FY 2022 in Review

A Word of Welcome

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 Fifth Annual Report for the Neill-Cochran House Museum.

When we published our first Annual Report five years ago, it represented a new stage in our growth as an organization, and this new milestone offers a welcome opportunity to look back and to reflect upon our success. In FY18, we saw 6,500 visitors. In FY22, despite the continued pall of COVID-19, we welcomed nearly 9,000. In FY18, our Annual Fund income was $110K, while this year we topped $145K for the second year in a row. And over these 5 years, the Museum has mounted 17 visual arts and history exhibitions and worked with numerous contemporary artists to connect past and present.

But the Museum has come alive in other ways as well. Even prior to the pandemic, we were becoming known as a welcoming home to the visual and performing arts, but over the past two years we have embraced the flexibility of our site in myriad ways. As a result, we have greatly expanded our visibility across Austin. We began FY22 as the home site for the Austin Chamber Music Festival, and it was truly an honor and a pleasure to welcome Austin’s best classical musicians to our front porch. To see (and particularly to hear) Michelle Schumann at the piano was breathtaking. We followed on with performances sponsored by Beethoven, Penfold Theater, Opera for Earth, Ventana Ballet, and others over the course of the year who used our grounds and even our installed historic spaces as backdrops for their art.

This year also witnessed the beginning of the next phase of work to share our site’s Slave Quarters with the public. The project, Reckoning with the Past: The Untold Story of Race in Austin, on which we have partnered with Dr. Tara Dudley (Assistant Professor in the School of Architecture at UT-Austin), saw its public debut in April when the Museum brought Joe McGill, founder of The Slave Dwelling Project, to Austin to overnight in the Slave Quarters and to participate in two days of community-focused events. A standing-room-only panel addressed the important role historic sites and historic preservation can play in racial reconciliation; a private dinner brought Austin stakeholders together in this work; and a day of family programming reached our community to begin the work of expanding the narrative of our site and Austin to include all of the men, women, and children who helped to make our city what it is today.

Community support for this project has been gratifying and we have welcomed many new donors to the Museum over the past year. Fundraising for the $500K project continues, and if you have an interest in joining us in this important work, we welcome your support! More information is available on our website at nchmuseum.org/slave-quarters or call Development Director Ann Flemings at the Museum (512.478.2335) for more.

As we continue to grow, so does our website. We invite you to explore our exhibitions, the Slave Quarters project, and to spend some time on our Press & Media page, where you will learn more about our impact. We thank you, our donors and steadfast supporters, for making our success possible, and we look forward to seeing you at the Museum soon and often over the course of the year ahead.

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Endowment and Special Gifts ($24K)
NSCDA Dues & Investments ($161K)
Programs, Admissions, Rentals, and Gift Shop ($68K)
Reckoning with the Past ($38K)

Figures above (and information in this report) reflect fiscal year beginning June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022.

On April 23rd and 24th, the Neill-Cochran House Museum welcomed over 300 members of the community to the launch of the Reckoning with the Past Project to restore and reinterpret the only remaining slave dwelling in the city of Austin. The weekend would not have been possible without our wonderful community of sponsors. To learn more about the project, or to become a sponsor, visit www.nchmuseum.org/slave-quarters.

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“Your innovative programs are an inspiration.”

“I love the work you’re doing. If only all house museums were as creative. You have definitely reimagined the historic house.”

“Very much enjoyed our visit with you yesterday…. Great place to see the history!”

“The whole experience was amazing and I would recommend anyone to go to visit.”

I love this place! The director and staff have really worked hard to make this a place for everyone. I’ve enjoyed touring the house, seeing the art shows, attending events - summer movies under the oaks, various performances also under the oaks and in the house. Most recently saw Ventana Ballet perform. It was exquisite!

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