The Dinah Memorial Project

Inequality in Bronze:
Monumental Plantation Legacies

Dinah Memorial
Stenton Park 1934
Stenton
Completed 1730
A Tale of Two Bronze Memorials

In memory of DINAH
the Faithful Colored Caretaker of Stenton who by her quick thought and presence of mind saved the mansion from being burned by British Soldiers in the winter of 1777.

[Image of a plaque]
Inequality in Bronze: The Big Ideas

· Work with our **neighbors** in a new way to create a 21st-century memorial to Dinah

· Elevate and commemorate Dinah’s **full story and humanity**

· Address the **national debate about monuments** and the absence of memorials to millions of enslaved Africans and Africans Americans, whose contributions to our history remain ignored or silenced in many public spaces
Project Recap:  
A Design and So Much More…

• Community focus groups to conceptualize the project- shared w/artists

• Curator-led community inclusive process to select an artist

• Other projects & programs: Stenton Park GPR, Temple partnership, Mid-Atl. Plant. Conference, research/new exhibits, residency, park partners...
Community members and neighbors discussed ideas and values related to Dinah and the proposed memorial.
In memory of

Dinah

the celebrated Colored Creole of St. John
who by her quick thought and presence of mind
saved the mission from being burned
by British Soldiers
in the winter of 1777

A Woman of Color Born in 1750
MAY I ASK YOU, DICKIE?
WHERE WERE YOU BORN AND HOW DID YOU ARRIVE HERE?
WHAT WAS YOUR FULL NAME?
HOW DID FREEDOM FEEL?
WHAT WAS YOUR GREATEST JOY AND YOUR GREATEST SORROW?
DID YOU HAVE A FAVORITE PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE?
WHAT WAS YOUR WILDEST DREAM?
WHO NURSED YOU OR TOOK CARE OF YOU?
WHO DID YOU THINK OF MOST AS YOU GREW OLD?
DID YOU EVER WISH YOU HAD LEARNED MORE?
HOW DO YOU WISH TO BE REMEMBERED?
MAY I ASK YOU, DINAH...
WHAT WAS YOUR FULL NAME?
WHERE WERE YOU BORN AND HOW DID YOU ARRIVE HERE?
HOW DID FREEDOM FEEL?
WHAT WAS YOUR GREATEST JOY AND YOUR GREATEST SORROW?
DID YOU HAVE A FAVORITE PART OF EVERY DAY?
WHAT WAS YOUR WILDEST DREAM?
WHO TOOK CARE OF YOU?
WHO AND WHAT DID YOU THINK OF MOST AS YOU GREW OLD?
DID YOU EVER WISH YOU HAD LET IT BURN?
HOW DO YOU WISH TO BE REMEMBERED?
Questions for Dinah

- What was your full name?
- When were you born and how did you arrive here?
- How did freedom feel?
- What was your greatest joy and what was your greatest sorrow?
- Did you have a favorite part of every day?
- What was your wildest dream?
- Who took care of you?
- Who and what did you think of most as you grew old?
- Did you have moments when you wished you had let it burn?
- How do you wish to be remembered?
MAY I ASK YOU ...

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
WHEN WERE YOU BORN AND WHAT LED YOU HERE?
DO YOU FEEL FREE?
WHAT HAVE BEEN YOUR GREATEST JOY AND YOUR GREATEST SORROW?
DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE PART OF EVERY DAY?
WHAT IS YOUR WILDEST DREAM?
WHO TAKES CARE OF YOU?
WHO AND WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MOST AS YOU GROW OLDER?
WOULD YOU HAVE SAVED STENTON?
HOW WOULD YOU WISH TO BE REMEMBERED?
Questions for You

• What is your name?
• When were you born and what led you here?
• Do you feel free?
• What have been your greatest joy and your greatest sorrow?
• Do you have a favorite part of every day?
• What is your wildest dream?
• Who takes care of you?
• Who and what do you think of most as you grow older?
• Would you have saved Stenton?
• How would you wish to be remembered?
In memory of

DINAH

the

Faithful Colored Caretaker

of Stenton

who by her quick thought

and presence of mind

saved the mansion

from being burned

by British Soldiers

in the winter of 1777

Erected 1852 by the Colonel Dinah's 3rd. She and
Half-Sister of Dinah were and remain above 100 yrs.
In memory of

DINAH
the
Fidelial Colored Servant
of Moses
who by her quick thinking and presence of mind
saved the nation
from being bound
by British soldiers
in the winter of 1777.
“Healing begins where the wound was made.”
-Alice Walker

“Never be afraid to sit awhile and think.”
- Lorraine Hansberry
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“Never be afraid to sit awhile and think.”
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SILHOUETTE OPTIONS: GRANITE

JET MIST

RAVEN NOIR

MESABI BLACK
ENGRAVED LETTERS:

Lithichrome Stone Paint—
Premium paint used on granite monuments and other stones.
Good bonding and weatherproofing capabilities.
May need to be renewed in 20 years.

Bronze with matte finish
Fountain Maintenance

(The fountain will be turned off during cold weather months)

— Clean leaves and debris from fountain bowl regularly as required
— Clean filter basket weekly
— Fill chlorinator with 2 tablets monthly
— Clean cartridge filter every 2 months

Fall shut down
— Drain, install plugs, blow out lines with shop vacuum, remove cartridge filter and clean.
— Turn off water and power, blow out auto fill line.

Spring start up
— Remove plugs, fill with water, add chlorine
GrassMat®
Grass Accessibility Mat – Polyethylene roll

GRASSMAT® provides safety over any terrain prone to becoming muddy due to continuous vehicular, wheelchair or pedestrian traffic. Its unique oscillated mesh structure provides slip resistance and superior traction.
Kasota Limestone Slabs (2)
6" thick, integral with benches

Bronze Plaques on outside faces of slabs (2)
- One supplied by owner
- One TBD
Plaques to be inset / face flush with stone surface

Elevation A - A' - Exterior Elevation at Entry

\[\frac{1/2}{\text{in.}} = \text{1}^\prime-0^\prime\]
Section B - B' - Interior Cross Section Showing Slabs

- Silhouette and Text on Inside faces of slabs (2)
  See Details TBD

- Kasota Limestone Bench w/ back

- Solid stone base

- Granite band

- Stone coping
  See details TBD

- Fountain w/ recirculating bubbler See details TBD

- Reinforced concrete foundation
  Details TBD

1/2" = 1'-0"
Section D - D' - Interior Cross Section

1/2' = 1'-0'
1" PVC CONDUIT WITH 110 VOLT 20 AMP ELECTRICAL SUPPLY

LEVOLOR WATER LEVEL CONTROL

AUTO FILL SENSOR

AUTO FILL LEVELING STAND PIPE

WATER SUPPLY 2" WITH BACK FLOW PREVENTER AT SOURCE

AUTO FILL VALVE

304 STAINLESS EQUIPMENT BOX WITH HATCH DOORS

FALSE STONE FLOOR

3"

18"

3' 0"

2' 0"

304 STAINLESS STEEL BASIN

STONE SURROUND

FLOOR SUCTION 2"

STAINLESS STEEL 1" BUBBLER PIPE

AUTOFILL LEVELING STAND PIPE

STAINLESS STEEL 1" BUBBLER PIPE

STAINLESS TREADED COUPLING

FLOOR SUCTION 2"

AUTOFILL LEVELING STAND PIPE

LEVOLOR WATER LEVEL CONTROL

PUMP

FILTER BASKET

FILTER

CHLORINATOR