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The Phelps Mansion Museum is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization which was provisionally chartered as a museum by the New York state Board of Regents in 2005 and received its absolute charter in 2011.

Our Mission:
The Phelps Mansion Museum will utilize and preserve its unique Victorian facility and collections to serve the public through regular tours, exhibits, and programs emphasizing local history, education, literature, art and music.

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‘Michaelmas Gander’ by George Cruikshank, Steel Etchings 1838

Michaelmas

On September 29th, Victorians used to celebrate the Christian holiday Michaelmas, which is still celebrated in some European countries today.

It was a day to celebrate Michael defeating Lucifer. As it falls near the equinox, it also signifies the beginning of autumn and the coming winter, when the days become darker, and the nights become longer. The celebration of Michaelmas is associated with encouraging protection during those dark months. It was believed that the darkness harbored evil, and they would need extra protection from Michael.

In the Victorian era, this holiday was a time to celebrate the end of harvest work. Fairs were in abundance, and children reenacted the legend of St. George and the dragon. The day was celebrated by eating goose fed on the remains of the field after harvest. It was believed that it protected the family from financial need, “Eat a goose on Michaelmas Day, want not for money all the year”.

Daisies are also associated with the holiday because they bloom late in the season and are seen as fighting back the gloom of the coming season. So a daisy was given to brighten up someone’s day.
Greetings and Welcome!

First off I would like to personally welcome our newest members! It is with your support that we are able to continue our mission. Thank You!

It’s hard to believe that summer is over already. It seemed to have gone by rather quickly this year. I would like to welcome Susan M. Macharyas and Michael VanHousen to the Board of Trustees. We also have a rather busy fall lined up this year, with some outstanding programs and events.

With that being said, WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPONSORS for events and performances. We are looking for financial support and volunteers. We have a long list of much needed repairs. While we are applying for assistance, this won’t cover all the costs. If you’d like to support us in any way, please contact us at: info@phelpsmansion.org.

Results from the annual meeting

This past June at our annual meeting, besides voting for new board members, we also submitted a motion to change our bylaws and that was to move from a voting membership to a non-voting membership. The results of the vote were, Present; 18 in favor and 3 against. Proxy; 61 in favor and 9 against. The motion had passed. There are no changes in membership benefits other than members are no longer obligated to vote for new board members or changes in bylaws. Membership support is still greatly needed. If you are interested in volunteering for tours, programs or events, please contact us at: info@phelpsmansion.org, in the subject please put “volunteer” or visit our website and fill out an application.

Paul Mueller, Joe Schurch & Chloe Vincente talk about the history of the Phelps Mansion for WBNG’s First Friday coverage in July.

Our “I Spy” event for August’s First Friday was enjoyed by young and old...
Mondays at the Museum are Back!

Lunch and Learn at the Phelps Mansion

September 9th - David Clutz (Cleutz)
October 14th - Back by popular demand! W. C. Handy
November 11th - Rick Marsi - Tigers of India
December 9th - Holiday Program

Lunch is $20.00 and starts at 12pm.
Reservations are necessary by calling the museum at 607-722-4873 by 4pm on the Friday before.
If you wish to attend just the program, it's only $5.00 - All programs start at 1pm.
Upcoming Events

Sept 6th - First Friday
Sept 9th - Mondays at the Museum - David Clutz 12 - 2 pm
Sept 13th - Southern Tier Actors Read Presents ‘Mastergate’ 7:30pm
Sept 14th - Southern Tier Actors Read Presents ‘Mastergate’ 7:30pm
Sept 15th - Southern Tier Actors Read Presents ‘Mastergate’ 3pm
Sept 21st - Museum Day
Sept 22nd - Chamber Music Series - Timothy Fallon 3pm

Oct 4th - First Friday
Oct 11th - Death and Mourning Candle Light Tours 7pm
Oct 12th - Path Through History
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Oct 14th - Mondays at the Museum - W. C. Handy 12pm - 2pm
Oct 18th - Death and Mourning Candle Light Tours 7pm
Oct 19th - Death and Mourning Candle Light Tours 7pm
Oct 20th - Chamber Music Series - Alexei Aceto 3pm
Oct 25th - Death and Mourning Candle Light Tours 7 & 9pm
Oct 26th - Death and Mourning Candle Light Tours 7 & 9pm
Oct 27th - Theatre Street Productions, Beethoven at the Phelps 3pm

Nov 1st - First Friday
Nov 11th - Mondays at the Museum - Rick Marsi 12pm - 2pm

--> For tickets, more programs and events visit www.phelpsmansion.org

Mondays at the Museum Lunches Provided by Joe Cline
at Clines Catering Service - www.clinescatering.com
Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806 – 1861)

Grief

I tell you, hopeless grief is passionless;
That only men incredulous of despair,
Half-taught in anguish, through the midnight air
Beat upward to God’s throne in loud access
Of shrieking and reproach. Full desertness,
In souls as countries, lieth silent-bare
Under the blanching, vertical eye-glare
Of the absolute heavens. Deep-hearted man, express
Grief for thy dead in silence like to death—
Most like a monumental statue set
In everlasting watch and moveless woe
Till itself crumble to the dust beneath.
Touch it; the marble eyelids are not wet:
If it could weep, it could arise and go.

FUN FACTS

Jan 1st 1863, Emancipation Proclamation issued by Abraham Lincoln to free slaves in US confederate states

Jul 3rd 1863, Battle of Gettysburg, largest battle ever fought on the American continent, ends in a major victory for the Union during the US Civil War

Oct 9th 1865, First US underground pipeline for carrying oil is laid in Pennsylvania

Dec 20th 1880, NY’s Broadway lit by electricity, becomes known as "Great White Way"

Aug 14th 1880, Construction of Cologne Cathedral completed after it began in 1248 - largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe
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Called Away From Home.

Mr. J. C. Phelps of this city received a telegram from Binghamton, N. Y., on Monday, announcing that his uncle, Sherman D Phelps, was dangerously ill. He at once left for Scranton, where a special train was procured to take him to Binghamton. It is said that his uncle is the wealthiest gentleman in that city. He is the owner of the Susquehanna Valley Bank, the gas works, tannery, and numerous other enterprises. He is a man of family, aged sixty-five years. The cause of his sickness is said to be heart disease.

Record of the Times Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania 13 Nov 1878

When was the last time you took a tour?
Stop down Friday, Saturday and Sunday
11am to 5pm
Tours leave every 30 minutes
Last tour at 4:30pm
Are you a member?
Bring a friend and use your free passes!
We’d love to see you!
Help support the Museum!

On your next visit, grab an envelope by picking a number and match that number with the dollar amount. When it’s all filled up, it’ll total $10,000!

The Phelps Mansion Museum is proud to be a partner of the Binghamton Philharmonic’s Beethoven Project.

For more information and events please visit: http://binghamtonphilharmonic.org
By becoming a monthly sustaining member of the Phelps Mansion Museum, you are helping to preserve and restore the history of the late 19th century. The museum’s mission is to preserve the mansion and its period contents and provide exhibitions, programming and education. To support our mission, we are faced with increasing monthly bills for utilities, insurance, repairs, staff salary and other necessities. Our income is from tours, programs, memberships and donations. You can help us keep things running smoothly by adding your support to one of these.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973 and established under the NYS Board of Regents as a museum in 2005, the Phelps Mansion Museum is a dedicated historic house museum for the Gilded and Progressive Eras in Central New York.

Our museum provides a unique and exciting opportunity to experience what life was like in Binghamton, NY one hundred and forty-nine years ago. With your contribution and support we can continue our programs and together, we can preserve and share our community’s history.

To become a sustaining member please visit: https://phelpsmansion.org/sustaining-membership

We’re pleased to announce that Phelps Mansion Museum has been recognized with a 2019 Certificate of Excellence, based on the consistently great reviews we've earned on TripAdvisor.

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We’re on the Web!

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