



Newsletter

May 2022

DCPL is 50! Celebrate with a gift today!



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Landmarks Update



DCPL recently submitted a landmark nomination for the [National Association for the Relief of Destitute Colored Women and Children \(Merriweather Home for Children\)](#), which is located at 733 Euclid Street NW. This property, constructed in approximately 1879 in a Second Empire style, is historically significant under National Register Criterion A for its association with the National Association, as it is the only extant property once owned by this important organization. Established by Congress in 1863, the National Association supported formerly enslaved individuals for many decades following the Civil War. The nomination argues for a period of significance of 1930, when the National Association purchased the property on Euclid Street, to 1971, when the successor organization, the Merriweather Home for Children, closed. As the nomination points out, "By 1953, the Merriweather Home was the District's only private institution dedicated to the care of African American orphans." More recently, from 2006 through 2021, this property housed the Emergence Community Arts Collective (ECAC).

Following the sale of the property, a raze application was reported on March 14, 2022. After several months of working with community members, DCPL submitted its landmark nomination to HPO on April 8th. HPRB will be holding a hearing on the nomination on June 23rd.

Upcoming Programming Themes

As DCPL looks forward to its next 50 years, the following programming themes have been set:

- **May** - Parks & Gardens
- **June** - Capital Losses: *Sponsored by Amy Ballard*
- **July** - Apartment Buildings
- **August** - Preservation Around the Nation
- **September** - Historic Districts
- **October** - Modernism
- **November** - Archaeology: *Sponsored by Jim Myers and Joe Levesque of Bloomingdale Historic District*
- **December** - Historic Preservation Activities
- **January** - Neighborhoods & Gentrification: *Sponsored by Jim Myers and Joe Levesque of Bloomingdale Historic District*
- **February** - Black History Month
- **March** - Legacy Businesses / Main Streets

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You Don't Want to Miss!

Dumbarton Oaks Garden Tour (Members Only)

Friday, May 27th, 10:00am - 12:00pm EST



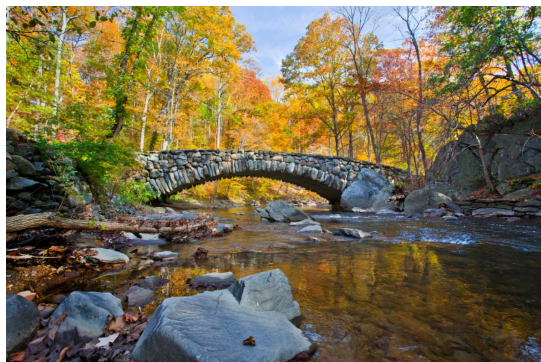
DC Preservation League Members are invited to join us on **Friday, May 27th from 10:00am - 12:00pm EST** for an in-person tour of the gardens at [Dumbarton Oaks](#), led by Director of Gardens and Grounds, [Jonathan Kavalier](#). The [gardens](#) were designed by renowned landscape architect Beatrix Farrand, beginning in 1921. According to Dumbarton Oaks, this garden may be the last remaining landscape in the country still adhering closely to Ferrand's original design.

Registration is required. This is a DCPL Members-only event. Note that you need to be signed in to your Neon account in order to successfully register. Not a member? [Become one here or during registration.](#)

Register

History of Rock Creek Park with the National Park Service (Webinar)

Tuesday, June 2nd, 12:00pm - 1:15pm EST



Join the DC Preservation League and [National Park Service](#) on **Thursday, June 2nd at 12:00pm EST** for a webinar about the history of [Rock Creek Park](#)! This presentation will be led by Bradley Krueger, Cultural Resources Program Manager for Rock Creek Park.

Situated within a large wooded valley near the heart of Washington, DC is Rock Creek Park. Often referred to as a gem within the nation's capital, it has the distinction of being America's first Federal urban park and the nation's third oldest national park. This presentation will focus on the early history of Rock Creek Park, starting before its establishment in 1890 through the early 20th century. The presentation will also highlight other sites administered by Rock Creek Park, such as the Old Stone House in Georgetown and the Civil War Defenses of Washington.

This virtual program is free and open to the public. It will also be streamed live to [DCPL's Facebook page](#).

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