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## **WHITE HOUSE HISTORY**

### **AWAY FROM THE GLARE: PRESIDENTIAL RETREATS**

“The arduous road to the White House notwithstanding, presidents waste no time in finding means of getting away from the “fish bowl” for relaxation.”

William Seale, Editor, *White House History*

Living in the White House is a given for presidents, but where they relax is their own choice. America’s presidents have been trying to get away from it all for more than 200 years and never quite succeeding. Whether they retreat to seaside cottages or western ranches, a trout stream or a golf course, vacationing presidents find that the pursuit of leisure can clear the mind, rest the body and lend a touch of humanity to a politician’s public image. . . but the job and history follow all of them.

In Issue 18, *White House History* visits those choices. Barbara Kirkconnell takes you to FDR’s Shangri-La, which became Camp David, journalist Larry Knutson talks about Truman’s house in Key West (where bright Hawaiian shirts were the uniform of the day), editor William Seale writes about Lincoln’s cottage at the Soldier’s Home, and Travis McDonald tells us how Thomas Jefferson supervised construction of Poplar Forest by mail from the President’s House. The late Hugh Sidey visited Walker’s Point, the family house in Maine of his friends George and Barbara Bush. The article on this retreat is illustrated with photographs by the former first lady.

*White House History* is published twice yearly by the White House Historical Association and features articles on White House history, architecture, fine and decorative arts, and gardens, as well as stories about the occupants of the White House and their experiences while living there.

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The White House Historical Association, established in 1961, is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to enhance the understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the White House. All proceeds from the association's trusts, publications and other items are used to fund acquisitions of historic furnishings and artwork for the permanent collection, assist in the preservation of the public rooms, and further its educational mission.

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