

How do I benefit by being a Quester?

A Quester member belongs to a Chapter that has monthly meetings with programs which educate, stimulate and captivate interest through trips, speakers, and workshops. Chapters may hold joint meetings to socialize and share programs. At the State or Provincial level, there are yearly meetings which include educational opportunities as well as meeting fellow Questers. As a Quester, there are often opportunities to go behind the scenes at Museums and Historic sites.

Many Quester Chapters are also involved in local Preservation and Restoration projects in their communities. Chapters may apply for an International, State or Provincial Grant to support these projects. They also do local fundraising for the projects. All donations made by individuals to The Questers are tax deductible.

Every year there is an International Spring Convention hosted by a different Quester State or Province with many program opportunities. The Annual Council Meeting is held at the Spring Convention.

Guests are welcome at all activities.

State/Provincial & Chapter Information

The Questers is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Subsidiaries include the State, Provincial and Chapter Organizations.

The Quester Quarterly(QQ) Newsletter is published in July, Sept., Dec. and March

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**For our 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 or Provincial Organization

States & Provinces are either Chartered or Unchartered depending on their size. 10 Chapters or 150 Members are needed before a State or Province can become Chartered.

In a Chartered State or Province, a general membership meeting is held at least once a year. In an Unchartered State or Province, there is no general membership meeting requirement.

Chartered States/Provinces provide newsletters and may have websites. They also have their own by-laws and policies.

There are 20 States and 1 Province that are Chartered. There are 21 States and 1 Province that are Unchartered.

Chapters

Chapters are the foundation of Questers. Eight people, women and/or men may begin a Chapter. Any number may maintain a Chapter.

Chapters have the flexibility to decide when and where to meet. Most Chapters meet from September to May.

Chapter members share the responsibility of serving as officers, hosting meetings and presenting programs.

A member may be an Associate member in one other Chapter, to which they pay only the Chapter's portion of the dues.

Dues

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

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, States and 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 Grant Fund
- ◆ 210 Maintenance Fund
- ◆ Educational Resources Fund

Educating Future Restorers

Questers provide a 2-year Scholarship at Columbia University in the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. Columbia's program provides four sectors relating to preservation (design, history, conservation and planning).

The Questers also support a 3-year Fellowship at Winterthur, University of Delaware's Graduate level Art Conservation Program. This program provides an 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.

International P&R Grant Fund provides grants to Chapters for P&R projects. These projects must meet criteria for the preservation and restoration of artifacts, existing memorials, historic buildings and landmarks.

Chapters' Grant applications are due November 15th in odd years and awards are presented in the spring at the International Convention. A committee of the Past International Presidents (PIPs) judges the projects, and the International Executive Board (IEB) determines funds available for the awards.

Leadership

At the International level, in Chartered States/Provinces, and at the Chapter level, a slate of officers is elected according to Bylaws.

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

Unchartered States/Provinces do not have a State/Provincial level of officers elected. 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!