

# RENOVATIONS AT WINTERTHUR WILL REVEAL HISTORIC WINDOWS AND BRIGHTEN VISITOR EXPERIENCE

## *Replacement of Shutters, Storm Windows, and Plexiglas Will Take Place Across 2014*

**WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE**—Two renovation projects are underway to further enhance the visitor experience at Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library.

The main project is an extensive renovation of Winterthur's shutters and windows, which involves the installation of a bronze-colored Plexiglas layer on each interior frame. This new light-filtering system is designed to limit the damage caused to objects due to light exposure. The previous system used gray glass in the exterior storm windows, which masked the historic windows. Following the renovations, the estate's historic windows will be visible from the outside and the rooms will be filled with a warm, welcoming light.

Beginning in March 2014, crews will erect scaffolding and scrims around Henry Francis du Pont's former 175-room house in order to put in the new light-filtering storm windows, install new shutters, repair damaged woodwork, and restore the paint and trim to its original color.

Workers also will assess and improve any balconies needing repair, replace gutters and downspouts as needed, and replace perimeter lighting with new and efficient architectural fixtures.

Planning for the \$3 million renovation has been in the works for months by EDiS. When the scaffolding comes down in December 2014, visitors will see a face of Winterthur much closer to the architect's original 1930s vision for H.F. du Pont's exquisite home.

The smaller project, a \$500,000 renovation of the Cottage Conservatory by SC&A Construction, involves repairs to broken marble flooring; installation of LED lighting; repairs to glass windows and ceiling tiles; possible improvements to the HVAC system; and other enhancements to the retail space for garden plants adjacent to the Museum Store.

###

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 20, 2014



Two windows flanking Winterthur's Port Royal Entrance on the ground level illustrate how the new Plexiglas storm windows will look. Courtesy of Winterthur, photo by Jim Schneck.

### **MEDIA CONTACT**

Liz Farrell

lfarrell@winterthur.org

Phone: 302.888.4803

Fax: 302.888.4950

Winterthur—known worldwide for its preeminent collection of American decorative arts, naturalistic gardens, and research library for the study of American art and material culture—offers a variety of tours, exhibitions, programs, and activities throughout the year. General admission includes a tour of some of the most notable spaces in the 175-room house as well as access to the Winterthur Garden and Galleries, special exhibitions, a narrated tram tour (weather permitting), the Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens, and the Enchanted Woods children's garden. \$20 adults; \$18 for students and seniors; \$5 for ages 2–11.

### **Museum hours**

10:00 am- 5:00 pm, Tuesday- Sunday.

Winterthur, located on Route 52, six miles northwest of Wilmington, Delaware, and five miles south of U.S. Route 1, is closed on Mondays (except during Yuletide), Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

Winterthur is committed to accessible programming for all. For information, including special services, call 800.448.3883, 302.888.4600, or TTY 302.888.4907, or visit [winterthur.org](http://winterthur.org).



**WINTERTHUR**

Winterthur, Delaware 19735  
302.888.4600 • [winterthur.org](http://winterthur.org)