

## Chandler House Renovation Updates

### Restoring the Chandler House

The Currier Museum of Art is renovating the George Byron Chandler House, an architectural treasure from the late 19th century that sits across the street from the museum. The main floor of the house preserves impressive stained-glass windows, original wallpaper, and fine wood carving. These areas will be open to the public as an expansion of the museum, specifically to represent New Hampshire in the 19th century.

We need your help to renovate this beautiful home to its original glory. The Currier Museum of Art aims to raise over \$2 million dollars to support the work ahead, and also develop an endowment for future upkeep and maintenance, public access, outreach, and education programs. Help us save this historically and architecturally significant building for generations to come by making your gift today.

### [Donate to the Restoration Fund](#)

We will update this page as progress continues – please read through for updates dating back to 2021. Please check back often for updates and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @CurrierMuseum. We appreciate your support!

### February 2022



"Silver snakes" at the Chandler House:

Duct work from the temporary heating system has been set up to maintain a moderate but even temperature over the winter. We are using an energy efficient electric heat pump equipment and have placed units in temporary locations until construction begins in earnest. Once it is installed in the permanent configuration the system will provide heating and air conditioning throughout the house.

**January 2022**



Electricians and heating specialists are hard at work installing and testing a heating system to protect the delicate interior finishes. The new system will run on an energy efficient heat pump. The permanent equipment is being installed in a temporary configuration until general construction is further along.

**December 2021**



Really?! That's the only photograph you have of the expanded Chandler house from the early years

Yes, unfortunately we have NO photographs showing the south, north or west sides of the house. Photo documentation is very important as we research what the original exterior decorative wood work and plan for its reproduction. If you have or know of old photographs with the Chandler house please send them our way!

Please share this post so we can reach even more folks and help find historical images for this important project.



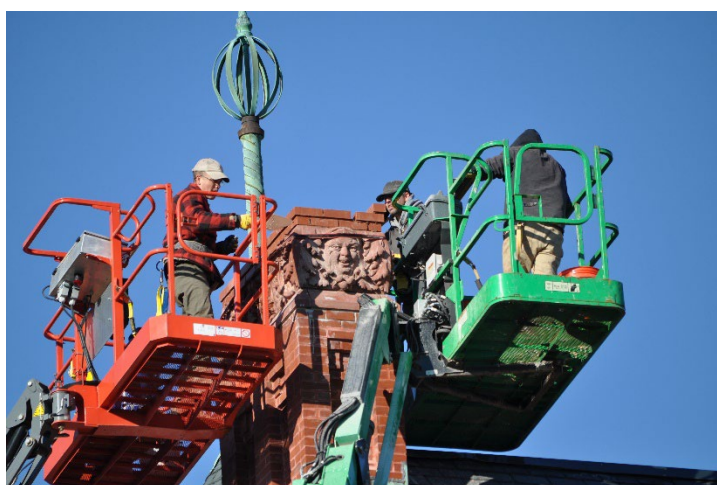
November 2021



How do you heat a round room in 1890? With a curved radiator...

The Chandler House Great Hall includes a round turret room. Custom-made, radiators were constructed to follow the curve of the walls. They are decorated with a fine filigree pattern.

November 2021

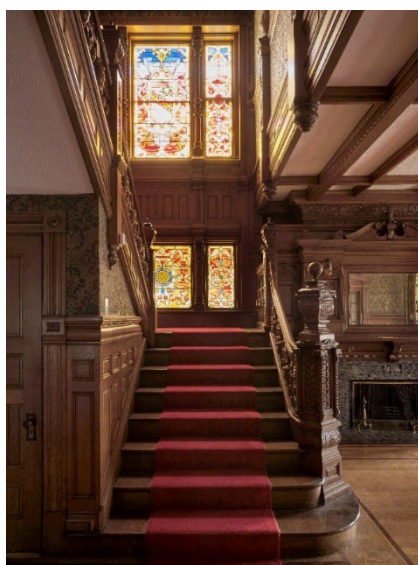
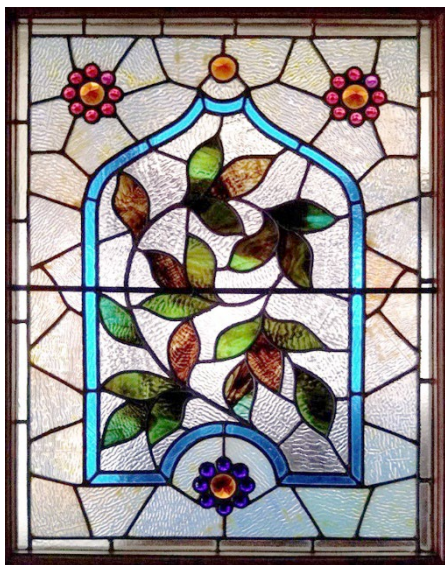


They're back! The terracotta sculptures of faces are once again high atop the chimneys on the Chandler house.

Chimney repairs and the repointing of brick work are almost complete meeting one of the Currier's primary preservation goals ahead of the winter weather.

We need YOU to help keep up this momentum. Make your gift today: [Donate to the Restoration Fund](#)

November 2021



The grand staircase in the Chandler House glows with warm light from the two-story stained glass window. There are 17 stained glass panels in the main rooms. The dramatic windows are decorated with a variety of interlacing botanical and abstract designs.

Don't forget to make your gift to help support this project! Make your gift here: [Donate to the Restoration Fund](#)

October 2021



If you have driven by recently, you may have noticed our new [#RestoreTheChandlerHouse](#) banner in front of the Chandler House, on the corner of Beech and Myrtle.

This is your friendly reminder that we need YOUR help to continue work on this fascinating project.

Make your gift here: [Donate to the Restoration Fund](#)



October 2021



Red mortar? Yes, analysis revealed that mortar on the Chandler house was red, so repointing is being done in red.

Mortar actually does not contain cement, just pure lime, sand, and water. The recipe for Chandler red mortar is 2 parts lime, 8 parts red pigment, 6 parts sand. Add water to desired consistency and stir – like moist granulated sugar.

We hope you are loving these updates! Don't forget, we need YOUR help to continue work on this fascinating project.

Make your gift at the link above!

October 2021



This cheery fellow, and the decorative foliage surrounding him, is from the top of the south chimney. The upper three feet of the chimney were dangerously unstable and were dismantled by the preservation masons. The terracotta sculptures are in good condition and will be reinstalled as the chimney top is reconstructed. Want to get involved? Make your gift today!

[Donate to the Restoration Fund](#)

September 2021



Another #RestoreTheChandlerHouse update!

Columns, bannisters, and railings from the deteriorated porch are being inventoried. Pieces in good condition will be restored and reused. Where necessary, new parts will be constructed to closely match the shape and materials of the originals. Over 250 feet of custom railing and 300 turned parts make up the decorative woodwork on the wrap around front porch.

Want to be a part of this amazing (and HUGE!) project?! Make your gift to help support the restoration of the Chandler House today:

[Donate to the Restoration Fund](#)

September 2021



You may have noticed that preservation masons have begun work on the Chandler house. The beautiful chimneys are being repaired and repointed and the crumbling north east wall is being reconstructed to protect them from another harsh New Hampshire winter.

Restoring the Chandler House is a huge project and we need your help! You can support our Chandler House Restoration project by making your gift today.

[Donate to the Restoration Fund](#)