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“Rochester Junior Woman’s Club helps to preserve Meadow Brook Hall”

Rochester, MI - Oct 20, 2009 - Meadow Brook Hall is a place that is near and dear to the hearts of the Rochester Junior Woman’s Club. And, in 2005 and 2006 the Rochester Juniors held fundraising events to raise more than \$50,000 in support of the restoration of Meadow Brook Hall, specifically The Matilda Wilson Bedroom, Textile Conservation Project, which has now been completed.

The French styled bedroom with beautiful fabrics and furnishings was restored to its original opulence in a two phase project that took nearly 3 years to complete. In the first phase, damask silk wall covering, badly damaged and deteriorated in several areas, was reproduced by Scalamandre, a textile company renowned for their high-quality materials and capability to reproduce historic textiles. The long process involved first analyzing the composition of the original silk damask and approving several strike-offs before actual production could begin, which took two years to fabricate. The results however, were well worth the wait.

In the next phase, MBH contracted with Stark Carpet to replace the modern room to room carpet with with a custom dyed and sized (20 x 30) wool carpet that is more in keeping with the original carpet, a taupe chenille wool. The project also included the reproduction of the original bedspread which is made of exquisite silk fabric, trimmed with gold threaded lace. The handmade bedspread was fabricated by Decorum of Utica.

The vibrancy of the new silk wall covering and the elegance of the silk bedspread has restored the luxurious ambiance of the bedroom that Matilda Wilson so loved.

The Rochester Juniors are proud to be a part of restoration efforts of the historical gem.

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