It has finally started! Senior Conservator Judy Jacob arrived in Washington, DC, the week of 13-17 September to undertake the renovation of the mosaic in the arch over the head of the statue of Dr. C. F. Samuel Hahnemann at the Hahnemann Monument at Scott Circle.

Of course, her work had actually begun months before when she did the research, cleaned the mosaic, and investigated a source for the colored glass required for the repairs.

The glass, obtained from Ori Colorati from Italy via a company in San Diego, represents a “sandwich” of colored glass overlaid with gold or silver leaf and then another layer of clear glass. Because the size of the needed pieces varied, Ms. Jacob had to order larger squares. The box pictured represents $1,500.00 worth of the colored mosaic glass.

Also, Ms. Jacob and her assistant had to make several formulations of grout to try to match what is there in the arch.

On Tuesday morning, 14 September, AIH Hahnemann Monument Preservation Committee Chairman Sandra M. Chase, MD, DHt, rode the Metro into town to record for posterity the work at the monument. There she met the crew: Senior Conservator Judy Jacob and her assistant Art Preservation Technician Kimberly Carter, Mason, Historic Preservation Binh Nguyen and Mason Worker Raymond Wooden, Jr., and Preservation Worker Jimmie Maulden. The two masons, will be doing the repairs in the paving and the steps at the front of the memorial. Mr. Mauldin will be cleaning the
bronze entabulatures and steaming the granite structure.

Dr. Chase climbed the scaffolding to get a close up of the preparatory handwork required to restore the mosaic arch.

The remainder of the renovation of the memorial and its site will follow on the mosaic repair in stages.

A plat found in the National Park Service Archives indicated the location of and the identity of the park site plantings. An oak tree that was missing to the right of the monument has already been replaced.

AIH Hahnemann Monument Preservation Chairman

Dr. Chase will be making further trips to Washington, DC, to monitor the progress of the renovation of our beautiful monument to Dr. C. F. Samuel Hahnemann.

All who have made donations, large or small, to this crucial renovation project should take pride in the accomplishment of our worthy goal.