

VICTORIA MANSION

A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK



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ABOUT

Victoria Mansion, also known as the Morse-Libby Mansion, is an historic house museum in Portland, Maine. Built by architect Henry Austin between 1858-1860 as a summer home for wealthy hotelier Ruggles Sylvester Morse and his wife Olive, it is recognized for its extraordinary architecture, and interiors by Gustave Herter.



Photograph by Andrew Davis

Saved from demolition in 1940, the house has been a museum since 1941 and a National Historic Landmark since 1971. With its colorful wall paintings by Italian artist Giuseppe Guidicini, brilliant stained glass, and over ninety percent of its original furnishings, Victoria Mansion represents a remarkable survival of pre-Civil War design.

Victoria Mansion is open for tours May 1—October 31 for the regular season, and the day after Thanksgiving through the first week of January for the holiday season.

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INCOMPARABLE INTERIORS



Clockwise from left:

Bacchus wall panel, Giuseppe Guidicini, ca. 1860

Cabinet, Gustave Herter, ca. 1860

Pier Table, Gustave Herter, ca. 1860

Photographs by J. David Bohl

CONSERVATION & RESTORATION

Since opening to the public in 1941, the Victoria Mansion property has undergone many projects to conserve and restore the remarkable 1860's interiors and exterior brownstone. Conservation is ongoing during both the off-season and in the public eye during the regular season. Grant funding and generous donations from our supporters underwrites this pivotal work.

For more information, visit www.victoriamansion.org/learn/preservation-conservation-and-restoration/



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MEMBERSHIP

Victoria Mansion is a membership-based nonprofit organization. Our members are partners in our ongoing work to conserve this unique landmark and share it with others.

Members enjoy special events throughout the year among other benefits.

For more information, visit

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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Victoria Mansion hosts educational events for adults and children alike throughout the year. School programs are offered to Maine classrooms at no charge to the school from January through April. Special holiday-thematic programming is offered in October and December.

For more information, visit

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PRESS INQUIRIES

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