# Gunston Hall Annual Report 2012

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# FROM THE FIRST REGENT

VER THE PAST EIGHT YEARS, the plantation of George Mason enjoyed meticulous restoration under the directorship of David Reese. Acclaim was universal, as the mansion and outbuildings were studied, repaired, and returned to their original stature.

In response to the voices of community, staff, docents and the legislature, the Board of Regents decided in early 2012 to focus on programming and to broadened interaction with the public. The consulting firm of Bryan & Jordan was engaged to lead us through this change. The work of the Search Committee for a new Director was delayed while the Regents and the Commonwealth settled logistics of employment, but Acting Director Mark Whatford and Interim Director Patrick Ladden ably led us and our visitors into a new array of activity while maintaining the programming already in place.

At its annual meeting in October the Board of Regents adopted a new mission statement:

To utilize fully the physical and scholarly resources of Gunston Hall to stimulate continuing public exploration of democratic ideals as first presented by George Mason in the 1776 Virginia Declaration of Rights.

The Board also voted to undertake a strategic plan for the purpose of addressing the new mission. A Strategic Planning Committee, headed by former NSCDA President Hilary Gripekoven and comprised of membership representing Regents, staff, volunteers, and the Commonwealth, promptly established goals and working groups. It is anticipated that when the Board meets in April of 2013 for our semi-annual meeting, we will welcome and vote in favor of this important guide into our immediate future.

We have hired a new Education Manager, enhanced and promoted existing staff, and are now underway in the search for an Executive Director.

Gunston Hall is enjoying a renaissance, always with a focus on sharing the remarkable legacy of George Mason, whose life work was dedicated to protecting the innate rights of every person.

First Regent Mrs. Henry R. Raab, Pennsylvania

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# **BOARD OF VISITORS**

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The three members of the Gunston Hall Board of Visitors are appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to one-year terms.

# FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR

AM A LUCKY MUSEUM DIRECTOR, albeit interim and time-limited.

It is a pleasure to work at Gunston Hall with generous and committed Regents, direct and critical support from the Commonwealth of Virginia, dedicated, hard-working staff members, guides, and volunteer staff members/docents, supportive and keenly interested neighbors and friends who give of their time and resources to sustain our unique historical site.

The past year has been a challenging one at Gunston but also one of tremendous growth, new opportunities and directions, and open doors.

We are a unique historical site in many ways and on multiple levels. The property is spectacularly beautiful and provides a compelling window into the past, both physically and philosophically. It is here that the interests, passions, ideas that stirred America's founders are available for dialogue through the lens of George Mason and the founders. Many concepts that engaged 18th century America remain a part of our daily discourse, some contested today as they were more than two hundred years ago.

We at Gunston have opportunities to welcome the curious, the history seekers, communities of new Americans, and primary schoolers to the rich life and discussion of what it means to be Americans, of that time long ago that continues to shape who we are today, and the promise of who we might become as a people.

Gunston prepares for its bright future as a community-based site with national significance.

Our mission and evolving strategic directions point us toward wider and deeper dialogue and to seek new partners. We aspire to become a place that is not only the home of a unique family named Mason, but also a place that all Americans can visit, participate in, talk and learn about, and enjoy.

Our aspirations see into the future the importance of learning from the past.

I am a lucky director to be able to work at Gunston Hall - it is a terrific place and the people who built and continue to build Gunston are valued here. Come see what we are up to.

#### Patrick Ladden, Interim Director

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# 2012 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**T** HE YEAR BEGAN with January's **Archaeology Symposium** entitled Mason Neck Underground: From Pre-History to the Early Republic.

Local archaeologists revealed recent discoveries at Mason Neck sites including Gunston Hall, Colchester, Meadowood Recreation Area, and Lexington Plantation.

In February, the Anne Mason Room was filled to capacity for the **Seeds of Independence** film and lecture (see page 9).

The **Liberty Lectures** series began in February and continued into March.

The lectures' theme was After the Revolution: Now What? which explored the challenges facing the former colonies as they united into one nation.

The annual **Docent Training** session in February added five new docents to the Gunston Hall Docents' Association.

March 24 was the annual **Kite Festival**. Unfortunately,

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heavy rains all day kept visitation very low for an event that is usually one of the best attended of the year.

Advanced Open Hearth Cooking classes, held in conjunction with Fairfax County's Adult and Community Education Program were conducted on the final Saturday in March and the first Sunday in April.

The Hunting for George Mason's Landscape tour was conducted by staff archaeologist David Shonyo on April 14 and 21.

April also marked the yearly beginning of Architecture in the Afternoon house tours which were offered on the first and third Sundays of each month until October.

On the second and fourth Sundays from April through October, historic interpreters in period attire portrayed George Mason's family. friends, and servants. They discussed politics, played games, socialized and performed 18th century domestic tasks during the Gunston Hall tion Sleuth: Antics in Architecture Conversations program.

The Mothers Day program in May

served visitors tea and other refreshments and house tours highlighted the roles of women at leisure and labor. Memorial Day at the end of May highlighted George Mason's role in securing Virginia's independence.

At an all-day event on Saturday, June 8, 35 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade aspiring writers attended the Christy Hartman Myer Writing Workshop. Students observed a scene depicting George Mason's return from the Philadelphia Convention then considered that scene from the point of view of a journalist, a historian, a poet, a novelist, and an illustrator. Experts in each of these fields guided the young authors in creating their own stories and illustrations.

A new event was established in June: George Mason Day which commemorated the 1776 ratification of Mason's Virginia Declaration of Rights. Local politicians spoke and re-enactors portrayed Mason and his family and friends at a reception.

A family-friendly program Plantawas offered to visitors on Tuesdays. Thursdays, and Saturdays in July and

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parents and students from George Mason University visited Gunston Hall during Parents' Weekend.

In the afternoon, Archaeology Day allowed children to participate in archaeology activities and visitors to take The Hunting for George Mason's Landscape tour.

An evening of Taverns & Ales with the Yards Brewing Company was a new event on October 20. Visitors were introduced to several ales based on original 18th century recipes and Rod Colfield of Historic London Town & Gardens delivered a talk on early taverns.

The Level 1 Open-Hearth Cooking class was held October 27 and 28. Both the fall and spring sessions of these popular classes were fully attended.

November's Decorative Arts Symposium brought guest speakers to discuss the topic of Hearing the Highlands in Virginia to explore the Scots influence in shaping local style through design, architecture, and material culture.

Plantation Christmas on Saturday, December 8, was modified from previous years. The Yuletide Dinner was discontinued. To make the event more family-friendly, it started earlier in the evening than in previous years.

Over 530 visitors heard holiday music from the Shiloh Baptist Church Choir, John the Fifer, and Tasker's Choice, and joined in impromptu caroling with Sylvia Tabb-Lee portraying Nell, a slave.

Cooks in the hearth kitchen served many sweet and savory samples. Guests rode in a carriage or took a hayride and wandered into the 18th century to converse with George Mason and members of his family.

# **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

G UNSTON HALL offers a variety of educational offerings for school children. Our field trip and outreach programs are coordinated with the Virginia History and Social Studies Standards of Learning.

Members of the Gunston Hall Docents' Association are instrumental in conducting all our field trips, and outreach visits. Many of them also volunteer to staff and help plan on-site Colonial Days, the Kite Festival, and Plantation Christmas. They all participate in continuing their own education by attending monthly lectures and visiting historical sites.

**George Mason's Plantation World**: This is our basic school tour. Students learn about George Mason— American patriot, brilliant author, hus-

band and father, slave owner and successful planter. They explore the Virginia Declaration of Rights and Mason's contributions to, and objections to, the Constitution of the United States; examine the rooms of Mason's home; and learn of the lives of the Mason family, indentured servants, and enslaved workers who lived at Gunston Hall in the 18th century. For grades K-12 . \$5 per student

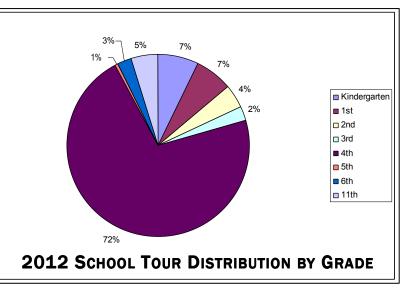
**Tailored Tours**. The education staff works with teachers to customize an on-site or outreach experience to address a particular curricular interest, such as George Mason as Patriot, the tobacco economy, slavery, or day-to-day life on a Virginia plantation. Grades 3-12. \$7 per student

I have been bringing my fourth graders to Gunston Hall for a few years now, and we always get treated well by the staff and docents there.
 Mount Vernon may have more 'public prestige,' but Gunston Hall has WAY more compassion and attention."
 A Fairfax County Public Schools teacher

**Extraordinary Tours.** Extraordinary tours are designed for groups of 40-85 students and are offered on a limited basis throughout the school year. Tours feature conversations with costumed characters from the past, hearth-cooking demonstrations, 18th century games, penmanship, and deportment lessons. Grades 3-12. \$7 per student

#### School Outreach

Docents take the 18th century into classrooms with



an outreach program that presents George Mason as author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights; as a principal contributor to the U.S. Constitution; and as a planter, businessman, and slave owner. Students explore the day-to-day life of planter families, indentured servants, and slaves. Grades 4-6.

Hands-On Colonial Days: At Home with George Mason Colonial Day is offered twice each school year; one in October and one in April. This program brings as many as 380 students to Gunston Hall at once. Students are immersed in the people and activities of an 18th century Virginia plantation. They carry out plantation jobs in the kitchen yard; interact with characters from George Mason's time; and play colonial games on the plantation lawns. The schedule includes daily life demonstrations and hands-on opportunities. Student-friendly tours of the mansion and a story telling program are special features of the day. Grades 4 – 6 . \$7 per student

Submitted by Frank N. Barker, Assistant Education Coordinator

IN 2012 3995 STUDENTS CAME FOR THE GMPW TOUR 1987 STUDENTS CAME FOR A TAILORED TOUR OR EXTRAORDINARY HISTORY TOUR 631 CAME FOR COLONIAL DAYS

# **GUNSTON HALL DOCENTS' ASSOCIATION**

G unston Hall Docents' Association is a unique association, established in 1957, that began with a small group of dedicated women determined to open historic Gunston Hall for the purpose of educating school children about George Mason, his life, his family and his ideals as put forth in his Virginia Declaration of Rights.

Over the years the association has grown into a dynamic force in education with on-site tour programs, special events, and classroom presentations, serving over 10,000 students annually. Open-Hearth Cooking, Storytelling , and Living History Character programs have been developed to

Jim Albanese Mary Albanese **Diane Altenburg** Beth Atkinson Judy Beriss 🔩 🕈 Ronnie Bubb Debbie Bullock ¥ 🌢 Helen Burroughs Evelyn Cassell Mary Chapman Mary Lu Chatelier 뢒 Judi Cohn ᡟ 🛧 Carol Coose Judy Crooks Janet Crumley Lynne Dalpino Donna DiRicco + \* Jackie Ehrman 🛧 🕈 🔶 Sheila Fletcher Diane Ford ¥ Sophie Frederickson 🕭 Sandy Galletta 🛧 Jane Gawalt 🔻 🛦 Laura Germain 🐥 Brenda Hall 🔶 Janis Harless Linda Hartman ++ Terri Hayes Louise Higgins & Sue Hodes \*\* Carol Howerton Mar Jackson Becky Laudenslager ♣ ♠ Diane Lenahan Susanne Leon Joan Lewis Charlene Little Judy Livingston Kathy Luetkemeier Renée Mahoney 🛧 B.J. Mc Pherson Ann McWhirt 🐣

enhance the educational presentations, as well as to satisfy the docents urge to expand their individual knowledge of the 18th century. Sustained training programs, lectures, book groups and extended study trips unify the group and maintain an energized spirit.

Over fifty years later, the association remains uniquely dedicated and determined to keep George Mason and his concepts as provided in our Bill of Rights part of our vocabulary.

#### Submitted by MaryKay Ruwe, GHDA Chair

Margaret Meath +\*\* Ruth Melvin 🛧 Kathy Miller Martha Nelson & Christine O'Hare Nancy Pope Scootie Prior **Trish Ramos** Sharon Rasmussen **Rosemary Romine** Diana Rock MarvKav Ruwe \*\* Nancy Sage Susan Sager♣♠ Mary Scott & Julia Smiley **Carole Smith** Mary Starner \*\* Joyce Taormina♥ Mary Lou Tracy B.L.Trahos 🛧

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- Hearth Cook
- Storyteller
- Special Character
- Outreach

## **Docent Executive Board**

75 docents with an average
8.7 years of experience.
5 new docents trained in 2012.

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# ARCHAEOLOGY

rchaeological field work projects undertaken during 2012 included the following:

- Resolution of the size and shape of an 18<sup>th</sup> century carriage turnaround area just outside the land front entrance of the mansion
- Investigation of an anomaly to the west of the schoolhouse detected in a previous ground penetrating radar survey
- An attempt to find evidence of a fence line that may have defined the west margin of the formally maintained area around the mansion
- Determined the end point of gravel Mason-era walkway previously found in the kitchen yard
- Established the location of an 18<sup>th</sup> century fence in the kitchen yard and its connection with the east garden boundary fence
- ♦ Re-opened a unit in a large 18<sup>th</sup> century trash deposit area (to be continued in 2013).

The archaeology program also provided popular archaeology-related activities for children during the March Kite Festival, Colonial Days in April and October, and Archaeology Day in October; and participated with the Friends of Fairfax Archaeology in organizing an archaeology symposium scheduled for February 2013 at Gunston Hall.

## Submitted by Archaeologist David Shonyo



A 4th grade visitor tries to piece together an artifact at the Archaeology Station during the Fall Colonial Day.

## **ARCHAEOLOGY VOLUNTEERS**

M.J. Basilone, Carol Boland, Alex Bower, Janice Brose, Hanna Bunting, Maria Calderon, Jerry Foster, Lindsay Hamblin, Susan Hardenburgh, Coleen Hill, Lucy Holden, Molly Hulsey, Susan Marquis, Mike Massie, Grace May, Annette Neubert, Ann Oliver, Meghan Pelaz, Anatoly Policastro, Merry Beth Policastro, Leslie Rakowski, Sarah Romero, Karl Van Newkirk, Donald Ward, and Claudia Wendling.



Archaeology volunteer Anatoly Policastro investigates an 18<sup>th</sup> Century "trash" deposit.

# **2012 SEEDS OF INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM**

ELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2012, the Fifth Annual Seeds of Independence program explored the effects of the Civil War upon the residents of Mason's Neck (as it was known at the time).



"Between the Lines: Free Blacks Living on Mason's Neck During the Civil War," the film produced by the Seeds of Independence committee, explored a small antebellum settlement of free blacks clustered along the Neck Road, now known as Harley Road, on Mason's Neck. Gunston Hall Archaeologist

Dave Shonyo narrated the film with remarks from Mary V. Thompson, Research Historian, Mount Vernon, and Rev. Donald Binder, PhD, Pohick Church, contributing commentary.

Additionally, in her talk, "On Uneven Ground: Finding Freedom in the Civil War Chesapeake," guest speaker Kym S. Rice, George Washington University, related the impact of war upon the isolated inhabitants of Mason's Neck to

tion continues with Cat Tail Run Book Bindery in Winchester, Virginia.

With the completion of the last three volumes owned by Mason, the Library Committee, under the guidance of Mrs. Charles E. Millard, Regent from Rhode Island, has agreed to the conservation of later Mason family volumes in the collection. Many of these early 19th century volumes have "Gunston Hall" written on the flyleaf. These preservation efforts are made possible by the generous gift from the estate of Mary Rhoda Montague Porter whose portrait now hangs in the Library. Mrs. Thomas H. McCallie, Regent from Tennessee, kindly arranged for the Library portrait.

#### **Recent Acquisitions to the Collections**

Potomac Aqueduct. Hydrographic survey of the Potomac River near Georgetown. This survey was made in the fall of 1832 and published in 1836. A nice large scale survey "shewing the position of the [proposed] aqueduct, its connection to the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal on the North bank, and with the Alexandria canal on the South bank of the river." Analostan Island, home of John Mason, is identified in the lower right hand corner. The Mason foundry is identified on the map across the river.

Potomac River: Improving the Georgetown Channel Chart of the Head of Navigation of the Potomac River Surveyed 1857. Published 1858. This is a large chart that details the Potomac River from the Aqueduct to Long Bridge. Among the features identified are Mason's Island [formally Analostan] with the former home of John Mason marked on the island.

#### Donations to the Library

Mrs. James T. Norman, a former Regent of Gunston Hall, has donated to the Library a two volume set of the American first edition [1808] of The History of the Rise, PAGE 9

circumstances in adjacent areas.

Members of the committee dedicated to the 2012 program were: Anne Barnes, Fairfax County History Commissioner and Mason Neck Resident; Audrey Davis, Alexandria Black History Museum; Paula Elsey, History 4All, Inc.; Roosevelt Holt, Shiloh Baptist Church; Lorraine Bushrod Jackson, Shiloh Baptist Church; Gary Knipling, Mason Neck resident; Jerry Lyons, Lyonshare Studios, LLC and Mason Neck resident; Sallie Lyons, Fairfax County History Commissioner and Mason Neck resident; Maddy McCoy, Fairfax County Slavery Inventory Data Base; Mary V. Thompson, Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens; with Linda Hartman, David Reese, and Dave Shonyo, Gunston Hall.

Attendance for the 2012 program was 177.

#### Submitted by Linda Hartman

Founded in 2007 in order to study the rich African American heritage of Mason Neck, Virginia, the Seeds of Independence committee produces annually a program for the general public which features one aspect of the community in a short documentary film of their own making.

# LIBRARY/ARCHIVES

HE PRESERVATION OF GEORGE MASON'S BOOKS in our collec- Progress, & Accomplishment of the Abolition of the African Slave Trade by Thomas Clarkson. These volumes also have a dedication from James P. Parke to the Kentucky Abolition Society 1817. Parke was the Philadelphia publisher of this edition. One of the volumes has a torn copy of the famous image "Stowage of the British Slave Ship 'Brookes' under the Regulated Slave trade Act of 1788." This image played an important role in the British abolitionist movement.

> Mrs. Frederick W. Martin, our Regent from Massachusetts, donated a copy of Descriptive Guide Book of Virginia Old Gardens by the Garden Club of Virginia [1929]. The volume has a description of the grounds of Gunston Hall with an image of Gunston Hall during the Hertle period.

#### Liberty Lectures 2012

We had three authors speak at our Liberty Lecture Series for 2012, with the theme "After the Revolution; Now What?," looking at the winners, losers, and the formation of the early republic. The lectures averaged 60 guests for each lecture and the books were available for sale in our Museum Shop. The presenters were:

Thomas B. Allen author of Tories: Fighting for the King in America's First Civil War

Thomas P. Chorlton author of The First American Republic 1774-1789: The First Fourteen American Presidents Before Washington

Kevin P. Gutzman author of James Madison and the Making of America

And thanks to our volunteer interns over the past year-Laura Beavers, Sara Beach, Sean Sowers and Michelle Bishop.

Submitted by Mark Whatford, Deputy Director

# **GUNSTON HALL MUSEUM SHOP 2012**

T HE YEAR 2012 saw the publication of a new softcover, elegant guidebook, *Gunston Hall*. The Gunston Hall Board of Regents commissioned this gorgeous book with all new photography and it has proven to be a best seller and conveys the singular nature of

Gunston Hall.

During the year, we reprinted the popular *The Recollections of John Mason* which is the first-hand remembrances of George Mason's son of life at Gunston Hall and of his father.

Museum Shop

The Shop is spearheading the effort to once again add Special Events to our offerings. To prepare for this addition, much of our year has been focused on revitalizing our catering kitchen and benchmarking best practices and formulating policies and procedures to accommodate special events at Gunston.

During the year, two staff members have taken the food management course for Fairfax County so Gunston Hall will be compliant with Health Department regulations.

Staff changes include the hiring of a new shop assistant manager, Pam Muirheid, and we said goodbye to Lori Dahnert, who worked in the shop for six years. Pam brings skills for on-line retailing and web design and the Gunston store plans on utilizing these skills to create new selling opportunities.

Submitted by Karen Bazzle, Museum Shop Manager

# EMPLOYEES OF GUNSTON HALL AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012

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#### Administration

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Berto Delfi-Hernandez and Buddy Mongold clear deadfall trees from the property in February.

## **THE GUNSTON HALL HISTORICAL INTERPRETERS SOCIETY**

<sup>5</sup> more than 10 years of service

<sup>6</sup> more than 5 years of service

The Gunston Hall Historical Interpreters Society (GHHIS) was formed to interpret plantation life of 18th century Virginia as well as the influence and contributions of George Mason on the founding of our nation.

Members of GHHIS interpret Col. Mason's life, his family, acquaintances, and household from the construction of Gunston Hall until his death.

In 2012 Society Members provided support to Gunston Hall special events to include: Mother's Day Tea, George Mason Day, Conversations, and Plantation Christmas. This year the Society also presented the first ever, "Mason Family Reunion" which they hope to make an annual event. Members of the Society include:

Helen Anderson Jamie Borek Ted Borek Doug Cohen Susan Costa Tom Costa

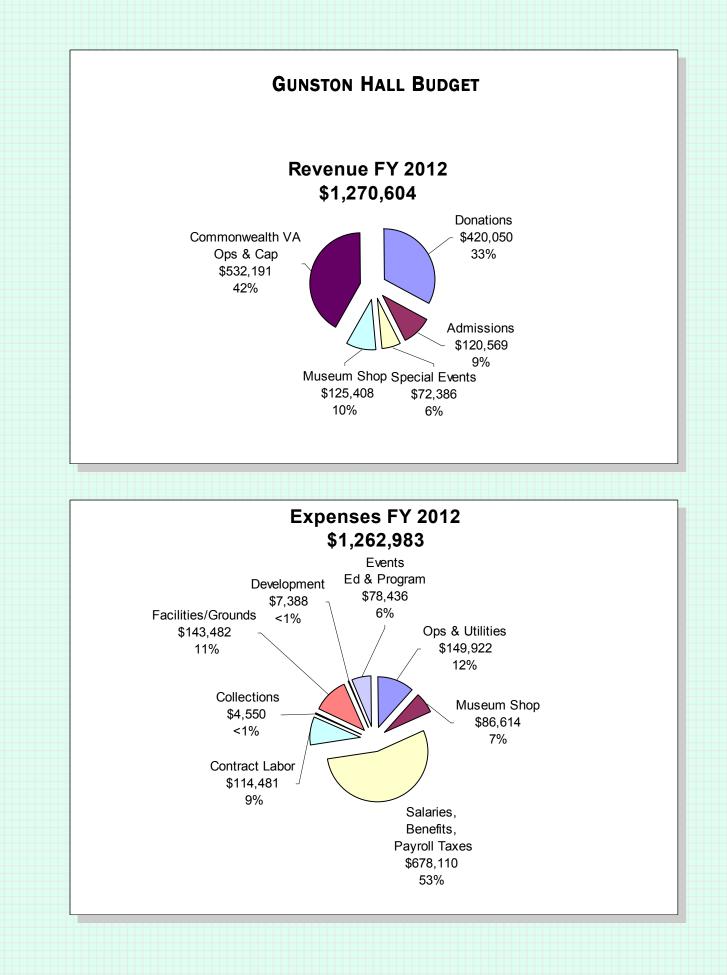
Jackie Ehrman **Greg Fisher** Gema Gonzalez Brenda Hall Janis Harless Linda Hartman **Doortje LeGrand** Becky Laudenslager **Renee Mahoney** Don McAndrews Dan McMahon Ann McWhirt Lyn Padgett Jane Pease Pat Sowers **Carole Thomas** Wayne Thompson **Kim Walters** Cathy Zaret

Gunston Hall Historical Interpreters Society is augmented by our very talented and energetic troupe of "Young Guns" who range in age from 9 - 18 years. These young history enthusiasts interpret plantation chores; such as dairying, laundry, spinning and processing flax into linen, as well as penmanship and period games. We are thrilled that in 2012 some of our young members made the leap into first-person interpretation of the young Mason family members.

Madison Woodward-Allen Hannah Bunting Sam Caruso Elizabeth Germain Aiden Hartman Maddie Finn Maura Finn Kyle Mahoney Forrest Meyer Mae Meyer Phebe Meyer Lindsey Willstatter

Submitted by Lyn Padgett, Chairperson, GHHIS

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