



“I seem to be Pealed all around.”

GEORGE WASHINGTON

This oil-on-canvas painting of George Washington, by Rembrandt Peale, hangs in the Hammond-Harwood House. When the artist was invited to Mount Vernon to sketch the famous general, he was so nervous he took his father, Charles Willson Peale, and his uncle, James Peale, along with him. Washington made this witty remark when he saw the three men.

Rembrandt Peale relied on the sketches from the Mount Vernon visit to paint this portrait 40 years later in 1835.



The Hammond-Harwood House is a five-part Anglo-Palladian historic house museum that features some of the most beautiful colonial woodcarving and decorative plasterwork in the United States. Built in 1774, this National Historic Landmark represents the final work of renowned architect William Buckland.

The museum showcases a superb collection of decorative and fine arts. Furniture from colonial artisans, with special emphasis on Annapolis cabinetmaker John Shaw, is featured. The museum houses an excellent



collection of paintings by American colonial artists: fifteen works by Charles Willson Peale and three other members of his family, as well as works by John Hesselius, Jeremiah Theus, John Trumbull and others.

Period rooms feature exquisite silver, china, and furnishings of the 18th and early 19th century.

The mission of the Hammond-Harwood House Association is to preserve, for the public education and enjoyment, the architecturally significant Hammond-Harwood House museum and its collection of decorative and fine arts.



THE HAMMOND-HARWOOD HOUSE
19 Maryland Avenue
Annapolis, Maryland 21401



Lantern clock; England; brass and tempered steel; c.1650.

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Architecture

Colonial architect William Buckland designed this Anglo-Palladian style brick house for Maryland tobacco planter Matthias Hammond in 1774. With its central two-story pedimented block, two single-story hyphens, and the flanking two-story wings, the house exhibits the elegant symmetry of the Georgian period.

Buckland was an accomplished cabinetmaker, woodworker, and carver. The outstanding exterior and interior woodwork – dominated by his designs of foliage and flowers – set this house apart from others of its era. The carving around the front door to the house has been meticulously restored.

Period Rooms

The Hammond-Harwood House was owned and inhabited by generations of old Annapolis families who kept the interior in near-original condition. Its superb collections of decorative arts – furniture, paintings, and artifacts from the late 18th and early 19th century, gathered from American and some European sources during the past 60 years – are showcased in the period rooms: study, bed chambers, kitchen, dining room, game room, parlors. Family life as it would have been lived in the house is interpreted in the displays in these rooms, with the first floor reflecting the early Georgian period and the second floor showing the stories of the Annapolis families who occupied the house in the post-Revolutionary period.



Warming platter with lid, Chinese export porcelain; porcelain, celadon, c. 1820.

General Information

The Hammond-Harwood House and Garden is open for tours. To arrange for group or school tours, please phone the museum at 410-263-4683.

Hours of Operation:

- *January – March:* Group and school tours by reservation only. Admission.
- *April – October:* Open Tuesday – Sunday, noon – 5 p.m. Walk-in tours on the hour, with the last tour at 4 p.m. Admission.
- *December:* Open for Greens Show events.

Walk-in Tours: Guided tours of the house are available on the hour. Approximately 40 minutes in length. Admission.

Group tours: Available year-round at group rates for groups of 10 to 50. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission. By reservation only.

Educational Program Tours: Special history and art tours with hands-on activities tailored for student groups K through college. Approximately 1 – 1 1/2 hours in length. By reservation only.

Museum Shop: The shop offers a variety of gifts, history books, and children's toys.

Parking: Nearby parking garages are located between Duke of Gloucester St. and Main St. and off Calvert St. near the Visitors' Center. Free shuttle buses run every half-hour from the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium off Rowe Blvd.

Directions:

From Baltimore or Washington, D.C.: Take U.S. Rt. 50E. Exit at Rt. 450 (exit 27) toward the Naval Academy. Cross over the Severn River on the Naval Academy Bridge. Turn left at the second light onto King George St. The house is located at the corner of King George St. and Maryland Ave.

Eastern Shore: Take U.S. Rt. 50W over the Bay Bridge and take the Naval Academy exit. Proceed as directed, above, to the Hammond-Harwood House.

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Photography by Jim Finnerty.

Calendar of Events

The Hammond-Harwood House sponsors special events during the year to showcase the house and its collections, and to explore various aspects of colonial history represented in the house. Please contact the Hammond-Harwood House or consult the web page for exact dates of each event.

Secret Garden Tour – June

Visit 12 to 15 private gardens in Annapolis; every year a different section of the city is featured. Admission. Reservations preferred.

Pumpkin Walk – October

Children in Halloween costumes can enjoy old-fashioned activities like apple-bobbing, face-painting, and a costume parade. Admission. Reservations preferred.

Colonial Dog Show – November

Showcasing dogs that were common during the colonial era. Parade of breeds with awards, sale items, and SPCA booth. Admission.

Hammond-Harwood House by Candlelight – December

Features tours of the house decorated for the holiday season. Musical entertainment, food and drink, and the sale of freshly made holiday greens such as wreaths, swags, and table decorations. Admission. Reservations preferred.

Greens Show and Sale – December

Features the sale of fresh holiday decorations, homemade refreshments, and tours of the period rooms in their holiday splendor. Tours on the half hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission.

Mahogany card table and chairs by cabinetmaker John Shaw.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP HAMMOND-HARWOOD HOUSE

Membership supports the daily operations of the house and museum.

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

- The Colonials \$40
- The Hammond-Harwood Family \$75
- John Shaw Artisans \$100
- Peale Patrons \$250
- Buckland Society \$500
- The 1774 Society \$1,774

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I am interested in: *(Please check)*

- Leading Tours
- Research
- Gardening
- Photography
- Special Events Volunteer
- House Preservation & Maintenance
- Internships
- Volunteer in Educational Programs

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