

THE CAPITOL DOME



A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED
BY THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
VOLUME 52, NUMBER 4 ★ WINTER-SPRING 2016

IN THIS ISSUE:

UPCOMING EVENTS

PAGE 2

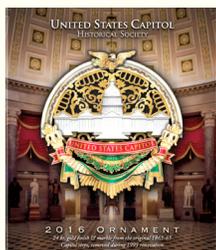


FREEDOM AWARD
TO DAVID McCULLOUGH
PAGE 4



MARKETPLACE

PAGE 5 & 6



AUTUMN BROWN BAGS CONSIDER CONSERVATION IN THE CAPITOL



Joe Abriatis



In October, two speakers detailed different aspects of ongoing conservation occurring within the Capitol complex. First, Curator for the Architect of the Capitol **Michele Cohen** discussed the Grant Memorial. Her presentation included information about the creation of the memorial in the early 20th century, including its theme of postwar reunification through focusing on individual pain and soldiers' dependence upon one another. Cohen also covered the ongoing conservation of the memorial, which is intended to return the pieces to their original finish, preserve that work with new protective coating, and fabricate and install pieces lost to vandals or corrosion.

Construction Manager in the Office of the Architect of the Capitol **Joseph Abriatis** spoke about the restoration of the Capitol Dome and Rotunda. The Architect's office is hoping, with regular maintenance, this restoration will last about 75 years; planning for it began in 1992. Abriatis provided myriad details and facts about the interior and exterior scaffolding and other elements of the restoration infrastructure and process. During the presentation, attendees passed around examples of corroded pieces, paint chips, and the repair process used on cracks.

Cohen's talk has been broadcast on C-SPAN's American History TV. To find all of our past events, search for "U.S. Capitol Historical Society."



Examples of the mechanical stitching process being used to repair cracks in the Dome. (left and above)

Michele Cohen (left) speaks with an audience member.



SPRING EVENTS AT USCHS: BOOK TALKS AND ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM COMING UP



Mary McGrory, the subject of the March 10 book talk

This spring, the U. S. Capitol Historical Society is planning several noon book events in addition to the annual symposium. On Thursday, March 10, author **John Norris** will discuss his newest book, *Mary McGrory: The First Queen of Journalism*, with Historian Emeritus of the Senate **Don Ritchie**. **Cindy Gueli** will discuss her book on Wednesday, March 16; *Lipstick Brigade: The Untold True Story of Washington's World War II Government Girls* explores the roles and experiences of women government workers in Washington, DC during WWII. Finally, on Wednesday, April 13, Mau VanDuren

will talk about his work on *Many Heads and Many Hands: James Madison's Search for a More Perfect Union*.

All talks are free and open to the public and will begin at noon in Ketchum Hall at 200 Maryland Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20002. Pre-registration is recommended.

Next, USCHS will present its annual symposium in May. This year's event is taking a broad look at immigration across U.S. history. Passed nearly thirty years ago, the Simpson-Mazzoli Act tackled the revision and reform of immigration laws to handle both legal and illegal immigration. The symposium will use this 1986 legislation as its stopping point as speakers from around the country examine immigration and related issues through American history. The event is free and open to the public; check www.uschs.org for updates and pre-registration forms as they become available.

USCHS CO-SPONSORS PRESIDENTIAL EVENTS

On 6-7 November 2015, the U.S. Capitol Historical Society partnered with the Friends of the James A. Garfield National Historic Site, the National Park Service, and numerous other academic and cultural institutions in beautiful northeastern Ohio for the Second Annual James A. Garfield Symposium. The collaboration was especially relevant to the USCHS's mission because the symposium's theme was "Garfield in Washington." In sessions devoted to, among other topics, the Electoral Commission of 1876 and the social life of black elites in DC, symposium participants were invited to broaden and deepen their knowledge of Garfield's public service as an important member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1863-80), before his better-known but arguably less impactful six months as president (1881). The collaboration also represented an innovative step towards developing a "Congressional History Consortium" by which resources, programmatic events, and a limited range of benefits might be shared among USCHS and other institutions and historic sites dedicated to promoting the history of Congress through the lives of its former members.

On December 3, USCHS joined five other organizations to sponsor "Abraham Lincoln—A Press Conference." George Buss appeared as Abraham Lincoln and answered questions from past National Press Club presidents and the audience. Robert Lenz, a former Abraham Lincoln Association president, accompanied Buss and acted as Lincoln's press secretary. The event proceeded as if it were April 1865, after the fall of Richmond but (obviously) before Lincoln's assassination. Questions and topics ranged from the role of the press, to Lincoln's personal feelings, to the Civil War and the postwar future. The event co-sponsors included the Abraham Lincoln Association; the Illinois State Society of Washington, DC; the Lincoln Academy of Illinois; the Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia; and the National Press Club.



George Buss interprets Abraham Lincoln as former National Press Club Presidents Gilbert Klein (right) and Larry Lipman listen to him answer their questions.



Robert Lenz sets the scene for the press conference attendees.

Congressional Breakfast Features Chief of Staff Christopher Gahan



The Honorable Ron Sarasin (USCHS President) greets special guest Christopher Gahan (Office of Senator Pat Toomey).



Charlie Ing (Toyota Motors North America) and Ed McClellan (PricewaterhouseCoopers) smile in response to Gahan's remarks.



Christopher Gahan gives a mini-history lesson about the desks in the Senate Chamber.



(left to right) Laura McCulty Stepp (USCHS), Ed McClellan (PricewaterhouseCoopers), Richard Shanahan (ELFA), Chuck diGiacomantonio (USCHS), and Garrick Francis (CSX)



Anthony Cimino (Financial Services Roundtable) chats with Kent Roberson (CSX).



Darrel Jodrey (Johnson & Johnson) was among the guests.



Guests sit down to enjoy breakfast. Portraits of Mike Mansfield (left) and George Washington (right) decorate the wood-paneled walls.

Christopher Gahan, Chief of Staff to Senator Pat Toomey (PA), was the U.S. Capitol Historical Society's guest speaker at the Congressional Breakfast in the Mike Mansfield Room of the U.S. Capitol on October 6, 2015. Gahan spoke informally with Leadership Council, Constitution Signers, and Brumidi Society members of the USCHS Capitol Committee, providing an engaging history lesson on the desks in the Senate Chamber. One of the Capitol Committee members commented that Gahan's presentation was the perfect combination of "levity, creativity, and history."

Special thanks to The Boeing Company for its exclusive support of this event.

FREEDOM AWARD TO BE PRESENTED TO DAVID McCULLOUGH



The USCHS Board of Trustees will present David McCullough with the Freedom Award. McCullough has been widely acclaimed as a “master of the art of narrative history.”

USCHS members at the Cornerstone (\$100 level or higher will receive an invitation to a reception on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 in National Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol where McCullough will receive this prestigious award.

Watch your mailbox and email for an invitation. Space will be limited to the first who accept the invitation. Not a USCHS member? Join or renew now!

For questions or additional information, please contact Bee Barnett by email or by phone at (202) 543-8919 x 20.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CAPITAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

ANNUAL TRUSTEE BREAKFAST

Date and speaker to be announced
For Leadership Council members.

CHIEF OF STAFF EVENT

Date and speaker to be announced
For Constitution Signers members and above.

CONGRESSIONAL BREAKFAST

Date and speaker to be announced
For Constantino Brumidi Society
members and above.

Capitol Committee Updates

USCHS thanks those who renewed, upgraded, or joined the Capitol Committee (October 2015 – December 2015).

Leadership Council (\$25,000 and above)

Altria Group, Inc.
Amway
Bank of America
The Boeing Company
Express Scripts
Grant Thornton LLP
PepsiCo, Inc.
Time Warner
UPS

Comcast NBCUniversal
CSX Corporation
Equipment Leasing and Finance Association
Phillips 66
Salt River Project
Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association
Southern Company Services, Inc.
Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Founder Members (\$5,000-\$9,999)

Airports Council International – North America
EMD Serono, Inc.
Federal Policy Group
General Electric
General Mills, Inc.
Takeda Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc.
Texas Instruments Incorporated

The Society deeply appreciates all the Capitol Committee members for their continued involvement and support of its educational mission.

For more information about the many terrific benefits available to you as a Capitol Committee member, please contact: Marilyn Green, Director, Corporate Giving at (202) 543-8919 x21 or mgreen@uschs.org, or Victoria Wolfe, Manager, Development & Outreach, at (202) 543-8919 x23 or VictoriaWolfe@uschs.org.

Constitution Signers (\$15,000-\$24,999)

Association for Advanced Life Underwriting
Beer Institute
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Norfolk Southern Corporation
United Technologies Corporation

Constantino Brumidi Society (\$10,000-\$14,999)

AbbVie
Allergan
American Society of Civil Engineers
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals
Business Roundtable

LEAVING A LEGACY

By including USCHS in your bequests, you can instill and foster informed citizenship for generations to come. If you are considering a bequest to USCHS, here is some suggested wording for your attorney:

After fulfilling all other specific provisions, I give, devise, bequeath _____% of the remainder [or \$_____] to the United States Capitol Historical Society, a District of Columbia charitable corporation [Tax ID #52-0796820] currently having offices at 200 Maryland Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002.

For more information please contact Laura McCulty Stepp, VP, Membership and Development at 202-643-8919 x22.

SPRING MARKETPLACE

2016 LED DOME ORNAMENT

The Capitol Dome is lit from within by an LED light with switch and enamelled in white over 24 kt. gold. Beautifully gift boxed.

(3”T x 2”W x 1”D) “Proudly Made in America”

#002926 \$28.00
Members \$25.20

EARLY BIRD SPRING PROMOTION!

BUY YOUR ORNAMENT NOW AND GET
DELIVERY IN AUGUST!

SAVE 15% OFF
IN-SEASON RETAIL!

(Promotion available until July 15, 2016.)

2016 MARBLE ARCH CAPITOL ORNAMENT

This classic Capitol design is crafted from the marble of the east front steps removed during the 1995-96 renovations. The Capitol rests on a 24kt gold filigree and enameled design. Elegantly gift boxed with provenance card.

(3” x 2.25”) “Proudly Made in America”

#002925 \$26.00
Members \$23.40

5” MARBLE STATUE OF FREEDOM

This beautiful sculpture is a 5” replica of the U.S. Capitol’s crowning symbol of freedom and democracy. Formed from the marble of the steps removed from the east front of the Capitol during the 1995-96 renovations.

“Made in the USA.”

#002716 \$28.00
Members \$25.20



MARBLE DOME PAPERWEIGHT

Centered on a circular wood base, this replica of the dome of the U.S. Capitol is made from the marble of the east front steps. (USA)

#002769 \$48.00
Members \$43.20



GREAT SEAL PAPERWEIGHT

This unique 3.5” diameter paperweight, featuring an antique relief of the Great Seal of the United States, is crafted from marble from the east front steps of the Capitol.

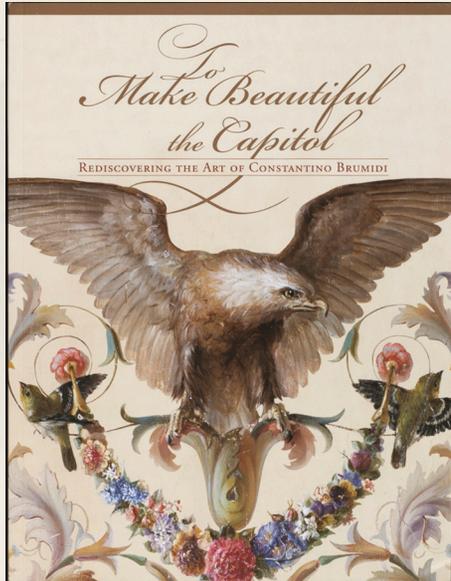
#002559 \$28.00
Members \$25.20

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

WWW.CONSTITUTIONSTORE.ORG

Order online: www.uschscatalog.org ★ By phone: (202) 543-8919, ext. 10; toll free: 1-800-887-9318, ext. 10

SPRING MARKETPLACE



TO MAKE BEAUTIFUL THE CAPITOL

Detailed history of renowned Italian-born artist Constantino Brumidi's masterful work "making beautiful" the walls and ceilings of the United States Capitol over a span of 25 years starting in 1854. Every page delights with gorgeous, full-color photographs and images of Brumidi's art, from photographs of the frescoes and decoration, to sketches, paintings, and images of the artist, particularly the Brumidi Corridors and his "monumental fresco" in the Capitol Rotunda, called *The Apotheosis of Washington*. Fascinating anecdotes are included throughout of the artist and the inspirations he received for various elements, his relationship with engineer Montgomery C. Meigs, and the conservation efforts to preserve his work accurately for posterity. Published by the Senate Curator, Paperback, 2014: 137 p.

#002757 \$30.00
Members \$27.00



PATRIOTIC TRINKET BOXES

These fine collectibles are made of pewter and decorated with European lacquers and fine crystals. Gift boxed.

#002785 (Egg) 1.75"D x 2.5"H	\$32.00	\$28.80
#002865 (Donkey) 3"L x 1.5"W x 2.75"H	\$32.00	\$28.80
#002866 (Elephant) 3.25"L x 1.5"W x 2.5"H	\$32.00	\$28.80

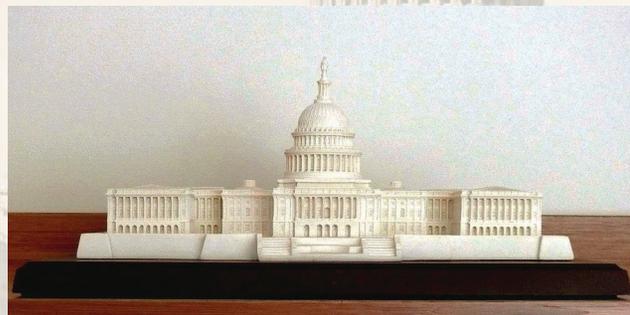


DOUBLE BELL ALARM CLOCK

This double bell metal timepiece features the east front of the Capitol entrance. Includes snooze function and light for night reading of the dial—a functional classic with a contemporary feel.

(6.25" T x 3.25" D x 4.25" W)

#002831 \$24.00
Members \$21.60



MARBLE CAPITOL REPLICA

Beautifully detailed replica of the Capitol is crafted from marble of the east front steps removed during renovations and ground to a fine powder. The mixture is then added to resin for exquisite detail. (9.25" x 5.75" x 3.25")

#002089 \$135.00 Members \$121.50



CAPITOL POCKETWATCH

Elegant European styled silvertone metal pocketwatch features the Capitol Dome in relief on the cover and the Great Seal of the United States at the top of the face. Chain and belt clasp attached. 1.75" diameter, 14" chain.

#002832 \$39.95
Members \$35.95



READER RESPONSES

Complete the appropriate sections of this page to enroll as a Society member, renew your membership, give a gift membership, or order items from *The Dome Marketplace*. If you are giving a gift membership, please provide the person's name and address below.

GIFT MEMBERSHIP:

CAPITOL ALUMNI MEMBERS

Tell us your connection with the Capitol.

EVENT REGISTRATION:

List the events that you wish to attend. Include your name(s) and contact information.

YES, I/WE WILL ATTEND:

You may fax this form to:
(202) 544-8244

or mail it to:

USCHS, 200 Maryland Ave., NE
Washington, DC 20002-5796

QUESTIONS?

Toll-free (800) 887-9318 x10
Local calls: (202) 543-8919 x10

YOUR INFORMATION

Name(s) _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- New Membership Membership Renewal Gift Membership
 Event Registration Marketplace Order Volunteering

LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP

- \$50-\$74 Charter Membership \$75-\$99 Freedom Society \$100-\$249 Cornerstone Society
 \$250-\$499 Rotunda Society \$500-\$999 Architect of History \$1,000-\$4,999 Capitol Circle

Please record me as a **Capitol Alumni** Member

DOME MARKETPLACE

Item Number	Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price

Complete form and fax to (202) 544-8244, or call toll free: 1-800-887-9318, ext. 10

SHIPPING AND HANDLING

\$20.00 (OR LESS)	\$7.95	\$50.01 to \$75.00	\$18.95
\$20.01 to \$30.00	\$9.95	\$75.01 to \$100.00	\$24.95
\$30.01 to \$40.00	\$12.95	More than \$100.00	\$34.95
\$40.01 to \$50.00	\$14.95		

- * Please add \$25.00 shipping for each framed print ordered.
 ** For packages over 25 lbs., add \$10.00 per additional 10 lbs.

SUB-TOTAL: _____

TAX (6% DC & MD): _____

SHIPPING: _____

MEMBERSHIP: _____

TOTAL: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Enclosed is a Check or Money Order payable to: **U. S. Capitol Historical Society**
 I am paying by Credit Card (please circle one):
 VISA MC AMEX DISCOVER

CARD # _____ EXP. DATE: _____ CODE: _____

Cardholder Signature (required): _____

USCHS Board of Trustees

Mitch Bainwol	Craig Purser
Hon. Kenneth E. Bentsen, Jr.	David W. Regan
Hon. Roy Blunt	Cokie Roberts
Jean P. Bordewich	Hon. Ron Sarasin
Nicholas E. Calio	Anna Schneider
Sean Callinicos	Jan Schoonmaker
Donald G. Carlson	Matthew Shay
Hon. E. Thomas Coleman	Mark Shields
L. Neale Cosby	Dontai Smalls
Jeanne deCervens	William G. Sutton, CAE
Joseph W. Dooley	Hon. Ellen O'Kane Tauscher
Andrew Durant	Connie Tipton
Hon. Virginia Foxx	Hon. John C. Tuck
Mary Moore Hamrick	Mark Valente III
Hon. John B. Larson	Tim White
Jennifer LaTourette	Mike Zarrelli
Brett Loper	
Lorraine Miller	J. Dennis Molloy (counsel)

The Capitol Dome is a quarterly publication of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, 200 Maryland Ave., NE Washington, DC 20002
 P: (202) 543-8919 ★ F: (202) 544-8244
 Toll Free: 1-800-887-9318
 Email: uschs@uschs.org
 Web: www.uschs.org

Chief Historian:
 William C. diGiacomantonio
 Editor: Lauren Borchard
 Designer: Diana E. Wailes

All uncredited photos are courtesy of the U. S. Capitol Historical Society.

For more information on membership categories and benefits, visit: www.uschs.org.
 For additional product choices, visit: www.uschscatalog.org or www.constitutionstore.org.