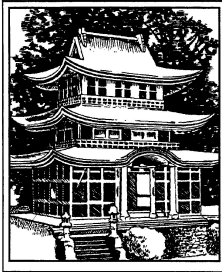


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## Tour and Events for 2021

Although SOS had to cancel all the 2020 in-person tours and events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are optimistic that our 2021 programming will include in-person tours and events. Currently we are planning monthly in-person tours, although more restricted, and two in-person events in the fall.

**Tours are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, beginning in March and running through November.** Reservations and masks are required and there is a 10-person limit to maintain safe distancing. These monthly guided tours are free for SOS members and children 12 and under and are \$5 for nonmembers.

Our first of **three events** will be held on May 25 as an online presentation and will focus on the faculty during the early 1900s of National Park Seminary. The second event, in late September, will be a program dedicated to learning about the huge renovated Victrola horn (speaker) in the Ballroom and the third event, in November, will be a special guided tour of the Glen. We hope the two fall events can be in-person events.

Attached for easy reference is the list of tour dates with details and the full description of the three events we have planned for 2021. This information is also on our website at [www.saveourseminary.org](http://www.saveourseminary.org).

## Annual Meeting and Program

The end of winter brings a new fiscal year for SOS. Our Annual Meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, March 16, at 7:30 pm ET**. The agenda includes the presentation of the 2021 Work Plan and the 2020 Financial Report, and the election of board directors. On March 15 the work plan and financial report will be sent by email to all members along with the Zoom link to attend the meeting online. The ballot is included with this newsletter for all members to vote on the board directors.

In addition to the formal Annual Meeting reports and election, SOS will have a short presentation about the creation of our Seminary Stories series, the short videos we

have produced on various historical topics about National Park Seminary. We welcome suggestions from anyone for future topics and encourage you to let us know what topics you are interested in knowing more about.

Also, a Glen Restoration Committee member will review the status of the increasing threat to a portion of the Glen from the proposed Beltway expansion project that is parallel to the northern boundary of the Seminary.

## **Seminary Stories**

If you haven't already, we hope you find time to watch the short Seminary Stories we produced in 2020 that are listed on our website and YouTube channel. They include:

- Statue of Justice
- Pagoda Gong
- The Presidents
- The Lost Mermaid
- Eleanore Pettersen

Our first 2021 story on the scrapbooks in our archives was just posted online. We identified several exciting topics for future videos that include the Glen gazebo, Senior House, Halloween at NPS, china and flatware of NPS, and the class stones.

## **Hiawatha**

SOS was disappointed not to be able to restore the Hiawatha statue next to the Spanish mission house last year due to the pandemic, but we are excited to make it happen this year! This process involves obtaining revised approval from the Maryland Historical Trust, transporting the statue to and from the conservator's shop, and repairing the stone pedestal upon which the statue sits. We expect to receive approval about the same time the weather is more temperate to start the work.

Thanks to our generous members and supporters, we have the funds to restore the statue to its original condition. Once the work is completed, we can have an unveiling to celebrate!

## **Happenings at NPS**

SOS is glad that all of the 14 condo units in the Power Plant/Practice Hall/Firehouse complex are now sold and occupied. We welcome these new residents and encourage them to attend one of our guided tours to learn about the history of their new home.

The residents' committee for landscaping at NPS has been working for months on creating a rainscape plan for the ravine behind the Music Hall building and next to the Dog Bridge. The work, to be done this spring, will control the erosion in that area and replace the weeds and invasives with appropriate plantings and a walkway.