

SOCIETY OF WINTERTHUR FELLOWS



ANNUAL SUMMARY FOR 2021:

OUR THANKS FOR STEADY SUPPORT IN A TUMULTUOUS YEAR

While we hoped that 2021 would bring closure to the global pandemic and stability to the world at large, the year brought both optimism and recurring setbacks. Thanks to generous Society members who provided gifts of finances, time, and talent, however, we had a steady foundation for our work, and an optimistic end to a year of growth and change.

Last year marked the beginning of a financial turnaround for the Society of Winterthur Fellows, which, like many alumni, lost a substantial amount of income in 2020. To lower the barriers to membership, in 2021 we introduced monthly billing and automatic renewal options, and many members took advantage of them. By the end of 2021, the Society's budget—which relies on paid memberships and donations—was up 28% from 2020. This, along with reduced programming costs in an era of virtual events, leaves us poised to invest in improvements to our grants programs and in meaningful programming to mark the 70th anniversary of the culture program and the 50th anniversary of the conservation program.

Many of our alumni returned to in-person work in 2021, so we reduced our schedule of online events to a more manageable level. Still, we continued to

co-sponsor the Materializing Race unConference, as well as to host virtual events that examined the legacy of enslavement in historic homes, the history of conservation practices, publishing in the cultural heritage sector, and diversity initiatives at Winterthur. In all, we hosted 8 virtual and hybrid events that drew more than 275 registrants. Many alumni who aren't dues-paying members participated.

We cannot continue this vital work without your help. We receive no external funding from Winterthur or any other source. In addition to grants and events, your dues pay for the Society's basic operating expenses, such as banking and administrative costs, postage, and fees for maintaining our website, online membership directory, and virtual event platform.

If you already give to the Society, thank you! Your gifts have allowed us to develop our growing online community, our virtual events, and our focus on transparency and accountability. If you didn't give in 2021, please become an active member. We value your support, and we welcome your ideas.

With gratitude,

Your SOWF Board members: Renée, Jackie, Lauren, Sarah, Shoshana, Erica, Alice, Amy, Jacklyn, Samantha, and Neal

In 2021 your contributions made the following possible:

PLEGGED

\$1,874 in research & continuing education grants to 2 conservation alumnae

\$2,500 in professional development grants to 7 current culture & conservation fellows

SPONSORED

SOWF Alumni Gathering

Virtual reception for WUDPAC alumni at AIC (May 27)

Conservation Talks

Changes in Collections Care over 275 Years at the APS (March 18)

Considerations in the Display of Time-Based Media (Oct. 16)

Diversity, Equity, Access, & Inclusion

The Jupiter Hammon Project (May 20)

Virtual Town Hall: DEAI at Winterthur (Nov. 17)

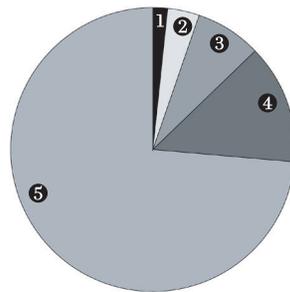
Talks for Recent Grads

Demystifying Cultural Heritage Publication (Oct. 26)

Annual & Special Meetings

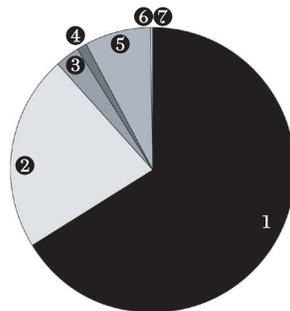
Bylaws review and approval (July 28)

Year in review, with receptions for current fellows & alumni (Nov. 5)



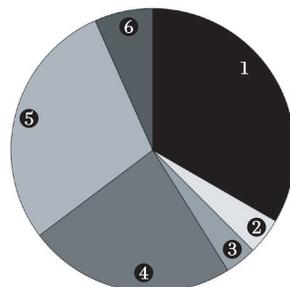
MEMBERSHIP | 2021

1. Gratis to graduating classes: 18
2. Recent alumni: 36 (2020: 14)
3. Society-only memberships: 77 (2020: 52)
4. Joint Society-Winterthur memberships: 136 (2020: 159)
5. Alumni not paying membership contributions, including 264 past-due members: 740 (2020: 675)



INCOME | 2021

1. Membership contributions: \$17,928
2. Donations, unrestricted: \$5,990
3. Donations, DEAI initiatives: \$750
4. Donations, current Fellows: \$300
5. Donations, alumni: \$2,000
6. Event registrations: \$40
7. Interest: \$20



EXPENSES | 2021

1. Travel and research grants: \$4,379
2. Programs and events: \$550
3. DEAI programs and events: \$500
4. Winterthur portion of joint memberships: \$3,100 (\$20 to Winterthur per joint membership)
5. Communications & virtual platforms: \$3,744
6. Administrative costs: \$854



Membership Form

Mission of the Society

- To keep alumni connected to Winterthur and to each other
- To foster professional development, scholarship, and camaraderie among alumni and fellows
- To support and promote Winterthur's longstanding commitment to higher education

Initiatives of the Society

- Grants to alumni for research, travel, and professional development
- Supplemental research and travel grants for current fellows
- Gifts to Winterthur to support the department of Academic programs and current fellows
- Maintenance and accessibility of the master database of all alumni from the culture and conservation programs

Annual Membership

- \$70 Standard membership
(12-month SOWF membership)
- \$50 Recent alumnus membership
(12-month SOWF membership)
Classes of 2018–2022 only
- \$5 Winterthur membership add-on
(12-month Winterthur membership)

Contributions are fully tax deductible.

Additional donation

I would like to make an additional, fully tax deductible gift to support the Society's initiatives. *Alumni who make additional donation will be listed in the Honor Roll of Donors on the Society's website.*

- \$1,000 Charles F. Hummel Circle
This level honors Charles F. Hummel, Winterthur curator emeritus and founder of the Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation
- \$500
- \$250
- \$100
- \$50
- Other amount _____

My gift is in honor of, or in memory of:

My gift is restricted to the following purpose:

- My gift is anonymous
- Please contact me about including the Society of Winterthur Fellows in my estate plans

Contact information*

Name _____

Preferred mailing address _____

Address line two _____

City/state/zip _____

Preferred phone _____

home mobile work

Preferred email _____

personal professional

Class year _____

conservation culture

** Contact information can also be updated at sowf.org*

Payment information

Payment may be made by mailing a check with this form, or by credit card at sowf.org

Enclosed is a check payable to the Society of Winterthur Fellows

Payment made online at sowf.org

_____ Membership

_____ Optional Winterthur membership

_____ Additional donation

_____ **TOTAL**