

CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS

Castle Preservation Society Announces \$5 Million Restoration Plan for the Castle for its 100th Anniversary

In 2003, the generosity of dozens of supporters like you helped the Lakes Region Conservation Trust purchase and protect the Castle in the Clouds. Now your help is needed to properly preserve this extraordinary New Hampshire landmark.

The Castle and its buildings were acquired by the LRCT as part of the purchase of its 5,500 acres. To manage and maintain the Castle business and buildings, the LRCT created the Castle Preservation Society, which is obtaining independent status with the blessing of the LRCT. A key part of the Castle Preservation Society's mission is to "preserve and interpret the buildings and landscape of the Castle in the Clouds." Detailed research of the Castle by architectural and decorative arts historians has revealed that it is a gem of the early 20th century Arts and Crafts style and incorporates the work of the finest craftsmen of the era. It is a house of national significance because it retains all of its original features, furnishings, and pristine natural setting.

To begin the restoration process, the CPS commissioned a comprehensive Historic Structures Survey to provide complete structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering reports which serves as baseline documentation for the buildings and a roadmap for future restoration.

The Castle will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in the year 2014. It is the goal of the CPS to restore the Castle to its former glory by that date. The entire restoration project could cost as much as \$5,000,000. The CPS is planning a phased restoration process, tackling the most critical needs immediately, namely the roof, chimney, and dormer issues which are causing leaking and water damage. This phase alone could cost as much as \$600,000.

In order that CPS can confidently plan this process knowing that funds will be available as we move forward, we are hoping that you will consider making a gift to the Castle of \$ 100 in 2006. With your help the Castle in the Clouds, properly restored and promoted, will become the pride of New Hampshire, a widely used cultural resource and a landmark as important as the Old Man in the Mountain. If even half of our website visitors gave \$100 this year, we would be well on our way towards securing these important buildings before the winter can create more damage.

Thank you for considering giving your support to this remarkable property.

Sincerely,

Ann W. Hackl, Chair CPS Board of Trustees

P.S. Please send all checks directly to **The Lakes Region Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 1097, Meredith, NH 03253**. Please be sure to mark each check "Castle Restoration Campaign." Your contribution to the LRCT, a 501 (c) 3 non profit organization, may be fully deductible in compliance with IRS regulations.