



THE PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON HOUSE

The President Woodrow Wilson House is a national historic landmark and house museum.

The museum promotes a greater awareness of President Wilson's public life and ideals for future generations through guided tours, exhibitions and educational programs.

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Above photo: Back garden evening party at The President Woodrow Wilson House.

CELEBRATING THE PRESIDENT'S CENTENNIAL

**Woodrow Wilson's legacy,
one hundred years later**

Why should anyone care about the President Woodrow Wilson House?

That is a fair question to consider in 2013, the first of eight years marking the centennial of President Wilson's term in office, 1913–1921.

"President Wilson imagined the world at peace and proposed a plan to achieve that vision," answers Robert A. Enholm, executive director of the Woodrow Wilson House in Washington, D.C. "The challenge he issued almost a century ago remains largely unanswered today."

During this centennial period, the Woodrow Wilson House will be developing exhibitions and programs to explore the history of the Wilson years and the legacy of ideas that President Wilson left to us.

"President Wilson is a remarkable subject for study," notes Enholm. "He revolutionized the role of the presidency in our government, the role of the national government in America, and the role of America in the world."

President Wilson revived the practice, abandoned for more than a century, of the President delivering the State of the Union message in person before Congress. He regularly appeared at the Capitol to promote his legislative initiatives. In a recent interview, *WILSON* biographer A. Scott Berg noted, "There's a room in Congress called the President's Room. No president has used it since Woodrow Wilson. No president used it before Woodrow Wilson. He used it regularly."

Before President Wilson the national government played a smaller role in the everyday lives of Americans than is true today. Riding the flood tide of the Progressive Era, President Wilson saw the establishment of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Trade Commission, progressive income taxation, the Internal Revenue Service, the eight-hour workday, and the Department of Labor. After initial ambivalence, he

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A NOTE FROM Robert A. Enholm EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to President Woodrow Wilson's neighborhood.

You are a "Friend of the Woodrow Wilson House." That is why you are receiving this newsletter.

Woodrow Wilson possessed an international perspective and saw a new role for America in the global community. His ideas for the future of our country reflect the notion that the world is increasingly more interconnected and, as a result, communities or "neighborhoods" are no longer limited to physical proximity.

Perhaps you live near the Woodrow Wilson House, near Embassy Row in the Kalorama neighborhood of Washington, DC, in which case you are literally a "neighbor."

More likely you live farther away. Many of you live elsewhere in the United States, and some of you hail from around the world. Nevertheless, you are all part of the growing community that is President Wilson's neighborhood.



The Woodrow Wilson House staff and I take seriously our responsibility to develop and undertake educational programs that engage and challenge modern audiences. It is part of our responsibility to you, our "neighbors." We wanted to produce a regular newsletter to communicate with you and others in the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the executive director of the President Woodrow Wilson House. As I complete my first year in this role, the museum staff and I all sincerely appreciate the support we receive from the friends of Woodrow Wilson House, our growing community.

THE CURATORIAL CORNER

Amberly Meli & Stephanie Daugherty
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In early October, members of our staff visited the exhibition space at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Our objectives were to view their exhibition, which includes several Wilson House objects, and to speak with members of the Wilson Center staff in order to gain insight on their objectives for promoting President Wilson's legacy.

Collaborations with other institutions that share the goal of keeping President Wilson's ideals alive are instrumental to the mission of the Woodrow Wilson House. The Woodrow Wilson House currently has objects on loan to the Wilson Center, the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Museum and Library in Staunton, Virginia, and the Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Foundation and Museum in Wytheville, Virginia. Further, our traveling exhibitions, "The Art of First Lady Ellen Axson Wilson: American

Impressionist" and "President Electric," have been displayed at several sites in the last year and continue to travel. These are examples of recent collaborations with other President Wilson organizations.

These partnerships sharpen and deepen the memory of President Wilson, and we will continue to advance these relationships with pleasure and pride.

On the Road: Traveling Exhibition

"The Art of First Lady Ellen Axson Wilson: American Impressionist" exhibition opens November 14 at the National First Ladies Library in Canton, Ohio. The exhibition, which features the landscape paintings of Wilson's artistic first wife, will be in Ohio until May 2014.

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This Season in History: President Wilson in the White House

Nov. 25, 1913 –
President Wilson's second daughter Jessie marries Francis Bowes Sayre in the White House.

Dec. 23, 1913 –
President Wilson signs into law the Federal Reserve Act.

This act set up the central banking system of the United States of America.

Dec. 26, 1913 –
President Wilson and family begin a three week holiday on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. This vacation allowed Wilson time to recuperate following a bout of influenza.

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR COLLECTION *League of Nations flag*

Alice H. Allen of Springfield, Ohio created and patented in 1918 this design known as the Golden Rule Standard for Peace and Unity. In March 1919, Mrs. Allen sent the flag to President Wilson in New York with the request that it be adopted as the flag of the League of Nations.



From left: His Excellency Petr Gandalovič, Ambassador of the Czech Republic, and Director Bob Enholm at "WILSON" biography book reception; check-in table at the annual Kalorama House and Embassy Tour; C-SPAN camera crew filming at the Wilson House for "First Ladies" series; performing historic restorations on the original 1915 iron gate in the front driveway.

RECENT HAPPENINGS at the House

Lights! Camera! Action!

The President Woodrow Wilson House enjoyed some time in the spotlight in late September when C-SPAN broadcast live from the museum during an episode of their original series *First Ladies: Image and Influence*. The special two-hour episode focused on the two First Ladies Ellen Axson Wilson and Edith Bolling Wilson. Executive Director Robert Enholm served as tour guide through the house to television viewers, who had the opportunity to see the official Wilson White House China set in the formal dining room. The excitement of preparing for the live broadcast was in the air at the Woodrow Wilson House for weeks as the staff pulled special objects from collections storage and mapped the route of the on-air tour through the museum. The episode featuring the Wilson First Ladies can be streamed online at firstladies.c-span.org.

Biographies

This season has marked the release of two Wilson-related biographies. In mid-September the biography *WILSON* by Pulitzer prize-winning author A. Scott Berg was released. To celebrate the Woodrow Wilson House invited guests to a reception at the residence of the Czech Ambassador. His Excellency Petr Gandalovič welcomed guests, and museum director Robert Enholm read a passage from the biography highlighting the drama of Wilson's presidency. Reports of a Hollywood version of Berg's book on the big screen seem promising with the names of well-known movie stars floating around to take on the roll of the 28th President.

The Woodrow Wilson House hosted author Lee Craig for a book signing and presentation on *Josephus Daniels: His Life*

and *Times* about President Wilson's Secretary of the Navy. Craig, an expert on economic history, discussed Daniels' controversial influence on twentieth-century politics as a longtime leader of the Democratic Party and key member of Woodrow Wilson's cabinet. Both biographies are on sale in the Woodrow Wilson House museum gift shop.

House and Embassy Tour

September 15 marked the 28th annual Kalorama House and Embassy Tour for the benefit of The President Woodrow Wilson House. Ticket holders took a peek inside some of the gorgeous private homes and embassies in the historic neighborhood. Highlights on the tour this year included the elegant residence of the Ambassador of Austria, the recently redecorated residence of the Ambassador of Portugal and the modern Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia. Gorgeous weather and a hearty volunteer force made the event a success for attendees as well as for the Wilson House.

Repair and Maintenance

With a building that is nearly a century old, the museum staff is diligent about attending to maintenance and repair. Earlier this season we restored a hinge on the original 1915 iron gate in the driveway. The welders who worked on the project remarked on the ingenious design of the historic hinge. Now with cold weather on the horizon, the museum staff has turned their attention to a certain historic boiler in the basement that needs some TLC of its own.

«•« CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS »•»

SPEAKEASY BASH!

Wednesday, November 6, 2013
7 pm – 9 pm

In 1919, President Wilson vetoed the Volstead Act, the enabling law for Prohibition that outlawed all alcoholic beverages stronger than one-half of 1 percent. (His veto was overridden.)

Join us as we open the doors to the former President's house for an old-fashioned speakeasy bash.

Live music, dancing and demos, vintage cocktails and a costume contest! Prizes for the best 1920s attire.

Light refreshments served with an open bar featuring vintage cocktails.

Ticketed event (21+ only).

Tickets and more information available on our website, WoodrowWilsonHouse.org

Holidays through History

Saturday, December 14, 2013
4 pm – 8 pm

Celebrate the season with this special tour through four of the District's beautiful historic homes – Anderson House, Dumbarton House, Tudor Place and the President Woodrow Wilson House.

Enjoy festive period decorations and music from the Federal period through the Roaring Twenties. Free shuttle service provided among the sites.

The Wilson House will feature a ten-foot tree adorned with electric lights in the solarium, seasonal treats, music and a holiday craft to make and take home.

Ticketed event.

Edith Bolling Wilson's Tea Cake Recipe

First Lady Edith Wilson frequently served these treats at White House parties, until WWI curtailed entertaining. Try these historic treats at home this holiday season.

1/4 cup butter (1/2 stick)
2 cups brown sugar
5 eggs
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. nutmeg
8 cups flour (un-sifted)
Sugar for dusting

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. In a large bowl, cream butter with sugar.
3. Beat in eggs, baking soda, nutmeg, and salt.
4. Stir in flour until dough is smooth.
5. Chill about 4 hours.
6. Place dough on a floured surface and roll out thin (1/4 to 1/2 inch); cut with cookie cutters.
7. Dust cookies with sugar.
8. Bake on greased cookie sheets for about 6 to 10 minutes.

Serve with fruit or a flavorful ice cream.

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supported the Constitutional Amendment granting women the right to vote.

When the United States entered World War I, and later when Wilson became involved in the Paris Peace Conference where he proposed his idea for a League of Nations, the role of America on the world stage changed dramatically. The country assumed for the first time a role of political, economic, diplomatic and military preeminence.

Upcoming programs at the Woodrow Wilson House will address President Wilson's first term domestic policy achievements, the outbreak of the Great War in Europe, and some of the social movements that gained momentum during the early part of the 20th century.

"Examining the history of President Wilson is like holding a mirror up to our own faces," says Enholm. "He was one of the first leaders to take on some of the important issues with which we continue to wrestle in the modern world."

To receive updates and announcements of upcoming events at the Woodrow Wilson House, sign up at our website: **www.WoodrowWilsonHouse.org**.



Photo: Front door at the President Woodrow Wilson House, decorated for the holiday season.