



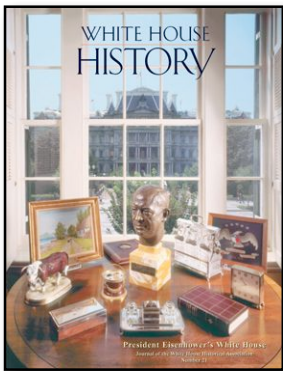
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WHITE HOUSE HISTORY VISITS PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S WHITE HOUSE Journal Number 21



White House History, the semiannual journal of the White House Historical Association, visits Dwight D. Eisenhower's White House. The presidency was only one part of Eisenhower's fame. As the nation's hero of World War II he presided at the White House in the decade of the 1950s, a time ushering in great change and transformation. The changes of the fifties were hardly reflected in the tranquil White House where the president and his extremely popular first lady presided during the week but on weekends hurried to their Gettysburg farm, the first and only home they ever owned. The White House was very much "the office," and while Mrs. Eisenhower brought forth the

idea of furnishing rooms museum-style, the president had a golf green on the south grounds, and they created a very personal barbecue patio on the roof, home was always Gettysburg.

"His friendly grin notwithstanding, Eisenhower, was a commanding presence. One always hesitated whether to address him as "general" or "Mr. President," even though he was always somehow "Ike" to the admiring public," said William Seale, editor of *White House History*. "While his era saw great change, his presence, which was always tranquil, helps make it in memory a time of peace and calm."

This issue of *White House History* begins with "Dwight D. Eisenhower: The First Television President" by Martha Joynt Kumar; Edith Mayo observes "She's Making Maturity Glamorous": Mamie Eisenhower's White House Style; and Sister Wendy Beckett looks at "President Eisenhower: Painter." Curator Dennis Medina writes about "The Eisenhower Family Home in Abilene, Kansas," and in commemoration of the man and his time, Candace S. Shireman's "In the Goodness of Time": Creating the Dwight D. Eisenhower Room at Blair House.

White House History is published twice each year by the White House Historical Association and features articles on White House history, architecture, fine and decorative arts, and gardens, as well as stories about the occupants of the White House and their experiences living there.

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The White House Historical Association, established in 1961, is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to enhance the understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the White House. All proceeds from the association's trusts, publications and other items are used to fund acquisitions of historic furnishings and artwork for the permanent collection, to assist in the preservation of public rooms, and further its educational mission.

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