

Collector's Day 2021 Scholar's Report

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On the day of the Collector's Day event, I spent my morning walking around Annapolis. I began by walking down the Main Street to the harbor and toward the Naval Academy. I continued to walk throughout the historic area taking pictures of all of the architecture and historic structures. I toured the State House. The interior details were incredible from the cupola to the cornices. They had an amazing exhibit on George Washington with several papers related to his life.



When I arrived at the Hammond-Harwood House, I explored the exhibit off of the gift shop wing. I was excited to see one of my fellow classmates, Lexi, who also received a scholarship to attend. We are both graduate students at the Clemson University/College of Charleston Master's in Historic Preservation.

Next, we were given a tour of the House. All of the stories of the artists and the artwork itself was very fascinating. I am currently working at a restoration company where furniture has been produced and repaired. I greatly enjoy seeing period furniture such as the picture below. It represents the legacy of the craftspeople who spent so many hours to create these pieces.



After the tour, we had tea in the garden and met board members of the Hammond-Harwood House. Next, we listened to two lectures on George Washington. The first lecture was "George Washington Memorabilia". The presentation was made up of pictures that show how this

topic is like a rabbit hole where one object leads to another and to another. I enjoyed the images along with the path the presentation took. The second lecture was “The Face Value: George Washington and the Material Culture of US Nationalism.” The lecture was divided into the different periods of Washington’s life and the opinions of him at the time.

After the lectures, we concluded the day with period food and drink in the garden. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone at the Hammond-Harwood House. I had an amazing time learning about the house and George Washington. I look forward to visiting again soon.

