

Museum of HOUNDS & HUNTING North America



Spring, 2019

Hark, the past twelve months have been so active for our Museum!

Opening last May 2018 at the Annual Reception held in the Morven Park Mansion, the artists from the Academy of American Equine Artists featured a benefit exhibition for the Museum of Hounds and Hunting called, "The Year of the Hound". The art pieces and bronze sculptures were of the highest quality, raising \$80,000 in commissions donated to our Museum. The highest priced art piece went for \$8,000 and the two bronzes for \$12,500 each.

During the past summer full receivership of our office functions were realized, as were the contemporary art exhibitions at Salamander Resort Equestrian Center and at the Warrenton Horse Show.

This March the entire collection belonging to the Museum of Hounds and Hunting was reinstated back to us from the Westmoreland Davis Trust. The Inventory as recorded on Museum software, "Past Perfect", was transferred into our new Dell laptop allowing our committees to search and locate the art, artifacts and memorabilia collected over the past 30 plus years. Our storage units are at the Morven Park Equestrian building and another is at the Marshall Storage where part-time staffers are helping with the collection.

Our website, MHHNA.org is being updated in the next couple months with some new features. We urge everyone to make use of and enjoy it. Some of the wonderful old articles on Museum art, artists, people and hounds will be republished. Current news will be updated in the "News" section. PayPal will be introduced as an online payment vehicle. Also, please find both "Art for Sale" and "Members Exchange" being added to our website as they develop in upcoming months. We wish that all the foxhunting community, past and present, log in and interact with it as they might wish.

We are pleased to announce the new Board members who have joined in the past year: William Allison, Joseph Keusch, Jessica Swan, John Head, Jack Hutcheson, K.T. Atkins and Douglas Lees, bringing us to a new high efficiency level with all our projects. They will be seeking committee members in order to fulfill their goals; they would love to hear from you.

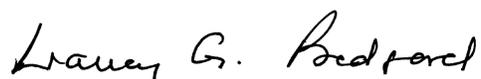
We look forward to our May 25th reception at the Morven Park Museum the evening before the Virginia Hound Show. Please enjoy this year's exhibit, Meg Gardner's "Rescued Rocking Horses", which will be displayed in the Mansion ballroom. Many thank yous to Meg for her loan and the nostalgic moments they will bring.

Refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. You might also enjoy a cheese tray and champagne on the portico, while enjoying the lovely view and the horn blowing contest on the lawn below.

As with all member-supported organizations, we are looking to you in the Hunting Community to support this unique Museum. We educate the public about foxhunting and how it aids in conservation of open space for this and coming generations. Your interest in this unique Museum is vital to its function and future, especially as we seek to expand the reach and availability of the Museum and collection beyond the galleries at Morven Park. To local foxhunters, we need you to volunteer on a committee; to all foxhunters, please support your Museum with an annual membership or additional financial gift. Additions to our collection of art and artifacts are always most welcomed!

We all look forward to meeting with you our members and your guests again in 2019 at our very special annual evening on the hill.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy G. Bedford".

Nancy G. Bedford, Chairman