

Manchester House Tour to Benefit Sculpture Project

Six unique Manchester houses of varied vintages will be showcased at the Sculpture Project 2022 House Tour on Oct. 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The houses range from three grand Cheney mansions to the home of a Cheney employee, a Federal colonial and Victorian house that was moved, intact, from Spring St. to Porter St. in 1966.

The Tour will feature the following homes:

- The Charles Cheney Mansion, 131 Hartford Rd.
- The Austin and Ruth Cheney Mansion/Wedgeway Bed and Breakfast, 99 Hartford Rd.
- The Clifford Cheney Mansion, 40 Forest St.
- A Cheney Employee House, 44 Ridge St.
- A Victorian House, 646 Porter St.
- A Federal Colonial, 25 Arvine Place.

Additional features of the Tour include:

- A Silent Auction
- An Artist and Artisan Boutique at the Charles Cheney Mansion
- Music by Town Troubadour Bill Ludwig, including an original song composed in honor of Elisabeth M. Bennet.

Tickets will be available beginning September 10 at these Manchester locations:

- Woodland Gardens, 168 Woodland St.
- Highland Park Market, 317 Highland St., at the Customer Service Counter
- Manchester Town Hall, 41 Center St., Manchester.

Advance ticket cost \$35 person. Tickets will also be sold on the day of the show (Oct. 15) for \$40 per person and can be purchased ONLY at the Charles Cheney Mansion, 131 Hartford Rd. beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Tour will benefit efforts by the Sculpture Project to raise funds for a life-size bronze sculpture of Elisabeth M. Bennet, visionary educator, innovator, and hero. The statue will be placed on the front lawn of Bennet Academy in Downtown Manchester. It is the second in a series of three statues to be created by artist Michael Keropian. The first statue, of Joe McClusky, Olympic medalist, was installed in November 2019 in the Charter Oak/East Coast Greenway parklet on the corner of Wyllys and Highland Streets. The third statue will be that of Emily Cheney Neville, acclaimed children's book author. For more information visit www.manchesterhistory.org, find us on Facebook and Instagram or contact Tana at 860 913-0523. The Sculpture Project is a committee of 13 individuals, organized under the fiscal stewardship of the Manchester Historical Society, who came together in 2016 to raise funds for the creation of three statues of notable Manchester residents as a legacy project for the citizens of Manchester.



One of the houses on the Tour:

The Austin and Ruth Cheney Mansion, also known as Wedgeway, on the Great Lawn, built in 1911. This mansion is now a B&B.