

Benj. Franklin glasses and antique books

Pennsylvania Ouesters, through its Preservation and Restoration Fund, grants thousands of dollars every other year to local chapters who apply for grants while showing their commitment through their own fundraising efforts. This allows chapters to do everything from restore a historic mansion's exterior, to repair a Civil War uniform, preserve centuries-old newspapers and purchase period artifacts for historic sites. We restore, preserve and acquire to save our historic treasures.



Bartram's Garden

The historic landmarks pictured here, and hundreds more throughout Pennsylvania, are not only beautiful and educational for you to see, they are sites to visit with your children and grandchildren. Only then will succeeding generations learn to appreciate and preserve what our ancestors created.



Pearl Buck House



Blacksmith, 1696 Thomas Massey House





Caleb Pusev House

For information on how to join a Quester chapter near you, or how to start your own, e-mail Pennsylvania Questers at: info@paquesters.org

Also visit www.paquesters.org for a listing of officers and nearby representatives who will respond to your inquiry.

Learn more about International Ouesters at www.questers1944.org.

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Leather diary with brass closure, c. 1715



Discovering our past through people. places and things - and saving our history since 1944.



Historic Waynesborough



1860s Daguerreotype



Silver spoon, tea strainer and berry spoon

Pennsylvania Ouesters, following the tenets of International Ouesters, carries on the tradition of our founder, Jessie Elizabeth "Bess" Bardens, who began the first chapter in 1944 right here in Pennsylvania. In her words, "We study the past to improve the future."

In our words, "Every month chapters have fun learning, teaching each other, going places, making new friends, and making a significant impact on the historical landscape right here in our communities." That's why you want to be a Ouester.

Opera Glasses, c. 1880



Fonthill Castle



Audubon's Mill Grove



Ouesters International Headquarters, Philadelphia

Questers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the study, conservation and preservation of historical objects for now and the future. Members identify preservation and restoration needs at existing landmarks. Ouesters also educate through the research and study of antiques.

Ouesters Headquarters is a 3-story Federal-style building in a historic area of Philadelphia dating to 1802. Many Pennsylvania chapters have donated funds for the continual restoration of this historic building.

Questers also supports archival education by funding a 2-yr. scholarship to a student earning a MS degree in Preservation & Restoration at Columbia University. Funds also help a graduate student in the Univ. of Delaware/Winterthur program of archival care and conservation.



Mill at Anselma at full-speed

During the year, Pennsylvania Ouesters has regional and statewide conferences where seminars, speakers. and sharing of programs and fundraising ideas benefit everyone. Meet other chapters to see what they are doing. When not meeting in person, you receive a monthly E-newsletter and the bi-annual Ps & Os print newsletter to keep you up-to-date with Pennsylvania Ouester happenings.



Transferware bowl, circa 1825-1840

Speakers and their unusual and amazing collections continue to wow even longtime Ouesters with 'new' old information on antiques and the way we lived centuries ago.



1696 Thomas Massey House

You don't have to collect antiques to love seeing and hearing about them.

