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Grand hotels exhibit open through the summer at PSU

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An historical image of tourists viewing the White Mountains from the wrap-around porch of the Mount Washington Hotel is on display at the Museum of the White Mountains at Plymouth State University. 'The Grand Hotels of the White Mountains' exhibit explores the origins, development, and history of New Hampshire's grand resort hotels through paintings, photographs, artifacts and stories of the people who visited and worked at these gracious establishments. The exhibit runs through September, and more information is available by visiting www.plymouth.edu/mwm/exhibitions. (Courtesy photo)

PLYMOUTH — The Museum of the White Mountains at Plymouth State University opened its new exhibit last month. 'The Grand Hotels of the White Mountains' exhibit explores the origins and history of New Hampshire's grand resort hotels through paintings, photographs, artifacts and stories of the people who visited and worked at these gracious establishments.

Special focus for the exhibition is the four surviving grand hotels: the Mount Washington Hotel, Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, Eagle Mountain Hotel and the White Mountain Inn.

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“Last summer we celebrated the White Mountain National Forest, and this year we are thrilled to bring to life the rich history of the grand hotels that sprung up throughout the region in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, drawing the nation’s wealthiest families to New Hampshire,” said Cynthia Robinson, director of the Museum of the White Mountains. “Entering the exhibit, one is transported to another time, and can experience the ‘grand hotel’ through the eyes of a guest, or perhaps a hotel worker, while learning the history of the grand hotel period and its significance to our state.”



Co-curated by Robinson and Bryant Tolles, the exhibit will also feature a speaker series, special events and a mobile promotional display throughout the summer of 2019.

The exhibit also includes video reflections of people familiar with the Grand Hotels, through a special partnership with New Hampshire Public Television.

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