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# 2024 Annual Report





# Our Work

For more than 60 years, the U.S. Capitol Historical Society has proudly worked to preserve and share the history of the Capitol, the Congress, and the people who work therein. As a nonpartisan, educational, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the Society was chartered by Congress in 1978 in part “to foster and increase an informed patriotism.” In service of this mission, the Society conducts historical tours of the Capitol Building, hosts virtual and in-person public history programming on various aspects of Capitol history, coordinates an open-access civic education hub, manages a renowned civic education field trip program for DC schools, and commissions works of fine art for the Capitol collections.

Thanks to our donors' generous support in 2024, we provided impactful programs that inspired civic engagement and connected people with the history of American democracy.

We remain committed to empowering the next generation to protect and strengthen our democratic institutions, and striving “to encourage in the most comprehensive and enlightened manner an understanding by the American people of the founding, growth, and significance of the Capitol... as the tangible symbol of their representative form of government.”





# Civic Education

## Expanding Access

- During the 2023–24 school year, the Society's We the People Constitution Tours™ served 1,054 students from 12 Title I schools in the District of Columbia, providing transportation, lunches, and tour guides, and enabling hands-on learning experiences at the heart of our democracy.
- The 2024 Three Branches Teacher Institute virtually served 261 teachers from 44 states, Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico, through them reaching approximately 286,000 students. Hosted with the White House Historical Association and the Supreme Court Historical Society, this program provided educators with high-quality virtual resources from the Capitol Civics Hub to apply in their classrooms. 100% of participants said they would recommend it to their colleagues.
- In November 2024, during the 104th National Council for Social Studies Conference in Boston, Society staff promoted the Capitol Civics Hub by presenting lesson plans, primary sources, and educational initiatives to educators across the country.

## Civic Workshops

- In February 2024, the Society partnered with the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums in Fremont, OH, to host a workshop for 24 teachers from 12 states. The program explored the 1876 presidential election and Congress's role in the Electoral College.
- In September 2024, the Society collaborated with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, IL, for a workshop that brought together 23 educators from 13 states and the Northern Mariana Islands. Participants explored Senate rules, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the 1908 Springfield race riots.



# Inspiring Programs

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In February 2024, the Society presented its 2023 Freedom Award to 36th Clerk of the House Cheryl L. Johnson for her exceptional leadership and pivotal role in preserving – and commitment to upholding – the American democratic process. Former Speakers of the House Nancy Pelosi and Kevin McCarthy spoke of their appreciation of and admiration for Clerk Johnson as part of the tribute.

In May 2024, the Society hosted the 2024 Native American Suffrage Symposium, bringing together leading figures in Native American history, law, and advocacy to highlight critical issues of citizenship, sovereignty, suffrage, and activism.

In December 2024, the Society recognized Representatives Derek Kilmer and William Timmons with the 2024 Freedom Award for their bipartisan leadership of the House Select Committee on Modernization and successful efforts to implement more than 200 good-government reforms. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson participated in the ceremony honoring their achievements.



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# Digital History

The Society's webinar series brought history to life with impactful topics such as:

- The passage of major legislation
- The history of Amendments to the U.S. Constitution
- The evolution of voting rights and political systems
- The lives of important – if sometimes overlooked – figures
- The stories of Capitol construction
- Reflections on art in the Capitol collections

## By the Numbers

25 Webinars

2,797 Live Attendees

More than 12,000 views on YouTube



# 2024 Reach

## Tours

249 Tours Led

More than 3,800  
Members Served

Four volunteers led  
more than ten tours  
in 2024

Seven more  
volunteers led more  
than five tours in  
2024

## Out and About

Society Staff  
Participated in  
Conferences for:

- National Council on Public History
- National Council for History Education
- National Council for the Social Studies

## Sales Shows

Society sold its  
merchandise at sales  
shows such as:

- USCHS' Inaugural Cherry Blossom Tour & Reception
- 2024 Library of Congress National Book Festival
- 2024 Holiday Show with the U.S. Mint and Bureau of Engraving & Printing

## Newly Donated Portraits

- Rep. Michael Burgess
- Rep. Steve Chabot
- Rep. Virginia Foxx
- Rep. Kay Granger
- Rep. Carolyn Maloney
- Rep. Nydia Velazquez
- Rep. Steve Womack

## Congressional Service

Society Staff led  
special history  
tours for:

- Rep. Jake Auchincloss
- Sen. Sherrod Brown
- Rep. David Valadao
- Sen. Mark Warner

## New Capitol Fellows

Dr. Lisa Pieraccini is  
researching depictions  
of Native American  
women in the U.S.  
Capitol.

Dr. Matthew Restall is  
researching depictions  
of Christopher  
Columbus in the U.S.  
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