

# The Victorian Society in America Washington Metropolitan Chapter

Invites you to a tour of  
Gallaudet University Campus in Washington, D.C.

Gallaudet University is a world leader in undergraduate liberal arts education, career development, and graduate programs for deaf, hard-of-hearing, and hearing students. It was founded in 1856, by Amos Kendall, a wealthy business man, as the Columbia Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind. In 1954, the name of the institution was changed to Gallaudet College in honor of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, founder of the first school for deaf students in the United States.

**Our tour will be conducted by David Tossman, coordinator of the visitor's center.**

The campus grounds were laid out by the eminent 19th century landscape architects, Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, and its major buildings were designed by Frederick C. Withers (1828-1901), an architect of the High Victorian Gothic. The result is a unique integration of landscape design and architecture. Withers designed nine buildings between 1866-1885, the centerpiece being Chapel Hall (1875-1878). Chapel Hall is in the Ruskinian Gothic style with buff-colored stone worked into the brownstone. The hall served as the college chapel, assembly hall, and dining room.



**Chapel Hall**

College Hall, the administration building, is beautifully ornamented with color, patterns of black brick on red, corbelled brick bay windows, and herringbone brick gables.

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**When: Friday, September 15, 2006 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Where: Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Avenue NE.  
Details on the back.**

**Cost: There is no charge for this tour, guests are welcome.  
Reservations by September 1 please.**

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**\*\* Please contact Darrell Lemke if you plan to come so we  
know how many to expect \*\***

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## Directions

Gallaudet University is at 800 Florida Avenue, NE. Enter the campus from Florida Avenue as indicated by the arrow. See campus map for parking areas and meeting location. Gallaudet is about a ten minute walk along Florida Avenue from the New York Avenue Metro station.



Detailed driving instruction can be found at <http://www.gallaudet.edu/x676.xml> on the web.

## Other goings on

### Smithsonian Institution

The *National Portrait Gallery* and the *Smithsonian American Art Museum* reopened July 1, 2006 in the historic Patent Office Building after a long renovation.

VSA member **Charles Robertson** has written *Temple of Invention*, a history of the Patent Office Building, and curated an exhibit about the building. Mr. Robertson will be lecturing on this subject for us later in the Fall. Be sure to visit the newly reopened museums and the exhibit.

The *Museum of American History* will close September 4, 2006 for at least two years for a major renovation of the building. Many exhibits will close before that, so check the dates at <http://americanhistory.si.edu> or call (202) 633-1000.

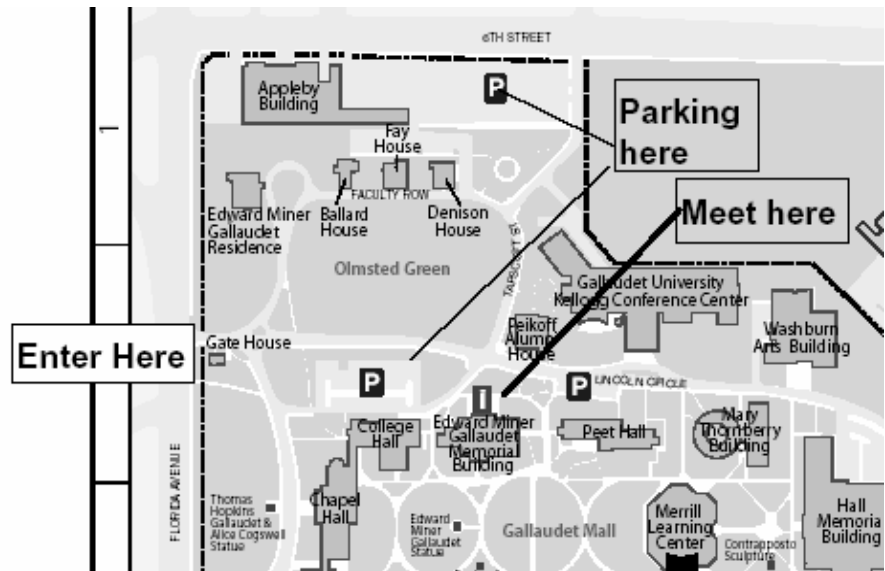


College Hall

The president's house (1867-1868) is in the cottage villa style advocated by A. J. Downing for rural settings. Withers added some Ruskinian touches with the contrasting stone work.



President's House



## VSA Washington Metropolitan Chapter News:

**September 29-October 1, 2006.** Capon Springs, West Virginia, 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event. See separate notice.