



Curatorial Research Internship 2019

Direct Supervisor: Curator & Museum Manager

Schedule: Flexible

Status: Unpaid internship

Description:

The Curatorial Research Intern's work will consist of research related to one or more of the following: the Castle in the Clouds' collection, the Lucknow mansion, the Plant family, Ossipee Mountain Park, and/or early-twentieth century American history. The intern will compile information and materials relevant to these topics to support the curatorial department's interpretation of Historic Lucknow. Work may include visits to libraries, archives, and other museums to collect, scan, and/or transcribe research materials. The Curatorial Research Intern will gain experience in research and collections management, assisting the Curator in consolidating and organizing collection items and props. The Curatorial Research Intern may also assist in the creation and implementation of new signage and interpretive materials for the Museum.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Engage in scholarly research on Castle in the Clouds' collection and history, and maintain records and files.
- Engage in scholarly research on historic events and themes relevant to Castle in the Clouds' period of interpretation.
- Prepare written summaries and present findings to the Curator.
- Prepare a finding aid for research files.
- Assist Curator in organizing collection items and props.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate has a strong interest in 20th century history or museum studies, and is a self-motivated student with research and/or archival experience. Applicants should be organized, detail-oriented, and possess strong writing skills. Ability to work independently is a necessity, as some research may be conducted off-site. Familiarity with MS Word, Excel, and PastPerfect is preferred. Applicants should be aware that the Curatorial Research Internship is an unpaid, volunteer position.

About Castle in the Clouds, Historic Lucknow

Castle in the Clouds, originally known as the Lucknow Estate, is the 1914 mountaintop country estate of Thomas Plant, who made his fortune in the shoe industry, and settled here in retirement with his wife Olive. When first constructed, the 6,300 acre estate included a 16-room mansion, stable and six car garage, two gate houses, a glass greenhouse, 18-hole golf course, tennis court, lake, and 45 miles of carriage and bridle trails. Today, the Plants' Arts and Crafts style mansion – retaining many of its original furnishings – is an historic house museum accessible to the public through self-guided tours. Visitors to Castle in the Clouds can also visit the original stables (the Carriage House), travel up the original scenic drive to visit the Falls of Song, or hike in the surrounding mountains on trails maintained by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust. The mission of the Castle Preservation society is to preserve, interpret, and share the historic buildings and landscape as a cultural resource for the benefit of the public.

For consideration, please send a cover letter (detailing scholarly and career interests), resume or CV, writing sample (5 pages or less), and a letter of reference from an academic or professional supervisor to Robin Sherman, Curator/Museum Manager:

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