

Hagley

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From the Director



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When I first visited Hagley in 1971 as a prospective staff member, I was impressed with the solid, three-dimensional reality of the site. This is a place where real people lived real lives, where they worked and produced a product that helped make a nation. Many of the buildings in which they worked remain as the setting in which we tell the story of what happened here on the Brandywine and about those who made it possible. This is not a theatrical backdrop, nor a fabricated movie set. Neither is it created by computer graphics to exist only in a virtual world.

Real people have also been vital to Hagley as a museum and library. Dr. John Munroe, one of those to whom we are indebted, died on September 8 at age ninety-two. The dean of Delaware historians, he was a Hagley Trustee from 1974 to 1992. One of his great contributions to Hagley was as co-creator of the Hagley Fellowship Program with the University of Delaware in 1954. Dr. Munroe helped celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in May of 2004 when many of the program's graduates returned to Hagley for a weekend reunion. Hagley Fellows have gone on to distinguished careers in the

museum and academic world. Dr. Munroe and his legacy have had a real impact for good.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Muir".

Dan Muir
Interim Director