

## **The Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn 2021 Report for Annual Convention**

We are very thankful to have been able to say, “Welcome to Roslyn!” to more than 75 groups and organizations since reopening in January of this year. This is about a quarter of the number of groups we would typically see in a year but given all that has occurred with the pandemic we have been happy to host those that have braved the virus. Among these were weddings, ordinations, family reunions, and countless personal retreats. We even had a television series filmed at Roslyn. All had a magnificent time and felt safe with the protocols we have in place. It is hard to believe that at this time last year we were closed because of the pandemic but we are thrilled to be up and running and with every month that passes we get a bit busier.

In February, Roslyn served as a location for the filming of the Hulu series *Dopesick*. Based on the book *Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America* by Beth Macy (who earned her master's degree in creative writing from Hollins University), the television series was released on October 13, 2021.

In other news, thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have purchased two fire pits for our guests. Request a fire pit during your next stay and we will set it up for you. All you have to do is strike a match, sit back, and enjoy – and don't forget the marshmallows! We are also constructing a permanent fire pit that will be located next to Tucker Hall.

This year we also discovered that long ago Roslyn was home, hunting ground and communal gathering spot for Monacan, Cherokee and Powhatan people. Several years ago, during construction of the dining hall, we unearthed a Native American artifact – a quartzite stone called a “preform”. In September, we discovered that the preform is about 11,000 years old! The artifact is on display in Powers Hall. Keep your eyes peeled as you walk the grounds on your next visit – you never know what you may find.

In closing, we would like to extend heartfelt thanks to those that have supported Roslyn during the past year. We could not have reopened without the help of many. Thank you to our guests for trusting in us enough to come back, thank you to the Memorial Trustees and the Roslyn Managers Corporation for their unwavering support during these unsure times and thank you to the staff for standing by while we closed and for the returning the minute we reopened. Finally, a special thank you to our donors for giving at a level that allowed us to keep Roslyn alive. We are looking forward to the new experiences that 2022 will bring.