

Meet Your American Heritage Committee Chair



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Sue Ellen is currently serving as the NSDAR Southeastern Division Vice-Chair of the American Heritage Committee by appointment of President General Denise Doring VanBuren, and as ASDAR American Heritage Chair by appointment of State Regent Tammy Clemons. She is also serving her third term as Continental Congress Music Vice-Chair: organist/pianist, and as ASDAR State Conference Pianist Chair.

During the 12 years that Sue Ellen has been a member of DAR, she has served as Regent for Hunt's Spring Chapter, President of the Northern District Regents' Council, State Literacy Chair, and State Conference Chorus Director.

Sue Ellen also serves on the Development Committee for KDS School and has presented a yearly Christmas organ concert there since 2009.

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American Heritage Committee

History and Purpose



The aim of our American Heritage committee, as expressed in the motion passed by the 1963 Continental Congress is *“to aid and encourage the preservation of our rich American heritage in the fields of art, crafts, drama, literature, and music.”*

We Daughters can participate in the American Heritage Committee by continuing to use art, sculpture, crafts, fiber arts, the written word, dramatic interpretation and music as venues of expression while preserving our cultural history as we *“Rise and Shine for America!”*

News from NSDAR American Heritage Committee Chair, Dianna Dolfin Callaway

Certificates of Appreciation will be awarded in 2021

These may be awarded to a Chapter, Individual, or State Chair who goes above and beyond in doing an outstanding job...perhaps to a chapter chair who enticed her members to enter the contest; perhaps to one who got those members to do a group project for the contest; or perhaps to the chapter who had the most programs in their division. Take lots of pictures!!!

The American Heritage Presentation Report would make a perfect chapter program. It is a large file, so please be patient when downloading. It is available at:
<https://www.dar.org/members/continental-congress/national-committee-presentations>

The American Heritage Committee National Awards Presentation can be viewed by all at YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrhTZktgdiU&feature=youtu.be>

Also, the Congress Thursday evening video featuring the first place AHC winners can still be viewed at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6nONDilOPY&feature=youtu.be>

The AHC **Book of Winners** is now available on the AHC webpage – this would also make a wonderful AHC program!
<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/american-heritage/contest-winners>

Women in the Arts Award

The Women in the Arts Recognition Award, consisting of a certificate and lapel pin, may be presented to honor a woman (member or non-member) who has made significant achievements in her artistic field beyond mastery of technique. This may include innovative design work, featured exhibitions, publication, research, and technique development.

This is a non-competitive award where state and chapters are invited to honor women with this award throughout the year. Please see our link below for further instructions and information.

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/american-heritage/women-arts-recognition-award>

Evelyn Cole Peters Award

In honor of our first national chair, the most prestigious award that a Daughter or group of Daughters can win within the American Heritage Committee contests is the

“Evelyn Cole Peters Award.”

It is given in recognition of excellence to the Daughter(s) whose entry is simply spectacular.



Past Alabama winner 2018
Ava Warren Cambron



Past Alabama winner 2019
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American Heritage Committee

How Your Chapter Can Participate!

- **Plan American Heritage programs. There are numerous programs at the link below that you may use, or that may give you ideas of your own. Take pictures!**
<https://www.dar.org/members/reporter-general-cynthia-moody-pannell>
- **Encourage chapter members to enter the American Heritage Contest. Take pictures!**
- **Encourage participation in programs such as the Quilts of Valor program. Take pictures!**
- **Make masks for those in your community or others where there may be a need, such as the Native American reservations. Take pictures!**
- **Nominate someone for the Women in the Arts Award. Take pictures!**
- **Teach your particular artistic skills to someone else. Take pictures!**
- **Always take plenty of pictures for your report!**

American Heritage Committee
2020-2021 Contest Theme
“Rise, and Shine Your Light on Your Revolutionary War Patriot”

- **Competitions:**

- **Art & Sculpture – 12 Categories**

- **Crafts – 6 Categories**

- **Fiber Arts – 12 Categories**

- Historic Dress: The Revolutionary War Era:
1770-1778**

- **Literature & Drama – 5 Categories**

- **Music – 2 Categories**

Fiber Arts entries must be sent to State Chair, Sue Ellen Adams, with a postmark between **January 2 and January 28, 2021**. Entries with a later date cannot be considered.

Deadline for entries in all other categories must be sent to the National Vice Chair of the category and postmarked between **January 2, 2021 – February 15, 2021**. A copy of the entry form only for other categories must also be sent to the State Chair.

American Heritage Contest

How to enter!

- **Choose your category.**
- **Incorporate the theme of the contest.**
- **Make your original design/composition.**
- **Write your narrative and take pictures if your category requires them.**
- **Fill in the form to send with your entry, with a extra copy to send to the State Chair if other than Fiber Arts. All Fiber Arts entry material goes to the State Chair.**
- **Entry forms can be found on the DAR members website in the NIP:**
<https://www.dar.org/members/forms-publication-keyword/NIP%20Form>
- **Full instructions for each category can be found on the American Heritage Committee website.**
<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/american-heritage/committee-overview>
- **Read & follow all instructions for your chosen category very carefully...details matter!**

CHECK LIST FOR ALL AMERICAN HERITAGE CONTEST ENTRIES

- Title your work.
- Make sure the theme *“Rise, and Shine Your Light on Your Revolutionary War Patriot”* is incorporated in your entry.
- Write one or more paragraphs, no more than a page long, explaining your entry, its materials, and its relation to the theme.
- Include 3 – 12 photos of work during construction, depending on the category, for all contests except Drama & Literature and Music.
- Include a flash drive with photos of work as well as the photos themselves.
- Make sure that you enter the contest category best suited for your entry.
- Read & reread all instructions for your particular category carefully, as each competition has its own requirements!
- Make sure that the following rules are followed: entry must be by a current DAR member, and work must have been done while a member of DAR, only one entry per member per contest is allowed, and past national winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd places) may not be reentered. However non-national winners may be reentered.
- Fill in and sign entry form.
- Send entry to appropriate National Vice-Chair/State Chair.
- For non Fiber Arts categories, send a signed, completed copy of your contest entry form to State Chair.
- Mail entries via United States Postal Service...email entries are not accepted.

* If there is a minor child in any photo that is used in any of the contests, permission must be granted in writing by his/her parent/guardian using the official [NSDAR Photo/video of Minor Children Release Form \(found on the DAR Members' Website under Forms/Publications-Committee-American Heritage\)](#) for the photograph to be submitted to the contest. This form must be signed and submitted with the contest entry form.

2019-2020 **NSDAR** American Heritage Contest **Winner**
Third Place Crafts: Jewelry
Jodi Adamson, Atagi Chapter



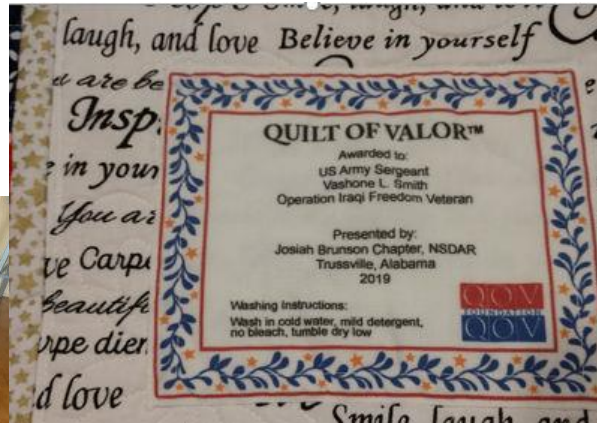
2019-2020 **NSDAR** American Heritage Contest **Winner**
Third Place Quilts: Hand Quilted
Wanda Cunningham, Fort Mims Chapter



ASDAR Outstanding Chapter Participation 2019-2020 Josiah Brunson Chapter

Using Creative Talents to Honor Our Military

Daughters in Josiah Brunson Chapter, of Alabama, made over 45 knitted and crocheted scarves for active military and retired veterans. They also made cockades, patriotic wreaths, and scarves for chapter fundraising. One member made 6 Quilts of Valor for veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, Viet Nam, and Iraq.



ASDAR Outstanding Chapter Program 2019-2020 Hunt's Spring Chapter "Appalachian Music Comes to Alabama"



"The Yardbirds"

Jerry Todd, Louise Todd, Alan Maiorano, & David Bennett

- **Alan Maiorano presented a program on the history of dulcimers, how they are made, and how the different woods and shapes affect their sound. Alan also traced their migration with the Germans and Scotch-Irish from the northeast into Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama.**
- **Following his presentation, Alan and three fellow musicians, "The Yardbirds," entertained the chapter with several old dulcimer songs.**

ASDAR American Heritage Committee **Chapter Awards 2019 -2020**

- **Outstanding Chapter Report: Mary Maiorano, Hunt's Spring Chapter**
- **Outstanding Chapter Participation by Members:**
 - Birmingham Territory Chapter**
 - Josiah Brunson Chapter**
 - Lily of the Cahaba Chapter**
 - Tristan De Luna Chapter**
 - Twickenham Town Chapter**
- **Outstanding Chapter Program:**
 - Hunt's Spring Chapter**
 - Marble Valley Chapter**
- **Outstanding Chapter Overall Programming: Marble Valley Chapter**

**“Rise, and Shine Your Light on Your
Revolutionary War Patriot”**

Let your
light
shine.
Matthew 5:16