



2001 ANNUAL REPORT

Historic 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.

House and Garden Tour

HTI organized its annual Takoma Park House and Garden tour around the historic neighborhoods of Takoma D.C. The tour featured 12 properties including the new Takoma Village Cohousing development.

Community Workshops

HTI sponsored two community workshops. The first one in April, "Uncover the History of your House," featured architectural historian Paul Williams. In November, the workshop focused upon historic preservation programs of Takoma Park Maryland and Takoma D.C. Invited speakers were Robin Ziek, historic preservation planner for the Montgomery County Preservation Office, and T. Luke Young, architectural historian for the D.C. Historic Preservation Office.

Publications

A history book on Takoma Park for Piney Branch Elementary 4th graders, entitled "Takoma Park A to Z: The Kids' Guide to the Town that Gilbert Built," was developed and printed by HTI's Education Committee with community development block grant money from the City of Takoma Park. The book was used for the first time in conjunction with HTI's annual school history tours.

The *Historic Takoma Newsletter* continues to be printed and distributed around the area on a regular basis. Three realtors renewed their participation in the realtors' program that provides new HTI memberships

to all clients purchasing homes in the Takoma area, and the newsletter increased its local business-advertising base.

Archives Achievements

HTI's Archives Committee completed the first phase of a project funded by a Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission grant. The project entailed the continuance of the collection cataloging strategy began in 2000; preservation of the collection; processing of the collection; the acquisition of computer hardware and software for increased capabilities such as imaging; and the provision of increased public access to HTI's holdings by employing an Internet web-searchable capability on our newly created web site. The committee held an orientation session for volunteers as an introduction to the archives; sponsored two processing and preservation workshops; developed procedures for preliminary processing of collection level records and for entering records into our database.

On December 28, 2001, our virtual photo exhibit, "Houses of Takoma Park" went from "experimental" to "live" at our website. The existing HTI homepage was linked to our new site, making the catalog accessible to the public and effectively completing our Phase II effort.

Oral History Accomplishments

Using funds from Montgomery County Historic Preservation, HTI, and volunteers, HTI completed its first major oral history project this year. At the end of the year, the Oral History Committee distributed large binders containing transcripts, photos, and copies of each interview tape for longtime Takoma Park residents Ethel Barile, Dorothy Barnes, and Roland Dawes to local schools, libraries and our archives. Peerless Rockville executive director Eileen McGuckian conducted the pilot project interviews after the committee provided extensive historic research and questions, some included in the binders, to Ms. McGuckian as background for the interviews. This represents the beginning of an on-going effort by HTI to capture the memories of our many seniors.

Happy Birthday Montgomery County

HTI attended the annual "Happy Birthday Montgomery" celebration at the Beall-Dawson House

in Rockville on September 9th. At the event, HTI's Archives Committee presented a computer demonstration of our archives project. HTI's Oral History Committee also prepared a notebook explaining our oral history project.

Educational Outreach and Tours

HTI historian Dorothy Barnes presented the early history of the library to an enthusiastic audience at an HTI members program in February. HTI volunteer Clair Garman led walking tours of the old "Dinky Line" in April. HTI was one of several community organizations that cosponsored a yard and book sale in June. A portion of the funds raised was donated to the Takoma Elementary School.

In June, HTI Education Chair Diana Kohn led nine fourth grade classes from Piney Branch Elementary School on a history tour of Takoma and to the Thomas Siegler Carriage House Garden.

Historic Properties Survey for Takoma DC

In October, the DC Office of Historic Preservation awarded a grant to HTI to conduct a survey of properties within Takoma DC that are not already included in the Takoma historic district. The grant will be matched with funding from HTI as well as in-kind services from volunteers. This effort will represent the first time the boundaries of the Takoma Historic district have been studied since it was created in 1980.

DC Development Projects

HTI's DC Preservation Committee was involved with several development projects in the District of Columbia during the year 2001. The projects are the Takoma Central District Plan which includes the WMATA property at the Takoma Metro, the Katz development, the Eichner development, land near the Military Road School property, the Takoma Recreation Center, and aspects of the Metropolitan Branch Trail.

Maryland Development Projects

HTI's Maryland Preservation Committee was involved with several development projects including the Takoma Park Fire Station, the proposed community center, the Montgomery College expansion in North Takoma and Jessup Blair Park, and the Canada Dry building in Silver Spring.

Certification

In April, HTI was certified as a charitable organization by the Maryland Secretary of State. The Secretary of State's Charitable Organization's Division maintains a list of nearly 4,000 registered charities.

Annual Meeting and Election

HTI held its annual meeting and election of the Board of

Directors at the Davis Warner Inn in December. The featured speaker was Bonnie Rosenthal of Save our Seminary.

HTI Retains Solid Fiscal Status

Although net income and cash assets declined from their peaks of year 2000, Historic Takoma finished a productive year with higher net assets than the year before. Included as an asset for the first time in 2001 was the lease value for the space used by the Archives.

Grants represented the largest single source of income for the year followed by membership dues, and income from the House and Garden Tour and United Way. Major expenditures were for education and preservation projects including the design and publication of *Takoma A to Z*, the oral histories, and the Archives.

This past December marked the retirement of Jack Carson as HTI treasurer. The remarkable growth of the organization during his tenure, and the orderly condition of records and accounts as they were passed on to the new treasurer are a testament to the hard work and diligence of Jack and the financial committee.

In conclusion, Historic Takoma ended the year on solid financial ground.

BALANCE SHEET Fiscal Year 2001 (1/1/01- 12/31/01)

ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Alfred P. Vogel Memorial Fund	6230
Endowment Fund	27333
Metro Open Space Fund	163
Suntrust	3084
USABancShares Checking	1583
Takoma Theatre Arts Project	2545
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	40939
Other Assets	
Laurel Avenue Lease	7100
Accounts Receivable	3092
Book Inventory	9336
Cady-Lee Artifacts	20950
Capital Equipment	2332
Davis-Warner Easement	41360
Early Years Photos	1200
HTI Archives	1000
Museum Artifacts	1000
TOTAL Other Assets	87370
TOTAL ASSETS	128308
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	
Other Liabilities	0
Pres. MD Loan	3076
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3076
EQUITY	125232
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	128303