

NEWS RELEASE



**NATIONAL
TRUST
FOR
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION®**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

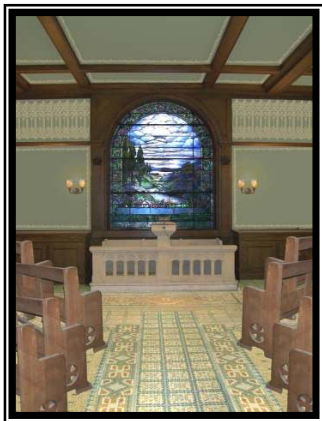
Dave FitzSimmons, President/CEO
Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum
937-228-3221, dave@woodlandcemetery.org

Public Affairs
National Trust for Historic Preservation 202.588.6141,
pr@nthp.org

National Trust for Historic Preservation Awards Woodland Arboretum Foundation A Preservation Grant from The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors

Grant Will Go Toward the Interior Restoration of Woodland's Tiffany Chapel

Dayton, OH (June 10, 2011) – Woodland Arboretum Foundation was awarded a \$10,000 grant by the **National Trust for Historic Preservation** from its **Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors**. The seed grant funds will be used for the completion of a “Conditions Assessment and Restoration Report” for the interior of Woodland’s 1897 Chapel, which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. The Chapel contains Tiffany floors, wall stenciling and Tiffany windows which were installed in 1904 in honor of Marianna Lowe, by her father, paint manufacturer Henry C. Lowe. The interior chapel restoration was initially researched by Historic Architect Jeff Wray, and will be completed by Architect Elizabeth Corbin Murphy, whose firm Chamber, Corbin, Murphy, FAIA of Akron, OH has been approved as the project consultant by the National Trust.



“Without organizations like The Woodland Arboretum Foundation, communities and towns all across America would have a diminished sense of place,” said Stephanie Meeks, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. “The National Trust for Historic Preservation is honored to provide a grant to The Woodland Arboretum Foundation, which will use the funds to help preserve an important piece of our shared heritage.”

In 1997, a generous gift from George P. Mitchell established the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors in honor of his wife. The fund provides assistance in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors. Once a year, Mitchell Fund grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 are awarded to non-profit groups and public agencies. Over \$135,000 were awarded in 2010. Grants must be matched at least dollar for dollar with public or private funds.

For more information on the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors, visit: www.PreservationNation.org/resources/find-funding/grants.

The Woodland Arboretum Foundation is a 501(c)3 Charitable Foundation that raises funds for restoration, education and preservation projects that benefit Woodland Cemetery. Recent projects have included the Arboretum's "Save Our Ash Trees" initiative, a "Strategic Plan" for the Arboretum and the completion of a "Work Scope" to restore the Richardsonian Romanesque gateway, Administrative Building and Chapel. This Spring the Foundation re-populated the Arboretum's forest with the planting of nearly 40 five year old hardwoods.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (www.PreservationNation.org) is a non-profit membership organization bringing people together to protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter to them. By saving the places where great moments from history – and the important moments of everyday life – took place, the National Trust for Historic Preservation helps revitalize neighborhoods and communities, spark economic development and promote environmental sustainability. With headquarters in Washington, DC, eight regional and field offices, 29 historic sites, and partner organizations in 50 states, territories, and the District of Columbia, the National Trust for Historic Preservation provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to a national network of people, organizations and local communities committed to saving places, connecting us to our history and collectively shaping the future of America's stories.

###