

How do I benefit from being a Quester?

A Quester is a member of a chapter that has monthly meetings with programs that educate, stimulate and captivate interest through trips, speakers, and workshops. Chapters may hold joint meetings to socialize and share programs. At the State/Provincial level, annual meetings include educational opportunities as well as social gatherings with fellow Questers. As a Quester, there are often opportunities to go behind the scenes at museums and historic sites.

Many Questers chapters take part in Preservation and Restoration projects in their local communities. Chapters may apply for International and State/Provincial Grants to support their projects. They also may fundraise for these projects with approval from the appropriate State/Provincial or International Executive Board. Donations from individuals to THE QUESTERS may be tax deductible.

In the spring, a Questers State/Province hosts an International Convention with many program, tour, and workshop opportunities. Questers may bring registered guests. The Annual Council Meeting for Questers members only is held during Convention.

State/Provincial & Chapter Information

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**THE QUESTERS is a non-profit 501(c)(3), which includes the Chapter and State/Provincial subsidiaries.**

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THE QUESTERS

Newsletter: *The Quester Quarterly* is published in July, Sept., Dec., and Mar.

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**For our new Members!
Welcome!**

THE QUESTERS preserve and restore things from the past for the benefit of the future. We love history, educating ourselves and others, and collecting. Our shared knowledge and experiences with like-minded individuals often promote lifelong friendships.

Enjoy the quest!



**THE QUESTERS Headquarters
circa 1802**



**210 South Quince Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107-5534**

State/Provincial Organization

States/Provinces are either Chartered or Unchartered depending on their size. 100 Members are needed when a State/Province wants to become Chartered.

Chartered States/Provinces hold a general membership meeting once a year. They also have an elected Board, provide a newsletter and may have a website.

Unchartered States/Provinces have no State/Provincial meeting requirement, and they do not have an elected Board, a newsletter or a website.

There are 20 States and 1 Province that are Chartered. There are 19 States and 1 Province that are Unchartered.

Chapters

Chapters are the foundation of THE QUESTERS. Six people, women and/or men, may begin a chapter. Any number of members may maintain a chapter.

Chapters have the flexibility to decide when and where to meet. Most chapters meet from September to May. Members share the responsibility of serving as officers, hosting meetings and presenting programs.

A member may be an Associate member in another chapter to which they pay only the chapter dues.

Dues

Active members pay annual dues of \$28. \$7 of this goes back to the Chartered State/Province. \$2.50 of annual dues goes into the International Preservation & Restoration (P&R) Grants Fund.

The rest of the dues is used for publishing *The Quester Quarterly*, the operation of Headquarters and all other general and administrative expenses.

Chapters may have their own dues. State/Provincial organizations may not levy any additional dues or assessments.

International Donations

Chapters, Individuals, and States/Provinces also make donations for specific funds at the International level to support operations and programs. These funds include:

- ◆ Scholarship Fund
- ◆ Fellowship Fund
- ◆ P&R Grants Fund
- ◆ 210 Maintenance Fund
- ◆ Educational Resources Fund

Educating Future Restorers

THE QUESTERS provides a two-year Scholarship at Columbia University in the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP). Columbia's program provides four sectors relating to preservation (design, history, conservation and planning).

THE QUESTERS also supports a three-year Fellowship for a student enrolled at the Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation (WUDPAC). This graduate level program provides education in archival care, conservation, and restoration along with the proper storage of art, artifacts and antiquities.

Recipients are selected from students currently accepted into the programs of these two universities.

Preservation and Restoration (P&R)

Chapters in Chartered States/Provinces may apply for P&R Grants from their State/Province if they have a P&R Grants program.

Donations to the International P&R Grants Fund provide funding for Grants awarded for chapter projects. Projects must meet the Grants criteria for preservation and restoration of historic artifacts, memorials, buildings and landmarks.

Grant Applications from chapters are due November 15th in odd years, and awards are presented in the spring at the International Convention. The Past International Presidents (PIPs) serve as judges and the International Executive Board (IEB) determines funds available for the awards.

Leadership

In Chartered States/Provinces, according to the International Bylaws, members elect a slate of officers for each of three levels of governance: International, State/Provincial and Chapter.

A variety of committee chairs may also be appointed based on need.

In Unchartered States/Provinces, members do not have a State/Provincial level of elected officers. An Organizer is appointed to coordinate efforts in Unchartered States/Provinces.



THE QUESTERS

Founded in 1944

by Jessie Elizabeth Bardens
as an antiques study group.

Today we are so much more!