WOODROW WILSON HOUSE GARDEN PARTY

Woodrow Wilson House | PHOTOS BY KYLE SAMPERTON

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES: The presidential house museum's annual garden party featured a variety of Washington notables in attendance as well as the usual parade of elaborate hats — always the best part of this particularly popular fête. Lauren Wynns, author of the blog Necessary and Proper, judged the annual contest whose winners were Brooke Henderson, Victoria Bradiana, Tim Thomas, Patricia Packard, Tyson Gilpin and Liz Davis from such categories as “Downton Abbey-tude” and “Gentleman’s Classic.” This year’s gathering celebrated several milestones: the centennial of Wilson’s first inauguration, the 50th anniversary of the opening of his home to the public and the 25th year of the Perennial Garden Party.

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TUDOR PLACE GARDEN PARTY

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RITE OF SPRING: True Washington “Cave Dwellers” wouldn't dream of missing the annual garden party at Tudor Place, the historic Georgetown house museum that was built in the early 1800s for Martha Custis Peter, the granddaughter of Martha Washington. Nearly 500 benefactors and guests turned out in colorful attire (many be-hatted) to stroll the five-and-a-half-acre grounds and enjoy a sumptuous cocktail buffet while raising a record $250,000 to support operating costs. DISTINGUISHED ADVOCATE: Phillips S. (“Phil”) Peter, a descendant of the original owners, was honored for his leadership role as a trustee, former chairman and president emeritus.