Rowena Dasch
Executive Director, NCHM

Cover Image: Works exhibited in Hope for Spring: The Flower of Texas, Displayed March 10–April 11, 2021.

A Word of Welcome

We are proud to have maintained these strong numbers in the face of COVID-19.
Inaugural NCHM Members

This year we launched the Neill-Cochran House Museum Membership program. Members are a part of a community that cares about the history of Austin and Texas. NCHM Membership provides exclusive benefits like free admission to the historic house museum and slave quarters at any time, reduced cost for guided tours and programming, and a 10% discount at our Gift Shop. Higher level memberships enjoy access for two to Modern Times and historically focused travel opportunities. Visit www.nchmuseum.org/get-involved to join this fun and vibrant community.

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