



Newsletter

May 2025 - Preservation Month!

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DCPL Annual Membership Meeting & Reception

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Whittemore House, 1526 New Hampshire Avenue NW

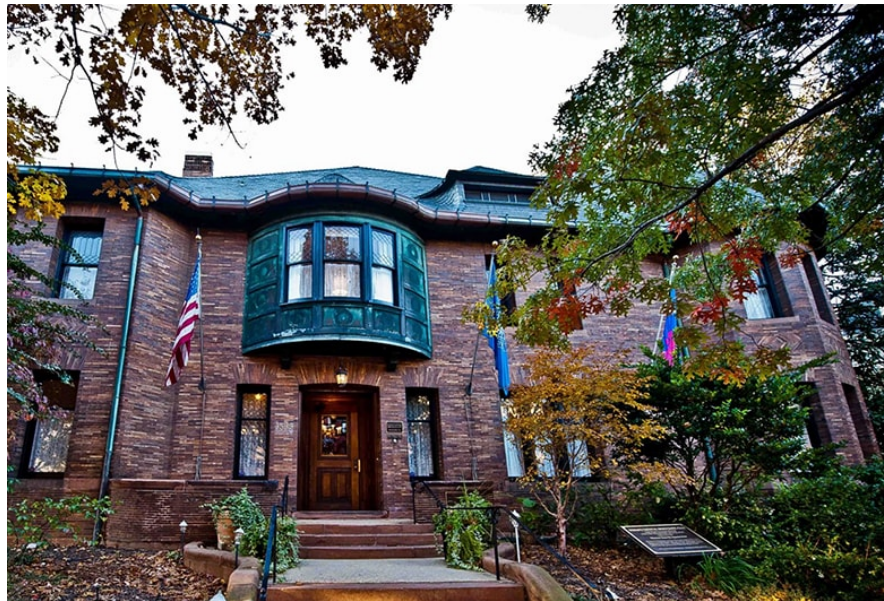


Photo of the Whittemore House, 1526 New Hampshire Avenue NW, the location of this year's membership meeting and reception.

Join the DC Preservation League on Wednesday, May 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the [Whittemore House](#) for its annual membership meeting. Learn about what the organization has accomplished over the past year, and what support is necessary for the future.

Dress code is business casual. Refreshments will be provided. DCPL members register FOR FREE but must sign into their existing Neon account to receive free registration. Only one guest permitted with a \$55 Individual Membership; \$100+ Membership allows two or more guests (depending on level). If you have difficulty registering, please contact Kelli Knox by emailing kelli@dcpreservation.org for assistance.

This event is for DCPL members only. Please register online to attend.

[Register Here](#)

Landmark Update

Euram Building, 21 Dupont Circle NW



Photo of the Euram Building, located at 21 Dupont Circle NW. Photo by John DeFerrari.

On May 1, 2025, the Historic Preservation Review Board designated the [Euram Building](#), located at 21 Dupont Circle NW, as a historic landmark listed in the DC Inventory of Historic Sites. At the meeting, the Board also requested that the nomination be forwarded to the National Park Service for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. DC Preservation League, a longtime advocate for Modern architecture, submitted the landmark nomination in January 2025.

Completed in 1971, the Euram Building is a Modernist office building designed by George

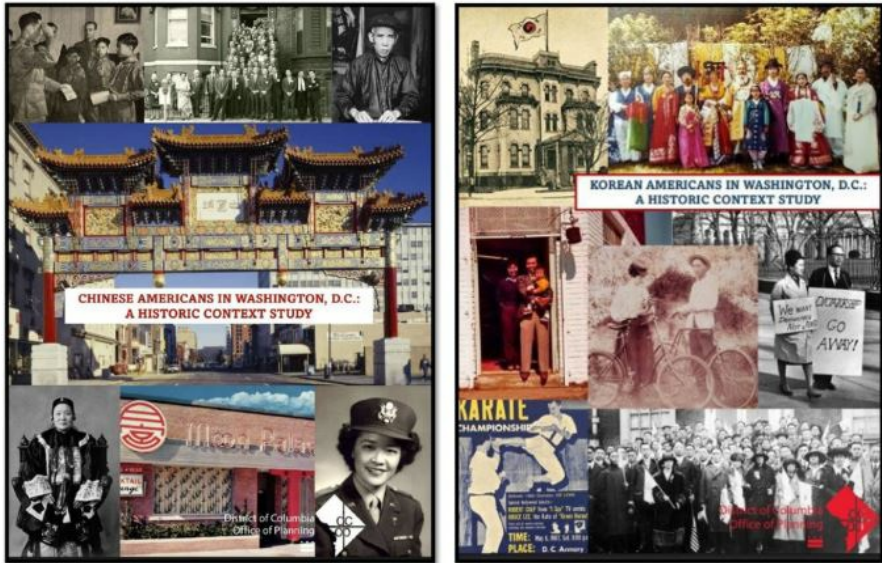
Hartman and Warren Cox of the major Washington firm of Hartman-Cox Architects. Since its construction by the Maritime Company in the early 1970s, the Euram Building has received widespread praise for its innovative design. Architectural critic Benjamin Forgey of the *Washington Star* wrote, “It is rare to come upon a new office building that is truly designed, and rarer still to find one that is designed with boldness, originality, and tact.” In 1971, the Euram Building received an award from the Washington Board of Trade.

Despite its Modernist design and features, the Euram Building hints at the coming “contextualism” of Postmodern architecture, which would flourish in the 1980s and 1990s. Thus, the building references the Dupont Circle Building (1931, Mihran Mesrobian) just across 19th Street and the Patterson House (Washington Club, 1903, Stanford White) on the northeast side of Dupont Circle. Postmodern design would become a hallmark of Hartman-Cox Architects. Read more about DC’s newest historic landmark at the below link.

Euram Building

Asian American Historic Context Studies and Story Maps

Chinese Americans and Korean Americans in Washington, DC



Images of the recently published historic context studies focused on DC’s Chinese American and Korean American communities.

Two historic context studies and story maps focused on DC’s Chinese American and Korean American communities were recently published and can be accessed at the below links. These studies, which present comprehensive histories of the two communities and lists of significant historic sites, were a collaborative effort between the DC Office of Planning’s Historic Preservation Office, DC Preservation League, and the [1882 Foundation](#).

Funded by the [National Park Service's Underrepresented Communities Grant](#), these studies also resulted in the addition of three new historic landmarks on the National Register of Historic Places: [Old Chinese Legation](#), [On Leong Chinese Merchants Association](#), and the [Old Korean Legation](#).

Chinese Americans in Washington, DC Study

Chinese Americans in Washington, DC Story Map

Korean Americans in Washington, DC Study

Korean Americans in Washington, DC Story Map

Study of the Economic, Social, and Racial Equity Impact of Historic Preservation

DC Preservation League is excited to announce its partnership with the [DC Office of Planning](#), [PlaceEconomics](#), and [Brick & Story](#) on a first-of-its-kind study focused on the economic, social, and racial equity impacts of historic preservation in Washington, DC. The study will include a combination of research, data analysis and visualization, community engagement, and the application of a racial equity lens to the work and findings.

DCPL has been pursuing a study like this for years, as it is critical that city officials and preservationists alike understand both the positive and negative impacts current historic preservation initiatives create within the District.

DCPL is seeking funding from a variety of resources such as foundations, citywide and neighborhood preservation groups, the building industry and others to help fund the study. Funders will be acknowledged in the final report for their generosity and support of this project. If you would like to learn more, please contact [Rebecca Miller](#), rebecca@dcpreservation.org.

Click Here to Donate to the Study

DC Preservation League Welcomes Jill Cavanaugh, AIA, AICP to its Board of Trustees



Photo of Jill Cavanaugh, AIA, AICP, a partner at Beyer Blinder Belle Architects and Planners.

DC Preservation League is pleased to welcome Jill Cavanaugh, AIA, AICP, a partner at [Beyer Blinder Belle Architects and Planners](#), to the Board of Trustees. In nearly 25 years of practice, Jill Cavanaugh has led the planning and design of some of the most complex and transformational projects in Washington, DC. Jill’s area of expertise is in the integration of design, historic preservation, and environmental planning in civic architecture. She has completed successful design modernizations at numerous historic landmarks and sites of cultural significance, including the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, Carnegie Library, US Capitol Building, and Washington Union Station. Her international portfolio includes planning and design work at the Holy Mosque in Mekkah and dozens of embassies and consulates worldwide.

Jill has been the leader of the Washington, DC, office for over a decade and is the chair of BBB’s Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Advisory Group, responsible for guiding EDI policies and initiatives across the firm.

Most Endangered Places Update

Washington Canoe Club



Photo of the Shingle style Washington Canoe Club, the location of DC Preservation League's annual Crab Feast. Photo by Zachary Burt.

The Washington Canoe Club is nearing the end of a decade of planning and reviews to restore its 120-year-old boathouse. The first phase, projected to begin in January 2026, will include the stabilization of the entire structure; repairs and replacement to doors, windows, and roof; and installation of locker rooms and toilet/shower facilities. The club is well along toward reaching its \$1 million goal, and will also use reserves (and possibly loans) to meet the \$2.5 million budget for Phase 1. The National Park Service is currently reviewing the proposed architectural and engineering plans.

Each year the DC Preservation League's annual Crab Feast takes place at the Washington Canoe Club. This year’s event will be on Saturday, September 27th.

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World Pride: LGBTQ+ Walking Tour in Dupont Circle

Two Dates:
Saturday, May 31, 2025, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM
Friday, June 6, 2025, 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM



Celebrate Pride on a walking tour of queer historic places in the Dupont Circle neighborhood with representatives from the [Rainbow History Project](#), the DC Preservation League, and the DC Office of Planning's Historic Preservation Office.

This history is local, but by nature of being in the nation's capital, ties into larger narratives, debates, and attacks on the queer community. Join us to learn more about the resilience, tenacity, diversity, and joy of the queer community in Washington, DC. The tour, offered on May 31st and June 6th, will be about one mile on flat ground. It will start in Dupont Circle (up Connecticut Avenue, along S Street, down 17th Street) and end at 17th and P Streets. This tour is open to all people with a ticket cost of \$10.00, paid online. Registration required to participate.

This tour is led by Delaney Resweber, who is the Director of Social Geography and serves on the board with the Rainbow History Project. Since 2000, the Rainbow History Project has operated as an all-volunteer run nonprofit focused on promoting, preserving, and collecting LGBT+ history in Washington DC. Outside of the Rainbow History Project, Delaney is a geospatial analyst and has a degree in Historic Preservation.

[Register for May 31st Tour](#)

[Register for June 6th Tour](#)

World War One Memorial Tour

Saturday, May 31, 2025, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
In-Person, National World War One Memorial
Pennsylvania Avenue & 14th Street NW



Photo of the National World War One Memorial. Photo by Edwin Fountain.

On this special tour, join former DCPL President Edwin Fountain to learn about the development of the National World War One Memorial in Pershing Park, opened in 2021. This tour will briefly review the history of Square 226 before delving into the design process behind the creation of this site. The tour will conclude with a narrated review of the new commemorative elements, including the 58-foot long, 38-figure bronze sculpture by Sabin Howard entitled *A Soldier's Journey*.

This event is free and open to the public. Please register online to attend.

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