

# Deck Log



## An Evening at Estate at White Hall

Thanks to everyone who joined us on April 27 at the beautiful Estate at White Hall Winery. Our gracious hosts and owners of White Hall, Joel and Bethany Cassell, joined Dahlgren Heritage Museum to collaborate throughout 2022 on events at their venue. On June 23, we'll hold our annual meeting in the barn and on September 3, we'll hold our important and very fun fundraiser, a murder mystery dinner theater that will provide laughs, intrigue and lots of delicious Estate at White Hall wine.

Thanks to the Cassells for your kindness and generosity. We look forward to working with you over the upcoming year!

## Museum Interns: So Long and Welcome!

What do Ira and Gladys West and George Washington have in common? They all have extraordinary life stories that have played a role in the collegiate studies of the Dahlgren Heritage Museum's 2022 college interns. (More on that later.)

As we bid farewell to Jenn Glazebrook, who graduated this month from the University of Mary Washington, and also welcome our two new interns —Gillian Both, a 2022 UMW graduate, and Niamh Connell, a rising junior at St. Mary's College in Maryland — it's the perfect time to celebrate the contributions our interns have made and continue to make to our museum.

The list of Jenn's accomplishments is lengthy. She put together a plan for an exhibit on the famed Dahlgren "computer bug" (an actual moth found in Dahlgren's first computer in 1947), researched how we could enhance our virtual presence, and developed a marketing video for the museum. But her major task was to create a virtual and physical exhibit honoring Ira and Gladys West, which will debut at the museum in July. (Check our website for the details, which will be announced soon.) We wish Jenn well as she settles into her new home in Pittsburgh.

One of Gillian's major projects this summer will be to complete the West exhibit. She is well-prepared for that task with an extensive background in historic preservation and museum studies from UMW. (cont'd on pg. 2)

# The Dahlgren Base Tour is Back!

For the first time in almost three years, the Dahlgren Heritage Museum's tour of the base is back. On May 14, under the expert guidance of tour leader (and museum VP) Rob Gates, two dozen visitors spent 90 minutes seeing everything from the century-old Dahlgren School (now in its third location) to the big guns on the main range overlooking the Potomac.

Check our website and social media outlets for a link to order tickets through Eventbrite.com. Tours are free and include a guided tour of the museum at the end of the ride, but reservations are required.

Stops include the base's Parade Field for an up-close look at the 16-inch/50-caliber gun from the USS New Jersey, last fired in 1991. It was proof tested at Dahlgren in 1942 before being installed on the New Jersey, and was fired 179 times in the South Pacific during World War II.

## Upcoming tour dates:

16 July	17 Sept
20 Aug	22 Oct

## Interns (cont.)

Her interests extended beyond the campus, with her service as a curatorial intern at Historic Kenmore in Fredericksburg, as well as archeological lab intern at Ferry Farm. (There's that George Washington connection!).

Niamh's summer assignments will include the organizing and cataloging of the museum's physical and digital collections. These artifacts and papers will be used to drive specific stories the museum is considering, such as exhibits and public forums. She is working toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 2024. Her course work has included Museum Studies and Historical Methods and Skills.

Please help us say "so long" and "welcome aboard" to our museum interns!

## Upcoming Events:

June 23 – Annual Meeting @ Estate at White Hall Vineyard

Aug 17 – Navy Lands Exhibit and Panel @ UMW-Dahlgren Campus

Sept 3 – Murder Mystery Dinner Theater @ Estate at White Hall Winery



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