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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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Back on August 15th the museum embarked on a major project to have the exterior trim on the entire building repainted and woodwork repaired where needed.

The work was completed by Joseph Rivers Painting of Cortland, NY. We are incredibly thankful for their teams hard work. This was a 2 week process and the results speak for themselves. The next time you drive by the mansion, are here for a program, or tour be sure to check out the transformation.
Dear Phelps Mansion Enthusiast,

It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of the Phelps Mansion Museum. As supporters, you have been wonderful custodians of this hidden gem of the Gilded Age. The past two and a half years have been particularly challenging and it is a testament to your commitment and care that you continue to be supporters to this unique and important house.

I look forward to expanding on the mission to preserve the Victorian facility and collections to serve the public through regular tours, exhibits and programs emphasizing local history, education, literature, art and music by making the Phelps Mansion a Humanities Center inspiring diverse audiences.

I’m happy to report that one of our critically important preservation projects is under way. The repainting of all the windows and window trim and the porte cocheres started on August 15th.

This wouldn’t be possible without your support. Thank you! My door is open. I’d love to hear thoughts, suggestions, ideas from you! Kind regards,

Jennifer Corby
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You can help support the Phelps Mansion Museum by donating to the Phelps Preservation fund through the Community Foundation for South Central NY. www.donorswhocare.org

A Scene from S.T.A.R. (Southern Tier Actors Read) performance of The Wayside Motor Inn

David Black and participants from the Amazing Kids Magic Camp
Photo Credit: Mary Kaye

Great spot with lots of history
Family
My family and I spent the day here in June. It was beautiful, the staff was friendly and kind. They shared so much history with us; about the house, but also Binghamton in general. I highly recommend going and checking it out.

Strolling back in time
My husband and I enjoyed every minute of our tour. Our “tour guide” Joe was great, very knowledgeable, and had the answers to all our questions. The house is so beautiful and when I get rich, I’ll live like that too!!
From the Board President,

Although recovery from the shutdown has been a slow process, I am encouraged and excited about the future of the Phelps Mansion Museum and what it can bring to the community going forward.

Coming through a great upheaval can sometimes offer insight and reignites the fire and passion for an organization. Questioning ourselves not only for what is needed to recover, but how to grow and redefine what we want to be for the benefit of the community now and five years from now.

Change is always a challenge but necessary to any organization to keep it relevant and growing. The organization as a museum is now 17 years in the making. Those before us have worked hard to bring the Phelps to where it is today. The board has now embarked on a transformational strategy to continue to carry on their legacy with an intention to move the organization towards longevity and sustainability for the next generation.

One of our greatest and most important needs today is to increase the size of the board. We need people with enthusiasm for the mission and with skills and backgrounds in finance, accounting, business, education and the arts to join us as we continue to guide the organization towards sustainability.

We also encourage participation from members, from volunteering for tours and events, to board service, committee service, and of course being an advocate for the Phelps.

We are committed to fulfilling our stated mission by preserving the mansion and moving the organization towards its potential of becoming a cultural asset for history, education, literature, arts and music. A place that is inclusive and affordable for all individuals and families in our community.

Sincerely,

Susan Macharyas

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Saturdays at the Phelps
Family and Children's workshops

September 24th - Puppet Making Class
Oct 22nd - Halloween Carnival & Craft making activity
Nov 19th - Thanksgiving craft
Dec 17th - Make and take ornament craft
Upcoming Events

Sept 11th - Binghamton Philharmonic 3PM - 5PM
Sept 17th - Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day 11AM - 3:30PM
Sept 23rd - History Forge Program 6PM - 7:30PM
Sept 24th - Family and Childrens Workshop 10AM
Sept 24th - Empirical Paranormal Investigation Night 7PM

Oct 1st - Broome Art Trail 12PM - 4PM
Oct 2nd - Broome Art Trail 12PM - 4PM
Oct 8th - Path Through History: Spring Forest Cemetery 10AM - 12PM
Oct 8th - Death and Mourning Candle Light Tours 7PM
Oct 9th - Path Through History: Spring Forest Cemetery 10AM - 12PM
Oct 13th - Thursday’s at the Museum – Lunch and Program 12PM - 2PM
Oct 14th - Death and Mourning Candle Light Tours 7PM
Oct 15th - Death and Mourning Candle Light Tours 7PM
Oct 21st - Death and Mourning Candle Light Tours 7PM
Oct 22nd - Family and Childrens Workshop 10AM
Oct 22nd - Death and Mourning Candle Light Tours 7PM
Oct 28th - Death and Mourning Candle Light Tours 7PM
Oct 29th - Death and Mourning Candle Light Tours 7PM

Nov 4th - First Friday 7PM - 9PM
Nov 10th - Thursday’s At The Museum - Lunch and Program 12PM - 2PM
Nov 10th - S.T.A.R. Reading - more info TBA
Nov 11th - S.T.A.R. Reading - more info TBA
Nov 12th - S.T.A.R. Reading - more info TBA
Nov 19th - Family and Childrens Workshop 10AM

Thursdays at the Museum Lunches Provided by Joe Cline at Clines Catering Service
www.clinescatering.com
Upcoming Events

Binghamton Philharmonic Orchestra
Daniel Hege, Music Director

Season Preview Recital and Fundraiser
Sunday, September 11, 2022
at 3:00pm Phelps Mansion and Museum

Broome County Arts Council
BROOME ARTTRAIL
OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2022
70+ ARTISTS | 30+ SITES

COMING IN DECEMBER
Candlelight
Christmas Tours
MORE INFORMATION TBA

The History of Chocolate
OCTOBER 13, 2022
LUNCH $25.00
PROGRAM ONLY $7.00
IN ADDITION TO THE PROGRAM:
• SEE A DEMONSTRATION OF CHOCOLATE MAKING
• SAMPLE THE CHOCOLATE NONPARIELS
CATERING PROVIDED BY CLINES CATERING
MENU WILL BE EMAILED
FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL 607-722-4145
NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY FOR PROGRAM ONLY
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“Old Bay Tom,” slave, auctioneer, wrestler and local legend, dies at age 80. In 1872 he became the first BLACK MAN to be ELECTED MAYOR. Nominated in a “joke vote,” Old Tom won a landslide victory over prominent banker Sherman D. Phelps. Realizing the unpleasant predicament they were in, election officials ordered a recount and altered the course of events to seat Republican Phelps. 1886

When was the last time you took a tour? Stop down Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Scheduled Tours 4 times a day
11am, 12:30pm, 2pm & 3pm
Make you reservation today!
Are you a member?
Bring a friend and use your free passes!
We’d love to see you!
Upcoming Events

Smithsonian magazine museum day
Saturday, September 17, 2022
Free Admission at Participating Museums

HISTORYFORGE
Informational Program
Friday September 23rd at 6 pm

Thursdays at the Museum are Back!
Lunch and Learn at the Phelps Mansion
October 13th - History of Chocolate
November 10th - Gerry Smith - Spanning Time
December 8th - Holiday Program with Rick Pedo

Lunch is $25.00 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 $7.00 - All programs start at 1pm.
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