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NEW WHITE HOUSE GUIDEBOOK

The White House: An Historic Guide is in its 22nd edition. More than 4 million copies have been sold and countless more people around the world have read it. The guide contains extensively illustrated room-by-room descriptions of the décor and furnishings of the house accompanied by historical text.

The original guide, the first project of the newly formed White House Historical Association, was presented to First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy at the White House in July 1962. Conceived and planned by Mrs. Kennedy to help visitors, as she put it, “sort out the impressions received on an often crowded visit.” It has served as a cherished memento to scores of people ever since.

“Today, we continue to update the guidebook because the work of restoring and maintaining the White House is ongoing,” said Henry A. Dudley Jr., chairman of the White House Historical Association. “In this edition, there are many new pictures of the areas on the second floor that Mrs. George W. Bush has redecorated. These include the Yellow Oval Room, the Center Hall, the West Sitting Hall, the East Sitting Hall, the Treaty Room, and the President’s Dining Room.”

The cover of this issue reverts to the classic image taken by a National Geographic Society photographer from the top of a ladder truck positioned on Pennsylvania Avenue in 1962 for one of the first editions of the guide. New views of the Library and the East Room as well a State Dining Room picture, have been added.

The White House Historical Association was established in 1961 as a non-profit organization to enhance the understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the Executive Mansion. Proceeds from the association's trusts, publications and other items are used to fund acquisitions of historic furnishings and artwork for the permanent White House collection, assist in the preservation of the public rooms, and further its educational mission.

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