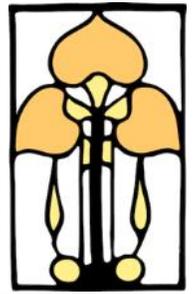


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TIFFANY'S "MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS" WINDOW TO BE RESTORED

by William Tyre

We are very pleased to announce that Friends has received a donation of \$500,000 in honor of the late Richard H. Driehaus, to be used for the restoration of the "Mount of the Holy Cross" window, made by Tiffany Studios in 1902. This will be the third of our Tiffany windows to undergo restoration by Venturella Studio in New York. The window will be removed in March 2023 and reinstalled in late spring 2024.

There are two aspects of this window that make it especially significant. It is believed to be a unique Tiffany window, meaning the design was created specifically for the donor, Sarah Kellogg, and was never used again. This was the most expensive way in which to create a window, as the donor would fund the design process, rather than selecting existing designs that could be modified to meet their expectations. Kellogg funded the original Tiffany window in this location in 1889 (the first Tiffany in the church and one of the first in Chicago), but that window



Mount of the Holy Cross Window
Photo Credit: Martin Cheung

was destroyed in the 1900 fire. It was of similar theme, but different design, as it was set within wood tracery.

The second unusual aspect of the window is that it portrays an actual scene in Colorado, where the Kellogg family was known to have summered. The window depicts two angels, their backs facing the viewer, looking

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RESTORING THE CROWN CHANDELIERS

by Jim Peters

Among the many unique features of Second Presbyterian Church are its 10 highly distinctive "crown chandeliers,"



Angel wings on the chandeliers

which are hung from angel brackets high above the south and north balconies.

Each of the Arts & Crafts-style chandeliers feature a crown studded by 10 bare light bulbs framed by angel wings. The crown is topped by ten tall finials (or candle tubes) with glass shaded bulbs. The chandeliers are suspended from a decorative iron chain strung with three additional light fixtures. As with most of the church's distinctive lighting fixtures, the crown chandeliers were designed by architect Howard Van Doren Shaw in 1901, in collaboration with pioneer lighting designer Willy H. Lau.

Last year, thanks to a grant from the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, Friends of Historic Second Church was

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across a valley toward a mountain with a huge cross carved into its face. The Mount of the Holy Cross was “discovered” in the 1860s, and a photograph and painting in the early 1870s made it well known, despite its somewhat remote location.

One other detail of the window is worthy of note. Tiffany was known for his plated glass – layers of glass manipulated to achieve various effects. The cross seen on the mountain is not set into the front layer of glass, but rather the second layer, to give the illusion it is set off in the distance. However, the construction is truly remarkable in that Tiffany imitates nature. The cross is only visible during the day when light passes through the window. When the sun sets, the cross disappears, only to reappear in the light of a new day, as would be the case with the actual mountain.

The restoration of the window will be a fitting tribute to Richard H. Driehaus, a major collector of Tiffany’s windows and other objects, and the lead funder of our “St. Paul Preaching at Athens Window” reinstalled in October 2022.

To learn more about the window and the Kellogg family, see our article “Mount of the Holy Cross Window Has Fascinating Story” in the Fall/Winter 2010 issue of *The Herald*.

able to remove one of the chandeliers to see if it was possible to easily rewire and restore the 120-year old fixtures. Rewiring of the church’s many original light fixtures has been a priority of Friends, given the threat that electrical fires have posed to other historic churches.

The success of that chandelier pilot project (see Spring 2022 issue of *The Herald*) convinced the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation to fund a complete restoration and rewiring of the church’s other nine crown chandeliers.

In January, Gilco Scaffolding Co. erected a 35-foot-tall scaffold atop the steel-framed south balcony. The multi-tiered scaffold enabled the electrical contractor, B&Z Electric, to carefully



*B&Z Electric lowering one of the chandeliers.
Photo credit Jim Peters*

detach and lower the five south chandeliers to the church floor, where they were collected by Archistoric Products for in-studio restoration, including cleaning, repair, and rewiring.

With the crown chandeliers removed, B&Z Electric then replaced the cloth-covered 1901-era wiring connecting all five chandeliers with new wiring, as well as an expanded electrical panel that will provide better efficiencies and improved fire safety. Fortunately, the old wiring had been housed in steel conduit, which has made replacement much easier.

In early February, while the chandeliers were being restored, Parma Conservation took advantage of the still-extant scaffolding to carefully clean and repair the five plaster angel brackets that support the chandeliers. (Parma was the firm responsible for last year’s cleaning and restoration of Frederic Clay Bartlett’s

“Tree of Life” mural, which dominates the front wall of the sanctuary; see Fall 2022 issue of *The Herald*.)

One of the unexpected discoveries of the angel bracket restoration effort is that each of the angels, which are situated just below the church’s rose-colored clerestory windows, actually feature different colors of tunic, including yellow, green, blue, and rose. These vivid colors had not been visible for nearly a century due to accumulated dirt and soot.

After the restored and rewired chandeliers were reinstalled in late-February, Gilco took down the south balcony scaffolding and re-erected it in the north balcony, so that the restoration and rewiring of its crown chandeliers—and angel brackets—can be completed, hopefully by Easter Sunday.

Once the crown chandelier project has been completed, our electrical attention will turn to rewiring of the remaining under-balcony light fixtures, as well as the rectilinear chandelier in the church narthex (entry lobby).

Many thanks to the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, as well as to the four companies that assisted in this complex restoration effort.

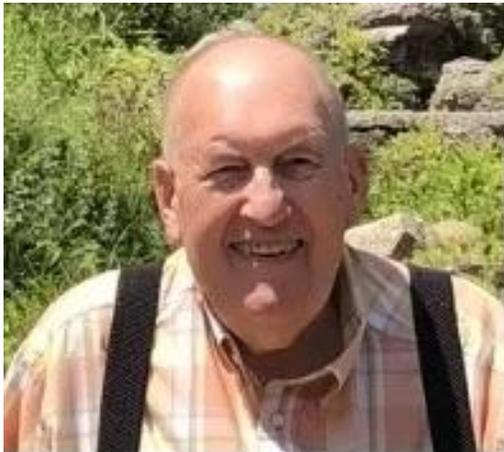


*Elizabeth Kendall of Parma Conservation restores an angel bracket.
Photo credit: Jim Peters*



*Angel bracket face
Photo credit: Thomas Melvin*

IN MEMORY OF DON WEST



Don West

Founding member of Friends of Historic Second Church Donald W. West recently passed away in Statesville, North Carolina. Don was an active participant at Second Presbyterian Church for many years and saw the need for an organization separate from the church to raise funds to restore the great art of the church. Previously, the church's Angel Committee had headed those efforts. Using his legal skills, he guided the nascent group through acquiring its Articles of Incorporation as an Illinois not-for-profit. He chaired the first meeting of the new organization in March 2006. Don served ably as president for the first four years of the organization and led it through the process of setting goals to steer the course of the organization and its work.

Don was born in Oak Park, Illinois, in 1938 and grew up in Wheaton. He attended law school at the University of California, and graduated in 1963 with a JD degree. Don and his wife Bonnie lived for many years in Lake Forest and raised three daughters. In 1969, he left law practice to go into real estate development. Don was active in many community organizations and helped found a number of them including the American Youth Soccer Organization and the United States Soccer Federation.

Friends appreciates the leadership Don provided the organization and his vision for helping found the group. Services for Don will be held at Second Presbyterian Church on June 22 at 10:00 am with tours of the sanctuary both before and after the service. His family has designated Friends of Historic Second Church as one of the groups to which memorial gifts may be made.

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HISTORIC SECOND CHURCH INCLUDED IN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACES IN CHICAGO



Our beautiful sanctuary is included in a new Geoffrey Baer WTTW production called "The Most Beautiful Places in Chicago." WTTW says, "Meet the creators and enthusiasts who tell the stories of how these innovative and

uniquely magnificent places across the many neighborhoods of Chicago came to be, why they are meaningful to the people who live and work nearby, and why we should all know their histories." Our very own film by Mark Loucks on the Peace Window will be included! The premiere is March 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm and again on March 11th and 12th. Tune in and see us and many other treasures here in Chicago.

DOCENT TRAINING 2023



Architect and Board Member, Nate Lielasus gives the new docent trainees a tour of the Gothic exterior of the church on their second week of training

Photo credit: Jim Peters

If you love to learn about Chicago history and world-class art and architecture, you would enjoy becoming a docent trainee at Historic Second Church. The 2023 five-session docent training begins soon, so now is the time to enroll. By completing the class and certifying as a

docent, you will get to give tours of the sanctuary of the church to guests from across the street and around the world. Second Presbyterian Church is the only church in Chicago to be awarded the status of National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Recognized for its significant Arts and Crafts interior, the church features a wealth of significant art including stained glass windows, Pre-Raphaelite murals, plaster and wood ornamentation, numerous original lighting fixtures and much more. Tours of the stunning art and architecture of the church are vital to the mission of educating a worldwide audience about the church's historical and cultural significance. The backbone of the tour program is the well-informed corps of docents who enthusiastically share their time and knowledge with thousands of visitors each year.

Spring 2023 docent training will be on Wednesdays - April 26th, May 3rd, 10th and 17th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturday, May 13th from 9 am to 12 pm. The training will occur at Second Presbyterian Church, 1936 S. Michigan Avenue. If you have questions, please email info@historicsecondchurch.org or call 1-800-657-0687. To enroll, visit www.historicsecondchurch.org/docents.

Friends requests that trainees commit to attend all five training sessions. There is a \$10 fee payable on the first night of training. Payment is waived for students.

Friends of Historic Second Church gratefully acknowledges the following memberships, donations, and contributions from November 8, 2022— February 15, 2023

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In honor of the late Richard H. Driehaus

\$100,000 - \$499,000

Richard H. Driehaus Foundation
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A CELEBRATION OF THE RESTORED ST. PAUL PREACHING AT ATHENS WINDOW



*Restored St. Paul Preaching at Athens Window
Photo credit: Rolf Achilles*

On November 12, 2022 a group of eighty donors, docents and friends gathered for the official unveiling of the restored Tiffany window, *St. Paul Preaching at Athens*. After a year-long restoration by Venturella Studio, the previously extremely dirty window with degradation of the painted panels, was revealed to all in the vibrant colors and details that the Tiffany Studios had first created in 1895. Tom Venturella and Jim Murphy, the window conservators, regaled the audience with tales of the surprises they discovered under all that dirt and the techniques they used in its restoration. The moment was also bitter-sweet, as we thanked the lead donor for the window restoration, Richard H. Driehaus, who passed away in 2021 before he could witness the beautifully restored window.

A champagne toast was also raised to another lead gift in honor of Mae B. and James D. Hinchliff, and to all who helped make this transformation possible.



BECOME A MEMBER

Have you visited the church yet in 2023 to witness the glorious transformation of the *Tree of Life* mural? Have you stood in front of the *St. Paul Preaching at Athens* restored Tiffany window to delight in details not seen in a hundred years and in the vividness of the colored glass with the sun streaming through? Or admired the one restored crown chandelier with the knowledge, and relief, that the old 1901 wiring has been updated? All these projects were accomplished in 2022 and YOU helped make them possible. Please keep that momentum going by joining or re-joining Friends of Historic Second Church today. In 2023 you will be part of another Tiffany window restoration, as *Mount of the Holy Cross* begins its year-long conservation, and the project to clean and rewire the other nine crown chandeliers. The angel brackets above each chandelier will also be conserved. This important restoration work continues thanks to your ongoing support. Your membership matters!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

All members receive the newsletter *The Herald* and are recognized as donors in the newsletter.

Tiffany Circle: \$40 Individual; \$55 Family; \$25 Student/Senior (62 yrs.+)

Benefits include: Free tours during regular tour hours, 25% discount on Friends' merchandise.

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____ **Arts & Crafts Circle:** \$100 and above

____ Yes ____ No You may acknowledge my contribution in Friends' publications.

____ Yes ____ No I prefer to receive my newsletter by e-mail.

____ Yes ____ No I am interested in volunteering for Friends' activities.

If you wish to discuss sponsoring a restoration project, contact Friends of Historic Second Church at 1-800-657-0687.

Please return completed form with check made payable to:

Friends of Historic Second Church 1936 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616.

Or renew online at www.historicsecondchurch.org.

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WELCOME TO NEW DOCENTS

Friends is delighted to welcome three new certified docents from the class of 2022: Mary Kay Wysham, June Barton and Dan Erie. All are eager to give tours of the sanctuary of Second Presbyterian Church. If you belong to an organization or have a group of friends who would like to tour this beautiful historic site, please go to Friends' website www.historicsecondchurch.org to sign up for a tour or call 1-800-657-0687 to arrange one. With the recent restoration work in the sanctuary, there is much to see and experience. Our doors are open to you

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