



# 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

**H**istoric Takoma, Inc. (HTI) is a membership-based, all-volunteer, non-profit organization [Sec. 501 (c)(3)] dedicated to helping preserve the heritage of Takoma Park, MD and Takoma, DC through educational activities and preservation of historical landmarks and archives. The mission of HTI is to improve the quality of life in the Takoma community by: (1) educating the public about the value of historic preservation; (2) preserving the architecture and physical environment of the Takoma community; (3) working with the community to revitalize business areas; (4) procuring and preserving artifacts and archives relating to the history of the community; (5) establishing and maintaining historic structures and exhibits for the public; and, (6) holding meetings and other events for the instruction and information of members and the public.

## **Metro Area Development**

Throughout the year, HTI was extensively involved with a proposal made in early 2000 to develop the present open space around the Takoma Metro station. This effort has included community notification of Washington Metro Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) announced intent to develop the open space as well as providing historic documentation of the citizen struggle and WMATA's agreement to create a park buffer at the Takoma Metro Station 30 years ago.

In addition, HTI formed a coalition with Takoma United (Takoma-DC) to investigate legal aspects of the proposed development. Further effort included giving testimony before the Takoma Park City Council, meetings with Montgomery County Council members, attendance at WMATA's public meetings, and participation in the Citizen's Advisory Committee formed by the District of Columbia Office of Planning in response to the issue.

## **Takoma Park Community Center**

In January, HTI participated along with Takoma Park citizens from neighborhoods close to the proposed new community center building on issues pertaining to scale, design and location. In November of 2000, HTI began working with a citizen's community center committee focused on scale, design, programming and funding for the new center. One goal of the committee was to reach a consensus on a conceptual design that will form the basis for funding requests in 2001.

## **Archives**

The HTI Archives Committee completed the first phase of making our archives accessible to the community

and to researchers on Takoma history. This involved the installation of computers, selection of appropriate software, and electronic cataloging of materials in the archives.

## **Educational Outreach to Children**

In June, HTI conducted its annual tour of the Thomas-Siegler Carriage House for ten fourth grade classes from Piney Branch Elementary School. The school trips focus on the history of Takoma Park.

HTI's Education Committee continued its work on production of a booklet on Takoma Park history that will be in used in conjunction with the tour at the school.

## **Carriage House Improvements**

The HTI Carriage House and Garden Committee organized several neighborhood volunteer days with either a master gardener or arborist present at the Thomas-Siegler Carriage House. One of the volunteer days was organized by Graeme Bannerman, a Takoma Park Boy Scout who chose improvement of the Carriage House grounds as the focus of his volunteer project for earning a Scout badge. The emphasis this season was on ivy pulling, poison ivy removal, and bed preparation.

The City of Takoma Park arborist has been working with the committee to develop a tree care plan and a tree health survey. Master gardener Brian Mahan provided an azalea pruning seminar, and performed a mass planting of naturalizing spring-flowering bulbs on behalf of HTI.

In memory of her deceased husband Phil Vogel, who was one of the co-founders of HTI, Ann Vogel pledged financial support for landscaping the carriage house grounds.

## **Montgomery County**

HTI once again joined its sister organizations in the celebration of Happy Birthday Montgomery County at the Beall Dawson House in Rockville, MD, on September 10.

HTI also participated in a series of meetings organized and convened by Montgomery County Council Member and now Council President Blair Ewing. While the catalyst was Montgomery Preservation Inc., preservation organizations and historians across the county are involved with this effort,

and HTI's presence, as the southernmost county organization, is especially valued.

### District of Columbia

More than 50 people attended HTI's first community forum held in October on historic preservation in DC. Ten speakers spoke on local architectural history and historic preservation issues. Items discussed included financial assistance needed by low income property owners for historic preservation, tax credits, a study for extending the Takoma Historic District to include those neighborhoods left out at the time of the Historic District's creation, the need for District legislation dealing with demolition by neglect, and more public education on the value of preserving historic areas. This forum, developed by Loretta Neumann, was the first of a series on historic preservation for Takoma DC.

HTI collaborated with the Friends of the Takoma Recreation Center to save and reuse the pool house at Fourth and Underwood NW. The Friends are asking that the original structure be preserved and incorporated into the proposed community center.

### Neighborhood Tours

In May, HTI undertook sponsorship of the Takoma Park House and Garden Tour for the first time. This tour, which has been a community tradition for over 25 years, promotes the importance of historic preservation in both DC and Maryland. HTI's first tour was centered on North Takoma, platted by B.F. Gilbert in 1892. The tour will be held annually somewhere within the Takoma DC - Maryland community and sponsorship in future will remain with HTI.

In the spring and autumn, Larry Hodes and Clair Garman, after extensive research, led walking tours along the route of the old "Dinky" trolley line.

During the summer, HTI hosted a one-day "greeting" of German Embassy spouses who were interested in learning about the history and architecture of our city. The "greeting" took place in North Takoma.

### Donations

Sandra and Gerald Kurtinitis donated three historically important oil portraits of the Cady family to HTI. The donation includes provision, if a monitoring easement can be negotiated with the future owners of the Cady-Lee Mansion by HTI, for return of the portraits to the mansion on loan. It is the intent of the Kurtinitis' that the paintings remain in perpetuity within the Takoma community.

The Takoma Park Library donated a card catalog that had served in the library's Children's Room to HTI. The library, which has computerized its records, no longer needed the card catalog. HTI will use in education exhibits the catalog that still contains the original card listings for children's books.

### Annual Meeting and Restoration Award

HTI concluded the year with its annual meeting at the historic Davis Warner Inn on December 10. Between 50 and 75 people attended the annual meeting, where members elected directors and officers to the HTI Board.

Before the meeting, Eugene Meyer, a staff writer for *The Washington Post* and author of *Maryland Revisited Again* read from the book, and discussed local history.

HTI awarded its Year 2000 Restoration Award to Frances Phipps for her heroic efforts in restoring the Cady Lee Mansion.

### Assets Grow Dramatically

Historic Takoma concluded 2000 with net assets valued at \$107,129, a whopping increase of \$78,789 (278%) over 1999. The bulk (\$62,860) of this huge increase can be attributed to the receipt of donated artifacts from the Cady-Lee Mansion assessed at \$21,500, and the assignment of an extinguishment value to the Davis-Warner Inn easement estimated to be \$41,360. It is important to note that these two major assets are not liquid and for all practical purposes cannot be converted to operating capital. Major sources of income in 2000 which contributed to an improved bottom line included grants (\$11,117), donations to the Metro Open Space Fund (\$7,790), membership dues (\$7,255), and house and garden tour receipts (\$4,343). Major expenditures for 2000 included Metro open space defense (\$5,790), archives (\$4,775), and the Thomas-Siegler Carriage House Museum (\$4,769).

In 2000 HTI shifted \$15,000 from its money market account into three \$5,000 certificates of deposit issued by E\*TRADE Bank, thereby benefitting from the higher interest rates paid by these investment vehicles. In addition, HTI closed its non-interest bearing checking account with Bank of America and opened an interest bearing checking account with USABancShares. These actions resulted in almost \$2,000 in interest income in 2000, a substantial increase over 1999. Also, the organization continued to benefit financially from its decision in 1997 to participate in the United Way and Combined Federal Campaigns. In 2000, our third year of participation, donations received from these campaigns doubled, to over \$2,000. In conclusion, HTI ended 2000 on very solid financial ground.

HTI's Finance Committee was very active during 2000 as it fulfilled its mission to advise the Board of Directors on the overall direction and control of corporate finances. Among the Committee's duties are: maintaining accurate and complete financial records; preparing and monitoring budgets; anticipating and resolving financial problems; safeguarding assets; and, ensuring corporate compliance with all Federal, State, and other financial reporting requirements.

## 2000 Members

### **B.F. Gilbert Club (\$250 and up - lifetime members)**

Dorothy L. Barnes  
Charles A. Blackburn  
Robin Broad and John Cavanagh  
Jack Carson  
Sharon Cohen  
Carol Cutini  
Al and Angela Diaz  
Meg Finn  
Patricia Fox and Robert Miller  
Edward J. Fox  
Doug Harbit and Robert Patenaude  
Roland and Marguita Halstead  
Heritage Building & Renovation, Inc.  
Sara Green and Richard Holzsager  
Herman E. Goodyear and Jeffrey M. Trunzo  
H. Richard Greenfield  
Gerald Kurtinitis  
Dr. Sandra Kurtinitis  
Barbara J. Kurz  
Mark's Kitchen  
Michelle Morgan  
Bruce L. Moyer and Jo Ann Bowman  
Loretta Neumann  
Paul O'Brien  
Maribeth Oakes and Robert Bingaman  
Lorraine Pearsall and Paul Chrostowski  
Frances E. and Harold R. Phipps Jr.  
Jean Boyer Porter  
Robert J. Rini  
Vivien and Leonard Rubin  
Mark Rockman  
Bryan and Liana Sayer  
Brenda C. Scribner, M.D.  
Terry and Joyce Seamens  
Mary and Ranjit Singh  
Irving and Gail Stern  
Jim and Carol Stewart  
Shirley True  
Chris Turner  
John Urciolo  
Alfred P. Vogel (posthumously)  
Ann B. Vogel  
Laura Vogel  
J. Evans Walter  
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John F Waters  
Richard and Sherri Weil

### **Annual Members**

Paul and Rita Marth  
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Katherine P. Mack  
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Karen Kay Petersen  
Stephen and Barbara Whitney  
Susan West Montgomery  
Ann Juneau and Paul Long  
Nancy Knight  
Carol Blymire

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Clair Garman  
Margaret D. Vogel  
Ann Hoffnar  
Torrie Mattes  
Edward T. McMahon  
Kathy Porter  
Larry Rubin  
Kurt and Faith Stern  
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Larry and Enid Hodes  
Karen and Bob Holmcrans  
Jeanne and Alexander Mosley  
Mike and Elizabeth Beckman  
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Ellen Blackler and Frank McNally  
Jim Colwell and Allison Baker  
Matt and Meredith Peterson  
Amy and Dell Outman  
Katherine Dix and David Esquivel  
Ben Bluestein and Virginia Bell  
Frederick and Sabrina Baron  
Peter Feiden and Mary Joel Holin  
Dean and Jo Hoge  
Janet and James Douglas  
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Daniel and Gianne McNeill  
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Linda Carlson and Larry Himelfarb  
John Sandage and Gregg Blackley  
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Deb Benyik and Shawn Bleam  
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Charles and Betty Deanes  
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Sally Brucker  
James and Susan Benfield--  
Kurt Lawson and Jill Feasley  
Ted Jacobson and Robin Mize  
Ann Miles and Chris Elfring  
Patti Delaney and Dean Menke  
Virginia Jenkins and Tom Anastasio  
Amy Turim and Lawrence Hershman  
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Abby Frankson  
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 Susan Borke  
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 Robert and Ellen Ginsberg  
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 Marcie Stickle and George French  
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 Margaret Conway  
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 Elizabeth Howland  
 Kathleen M. Milton  
 Mary H. Forrest-Doyle  
 Jason Robertson  
 Linda Borst  
 Ron Waldron  
 Hannah McCann  
 Kathleen Long  
 Elizabeth Marple Bentley  
 Hally Childs  
 Donna Damico  
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 Lenore A. Robinson  
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 Walt Glickman  
 Alan W. Abrams and Lynne Motley

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 Kim Keller  
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 Jon Lickerman  
 Richard Levine and Judith Hagopian  
 Katherine P. Mack  
 Eileen S. McGuckian  
 Wolfgang Mergner  
 Richard Mellman and Marianne Alweia  
 Fred Millhiser and Jane Lawrence  
 Ralph Morales  
 Guiliana Nakashima  
 Jacqueline Newell and Stephen Smith  
 Liz Perwin  
 Kate M. Perry  
 Matt and Meridith Peterson  
 Suzanne, Eric, and Natalie Pilsk  
 Cecily and Charles Pilzer  
 Eric Sculman and Share Maack  
 Pamela Scott  
 Annie Sergeant  
 Haile Seyoum  
 Christine Simpson and John Lorenz  
 Kathryn T. Simpson  
 Lani Sinclair  
 Leslie Sluger and William Angelis  
 Dolly Sparkman

## BALANCE SHEET

Fiscal Year 2000 (1/1/00- 12/31/00)

### ASSETS

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash and Bank Accounts              |              |
| Alfred P. Vogel Memorial Fund       | 5230         |
| Endowment Fund                      | 23569        |
| Metro Open Space Fund               | 2045         |
| USABancShares Checking              | 215          |
| <b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b> | <b>31059</b> |

### Other Assets

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Accounts Receivable       | 2760         |
| Book Inventory            | 10536        |
| Cady-Lee Artifacts        | 21500        |
| Capital Equipment         | 2220         |
| Davis-Warner Easement     | 41360        |
| Early Years Photos        | 1200         |
| HTI Archives              | 1000         |
| Museum Artifacts          | 1100         |
| <b>TOTAL Other Assets</b> | <b>81676</b> |

### TOTAL ASSETS

112735

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### LIABILITIES

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Accounts Payable         | 0           |
| Pres. MD Loan            | 5607        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> | <b>5607</b> |

#### EQUITY

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### TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

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