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**CARLYLE  
HOUSE**

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# Docent Dispatch

News and Updates

Letter from the Educator

April 2015

Dear Volunteers,

I know this is not the “Dispatch” you were expecting! During our March Madness workshops we mentioned in a few sessions the difficulty in producing articles each month for the “Dispatch” hoping to receive some feedback from you all on the future of the newsletter. Based on your feedback we decided to change the format, design and content of the “Dispatch.” Like the “Carlyle Connection”, the newsletter for the Friends of Carlyle House, the “Dispatch” will feature quarterly articles. In between articles you will receive an alternate version of the “Dispatch” which will feature a calendar of events and news from the staff to keep you informed about all things Carlyle. We hope you enjoy your new Docent Dispatch!

Best,

Vanessa

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, April 11

**CHAD:** Mary McLeod Bethune Council

House  
12PM

### April 14, Tuesday

Workshop Makeup Day  
7PM, RSVP requested

### April 16, Thursday

Happy hour-Charthouse  
4PM-6:30PM  
1 Cameron St.,  
Alexandria, VA

### April 17, Friday

Garden Day Plants Pre-sale  
11AM-3PM

### April 18, Saturday

Garden Day  
8AM-4PM

**Docents needed in the museum**

### May 10, Sunday

Mother's Day Tea  
Seating's at 11AM and 2PM  
*Reservations required*

### May 30, Saturday

“Colonial Foodways”  
Hands-on-History Tent  
12PM-3PM  
Volunteers needed for children's activities

### May 31, Sunday

L'Hermione Open House  
Docents Needed

### June 4, Thursday

Carlyle House Summer Concert  
6PM-8PM

### June 18, Thursday

Carlyle House Summer Concert  
6PM-8PM

**CARLYLE HOUSE  
HISTORIC PARK**

# Braddock Day 2015

Thank you to all of our participants last weekend, and especially to everyone who weathered the wind and winter temperatures outside! Despite the weather 350 visitors came to our annual event. We truly appreciate your dedication to interpretation and love it when you bring history to life at Carlyle House! See you next year for Braddock Day 2016!

Susan, Helen, Vanessa



# Announcements

CARLYLE HOUSE  
HISTORIC PARK



Our Educator, Vanessa Herndon, received an Employee Achievement Award at the annual NOVA Parks All-Staff Meeting! Nominated by her peers, Vanessa was recognized for her achievements in the area of programming for creating successful programs such as Camp Carlyle and Carlyle Craft Day. Congratulations Vanessa!

## ***We want your books!***

Again this year the annual Garden Day Herb Sale will include a used book sale on April 18th. Like last year's sale, which was very successful, the principle category will be coffee table or large format pictorial books on virtually any subject. Attractive cookbooks and antiquarian volumes will also be accepted. Please keep these categories in mind as you weed out your libraries. All donated books can be brought to the Carlyle House Docent Lounge on weekdays until Wednesday, April 15. The earlier the better since they must then be sorted and priced. If you have any questions please contact **Jamie Harding** at **703-813-5508** or by email at **jamieh3@verizon.net**.



## ***Garden Day Bake Sale***

Please help with the Bake Sale on Garden Day, Saturday, April 18th. We will need cookies, brownies and other baked goods. Please package cookies, etc. in plastic baggies (2 or 3 depending on the size) to sell for \$1.00 and label the bags, especially if the item contains nuts or gluten free. We will need the baked goods either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Suellen Savukas at **Suellen.Savukas@alexandriava.gov**.

## **Monday, May 18**

Spring Potluck on the Terrace  
10:30AM

Join Susan, Helen, and Vanessa on the terrace for breakfast! Catch up with us on our current projects and other happenings at Carlyle House. We ask that everyone attending bring a dish to pass, staff will provide the coffee. Please sign up in the Docent Lounge and put down what dish you will be bringing.

