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## Earl Borden Awards



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- The Questers International was founded in 1944 to encourage the preservation, restoration & conservation of historic buildings, sites & antiquities.
- Stoney Creek #203 Questers was chartered in April 1965 in Rochester, Michigan (*it is the oldest of four chapters in Rochester*)
- Began assisting Meadow Brook Hall in Preservation & Restoration efforts in 2009.
- Since 2009, obtained 9 Preservation & Restoration Grants for Meadow Brook Hall from both International and Michigan Questers organizations, totaling over **\$13,000** (*plus contributions from the Chapter*).

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### THE BALLROOM CHANDELIER TASSELS

This past year, the Questers received a Michigan State Questors grant of \$900 to replicate the four chandelier tassels that hang in Meadow Brook's two-story Gothic-inspired Ballroom.

The original tassels, which were removed and stored more than 40 years ago, were used to create replications completed by a passementerie company, Samuel & Sons in New York City.

The chapter gave their time and support to polish Meadow Brook's extensive silver collection guided by our Curator. Cleaning the collection with rags and Q-tips gave the volunteers time to see and touch the outstanding items, including a few horse trophies won by the family.



*Meadowbrook Hall website*

### HISTORIC CHINESE PORCELAIN

A grant from the Quester's International was awarded for the Questers to repair Chinese porcelain that had been broken and out of sight since the 1990's after a shelf fell in the elegant Chinoiserie style Breakfast Room. These five pieces have been professionally restored and returned to their original home to assist in the interpretation of the home.

The local chapter of just 18 members have awarded Meadow Brook ten grants to pursue projects of restoration at the Hall, totaling around \$13,000 from the Michigan State and Questers International groups.

From fixing damaged furniture to painting conservation to repairing historic dolls, the Questers have donated nearly 2,000 volunteer hours.

For more information about the Questers, [click here](#).

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A National Historic Landmark, Meadow Brook Hall is home to an incomparable collection of more than 75,000 original artifacts. The collection features an awe-inspiring, stately and even colorful selection of fine art, sculptures, furniture, ceramics, carpets, glass, silver, costumes, textiles and so much more.

The preservation and interpretation of the estate and its collection is critical, and has received a much-needed helping hand from a local group of volunteers dedicated to keeping history alive.

Eleven years ago, Stoney Creek #203 Questers received a Preservation & Restoration Grant from The Questers International to restore a painting at Meadow Brook Hall.

Since then, the chapter has received seven grants to assist Meadow Brook with various restoration projects. This year's grant (along with monies from the chapter), paid for the replacement of upholstery that was in tatters on an antique settee.

*Meadowbrook Hall website*



Left to Right: Carla Giddings, Diane Gurzick, Kathy Serafino, Marianne Raffin, Robin Wirthlin, Kathy Dennis, Jeanette Cooper, Gail Bothwell, Annie Williams, Jan Caloia. Members not present for photo: Betty Cole, Sharon Harris, Joann Mulso, Jackie Belanger, Betty-Jean Barthel, Peggy Kresge, Cricket Poland

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