



Curatorial Internship Preservation Special Project 2021

Direct Supervisor: Curator & Museum Manager

Schedule: Flexible

Status: Unpaid internship

Description:

The Curatorial Intern's work will consist of compiling a comprehensive history of restoration work completed at Castle in the Clouds since 2006. The reporting process will include surveying written materials, conducting oral histories with current and former staff, board members, and preservation specialists, and assembling detailed reports of projects that have occurred at the historic Lucknow Estate. The Curatorial Intern will gain experience in historic structure reporting, research, and oral history while providing direct support toward the Castle in the Clouds' mission.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Survey restoration work completed on the Lucknow mansion, Carriage House, and gatehouses.
- Review preservation reports and photographs of past projects.
- Conduct interviews with staff, board members, and preservation specialists, in conjunction with the Curator.
- Summarize all past projects and compile in a single document.
- Report findings to the Curator.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate has a strong interest in architecture, preservation, and museum studies, and is a self-motivated and detail-oriented student. Applicants should be organized, comfortable conducting open interviews with key stakeholders, and possess strong writing and summarizing skills. Ability to work independently is a necessity. Basic photography skills and a familiarity with MS Word and Excel required. Applicants should be aware that the Preservation Special Project 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, and a letter of reference from an academic or professional supervisor to Robin Sherman, Curator/Museum Manager:

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