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DAR Museum “Eye On Elegance” Exhibition Alden O’Brien, Curator Biography

Exhibition Curator

Alden O’Brien is the curator for “Eye on Elegance: Early Quilts of Maryland Virginia,” opening October 3, 2014. She has been curator of costume and toys at the DAR Museum since 1990. In 2003, Ms. O’Brien took over care of the textile collection. She has curated numerous costume and quilt exhibits, most recently “Fashioning the New Woman: American Women and Fashion, 1890-1925.” Alden O’Brien holds a Master of Arts in museum studies in costume and textiles from the Fashion Institute of Technology, State University of New York, and a Bachelors of Arts in art history from Barnard College.

DAR Museum

The award-winning DAR Museum, founded in 1890, is part of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Museum supports the NSDAR mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism through collection, preservation and interpretation of American decorative arts and material culture.

The Museum’s collection of more than 30,000 objects highlight American life from 1700 to 1850. Visitors view craftsmanship of American and imported artifacts, including furniture, silver, ceramics, paintings, costumes, textiles, and glass.

The DAR Museum recently received TripAdvisor’s Certificate of Excellence 2014. TripAdvisor lists the DAR Museum as one of the top 55 places to visit in Washington, DC.

The DAR Museum’s collections are exhibited in thirty-one period rooms, providing scenarios of American commercial and home life from the 18th century through the mid-20th century, and two spacious galleries. The Yochim Gallery gives visitors an intimate experience with furniture, portraits, maps, and other works. The Main Gallery features objects from the permanent collections, as well as rotating exhibitions.

The DAR Museum provides year-round public programming. School and family programs are free, thanks to the generosity of DAR members. The Museum also has adult workshops and lectures.

The Museum, accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, offers free admission to all visitors. It is open six days a week, Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm, and Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Museum is closed Sunday and federal holidays.

For more information, visit dar.org/museum, or phone 202-879-3241.