



Newsletter

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A Successful Crab Feast!



Photos by Brandon Bayton.

After a two week postponement — due to Hurricane Ian — members, supporters, and friends of the DC Preservation League and the [Capital Pride Alliance](#) got together on a gorgeous fall day for the eighth annual Crab Feast. As in previous years, the event was held at the historic [Washington Canoe Club](#), a 1905 shingle style building that is currently listed as one of [DCPL's Most Endangered Places](#). Attendees had a wonderful time visiting and laughing over crab, shrimp, and other delicious treats — provided by [The Crab Depot](#) — and some even took a turn canoeing and paddle boarding on the majestic Potomac! A big thank you to the Washington Canoe Club for, once again, helping create such a fabulous and successful event!

Free and Open to the Public : 2022 District of Columbia Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation

Tuesday, November 1 | 7:00 pm
DAR Constitution Hall

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Welcome to DCPL's new Programs Manager, Shae Corey!

In her new role, Shae Corey will oversee the Education Committee and work closely with community partners to plan DCPL's programming, including lectures, walking tours, and webinars. She will also manage DCPL's social media presence on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn.

Shae previously served as DCPL's 2021-2022 Public History Fellow. In that role she provided content and updates for the [DC Historic Sites](#) website and app. One of her projects included creating a [digital exhibition documenting the history of enslavement in DC's preserved buildings](#). She received her degree in Public History from American University in 2022, and her Bachelor's of Science in Education in 2020. She is passionate about cultural heritage, racial justice, and adding new and necessary voices to the historical narrative whenever possible.

New Tour: Commemorative Monuments and Memorials



Longfellow Statue, 1910-1920. Photo courtesy of Harris & Ewing, Library of Congress.

This October we present the first of two tours focused on public art in the District. The [Commemorative Monuments and Memorials](#) tour includes monuments and memorials dedicated to social, political, and religious leaders, as well as inventors and pioneers in their fields. Overall, the individuals commemorated in the District and featured on this tour helped contribute to local or national history through their work and ideas.

With that being said, it is important to provide a disclaimer: not every person referenced in this tour is universally praised or considered a positive contributor to history depending on one's identity, culture, or experience within the United States. Some of the individuals commemorated have been reexamined due to their negative contributions which have furthered racism and social injustice. [DCPL's "Statement on Monuments,"](#) issued in 2020, stands with the decisions made to reevaluate monuments commemorating figures that oppressed others and caused harm.

For more information on commemorative monuments and memorials both in DC and across the country, [Monument Lab](#) has done extensive work on documentation, analysis, and critical thinking on who, why, and how these statues are presented in public spaces within the United States.

[Click Here for the Tour](#)

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