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Atlantic Union Bank Awards Significant Donation to Menokin in Honor of Helen and Tayloe Murphy Stabilization of the Historic Ruin Within Sight

Warsaw, VA- April 14, 2021- Atlantic Union Bank has awarded Menokin a significant philanthropic donation to support the Glass House Project and to dedicate the Northeast corner of the historic ruin to the Hon. W. Tayloe Murphy Jr. and the late Mrs. Helen Turner Murphy. The gift caps a two-year effort to raise \$1.5 million to meet a 3:1 challenge grant of \$500,000 provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Atlantic Union Bank award leaves Menokin within \$1.5 million of completing the \$4 million stone masonry stabilization phase of the Glass House Project.

Menokin Board President Bo Tayloe said, “We are honored and grateful to partner with a community leader like Atlantic Union Bank to reach the NEH grant match, marking an important milestone for the Glass House Project. The gift leaves us within striking distance of completing the stabilization phase before turning to raising funds for the glass and steel construction.”



The donation is in memory of Helen and in honor of Tayloe Murphy, one or the other of whom served as president of the Menokin board from 2004 to 2016. During this time, Menokin transitioned to a professionally managed non-profit, took initial steps to stabilize the ruin, created the ground-breaking Glass House Project and launched the Raise the Glass Campaign to save the ruin.

Atlantic Union Bank dedicates its donation to the Hon. Mr. Murphy, a native of the Northern Neck of Virginia and attorney, for his long-term service to the bank and its predecessors. He was first elected to the Board of the Northern Neck State Bank in 1966 and has served on the Atlantic Union Board of Directors since its inception in 1993.

On the announcement of the award, Mr. Murphy said:

I express my deepest appreciation for the high honor that Atlantic Union Bank has bestowed upon Helen and me. Our longstanding association with both the Bank and Menokin Foundation has been one of the great benefits that we have enjoyed as a result of our decision to return to the Northern Neck in 1964. I shall be forever grateful for the generosity and the decision to honor us in such a significant way.

“We are pleased to help Menokin achieve its fundraising goal,” said John Asbury, CEO of Atlantic Union Bank. “Both Tayloe and Helen generously gave their time and talents to many organizations throughout the Commonwealth, and we are honored to dedicate our contribution to them and help Menokin continue its work of educating and enlightening visitors about its more than 250-year history.”

The Northeast corner, now named for the Murphys, includes the most complete room left in the 1769 house, the library/study. This historic room housed the books and papers of Menokin owner and Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Francis Lightfoot Lee.



The funds awarded by Atlantic Union Bank will be used to continue the \$4 million Phase I work that began in April 2020, including detailed archaeological work around the south and west walls, removal of the south porch, deconstruction of the leaning portions of the south and west walls, rebuilding the walls to the original roofline, and restoring the south porch.

Once Phase I is completed, Menokin will move on to Phase II of the project, replacing the missing portions of the walls and roof with steel and architectural glass.

Executive Director, Sam McKelvey said, “With the Glass House Project, and all the initiatives on the Menokin site, our goal is making history visceral, real, and relevant, and showing people how they are a part of a continuum of stories that make up the identity of a place.”

Menokin’s preservation efforts include recognizing the lives of the enslaved men and women and their descendants. The Glass House Project illustrates a complicated history that includes the enslaved craftspeople and laborers that built the original home. In addition, Menokin opened the Remembrance Structure in 2018. This exhibit, built at the site of the original slave cabins, serves as a platform for open conversations about the role that slavery played in early colonial plantations and our nation’s past, as well as its legacy in our communities today.

The construction teams and archaeologists are slated to begin work again in the warmer months this year.



About Helen Turner Murphy and Hon. W. Tayloe Murphy

Prior to her death in 2019, Helen Turner Murphy was a dedicated community volunteer serving on numerous boards throughout the region. Helen was a founding member and former President of the Garden Club of the Northern Neck and President of the Garden Club of Virginia from 1992 to 1994. Helen served as President of the Menokin Foundation from 2004 through 2010 and was instrumental to its organization and the creation of the groundbreaking Glass House Project.

The Hon. W. Tayloe Murphy was first elected to the Board of the Northern Neck State Bank in 1966 and has served on the Atlantic Union Board of Directors since its inception in 1993. Tayloe followed Helen as President of the Menokin Foundation from 2010 to 2016 and continued her legacy stabilizing the Menokin ruin. He was the Secretary of Natural Resources of the Commonwealth of Virginia from 2002 to 2006, Delegate of the Virginia General Assembly from 1982 to 2000, and Honorary Trustee of the Garden Club of Virginia and the Alliance for The Chesapeake Bay. Both Helen and Tayloe were honored as the Outstanding Virginians of the year by the General Assembly in 2019.

About Atlantic Union Bankshares Corporation

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About the Glass House Project

Menokin's Glass House Project is an \$8.5 million initiative to replace the missing walls, floors, and roof portions of Menokin's 18th century ruin with structural glass, allowing visitors to see and experience the remaining original construction from over 250 years ago. The fusion of architecture and history will create something entirely new in the field of historic preservation and interpretation. It epitomizes the blend of antiquated and modern, providing a deeper understanding of the connections between history, architecture, the building arts, and the landscape.

