Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall Other Rooms



Second-floor balcony, reception hall, Laurelton Hall, c. 1925.

Photograph by David Aronow.

Tiffany's Laurelton Hall estate included the mansion of eighty-four rooms as well as various independent buildings. During Tiffany's lifetime, most of the substantial media attention was focused on the principal rooms of the house, leaving scarce documentation on the rest. Not all artwork known to have come from Laurelton Hall then can be attributed to a precise location there.

In the house there were bedrooms, sitting rooms, nooks, and halls as well as intimate spaces such as the library, smoking room, and a parlor used as a breakfast room. There were also rooms designed around Tiffany's collections of Chinese, Japanese, and Native American art, and selected objects from his own firm.



Art gallery building, c. 1920s.

The most notable outbuildings were the chapel from the Tiffany exhibit at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, which was installed on the estate in 1916, and the art gallery, created in 1918. Many of Tiffany's own paintings along with paintings he collected were displayed in this building, the façade of which he decorated in a manner reminiscent of an eighteenth-century Indian residence.

Tiffany adapted the westernmost portion of the house, originally a carriage house and day stables, to accommodate artists at the Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation. This building included exhibition pieces and student art, as well as Tiffany's *Tree of Life* window—the very last window he designed.

Tiffany was continually perfecting every aspect of the house, and as his retirement approached, and he began to view the estate as a museum to preserve his artistic vision, he accelerated the incorporation of cherished objects from his former houses as well as from his career in general. This has further complicated the matter of determining the precise location of what survives. Still, all the objects contribute to our understanding of Tiffany's attitude toward life—his pursuit of beauty.

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Objects in this gallery are from the other rooms at Laurelton Hall. Their installation history at various Tiffany residences is stated if known. Unless otherwise noted, they were designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848–1933) or one of his artists and made under the name of one of his companies.

1) Top to bottom:

Lunette, c. 1890–1900 Studio, Seventy-Second Street house; art gallery façade, Laurelton Hall Leaded glass, cast lead (61-001, 61-002, MET-011-77, 2004-025)



Pair of doors with frame, c. 1882
Seventy-Second Street house; art gallery façade, Laurelton Hall
Teakwood
Mistri Caste, Ahmedabad, India, 1880s, maker
Tiffany & de Forest
Decorators, 1880–82, importer
(59-012:A, B)

- 2) Transfiguration panel, probably 19th century Laurelton Hall Christ with Moses and Elijah Carved wood Unknown maker (2003-010)
- 3) *Peonies and Iris*, 1915 Art gallery, Laurelton Hall Oil on canvas Signed, lower left: *Louis C. Tiffany 15* (62-027)



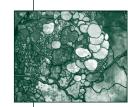
4) Pumpkin and Beets window, 1899–1900 Laurelton Hall Exhibited: Exposition Universelle, Paris, 1900 Leaded glass (U-074)

- 5) Four chains, c. 1882 Studio, Seventy-Second Street house; north terrace, Laurelton Hall Cast metal Unknown maker, India Tiffany & de Forest Decorators, 1880–82, importer (75-008:A, 75-009:B, 75-011, 75-012)
- 6) Platform, left to right, back to front:

Vase, c. 1904–14
Second-floor balcony, reception hall,
Laurelton Hall
Glazed white clay
Marks: [conjoined LCT] / 82
A-Coll. L.C. Tiffany – Favrile /
Pottery
(66-055)

Cupboard, c. 1882
Possibly Bella apartment; studio,
Laurelton Hall
Carved wood
Louis C. Tiffany & Company,
1878–85, designer
Unknown maker
(92-001)

Four printing blocks, probably 19th century
Studio, Seventy-Second Street house; art gallery and studio, Laurelton Hall Wood, metal
Unknown maker
Tiffany & de Forest Decorators,
1880–82, importer
(56-057:02, 06, 12, 04)



Window, c. 1898 Laurelton Hall Guelder rose (snowball bush) and wisteria Leaded glass (58-015)

On case, left to right:

Hanging shade, c. 1904 Laurelton Hall Blown glass (U-105)

Stalactite hanging shade, c. 1910 Laurelton Hall Cast glass (76-024)

Hanging shade, c. 1904 Laurelton Hall Blown glass (U-104)

Tree of Life window, 1928–31
Studio, Laurelton Hall
Inscribed: GEOLOGY / ASTRONOMY /
SCIENCE / RELIGION / CREATION /
ENTOMBMENT / TREE OF LIFE
Leaded glass
(67-022:A–H)

Thirteen tiles, *c. 1913* Glazed earthenware Moravian Pottery and Tile Works, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, 1898–1930 (76-022:A–M)

Four printing blocks, probably 19th century
Studio, Seventy-Second Street house; art gallery and studio, Laurelton Hall Wood, metal
Unknown maker
Tiffany & de Forest Decorators, 1880–82, importer
Marks: E. B. & CO. 71. (56-057:11, 07, 10, 13)

Fifteen Islamic tiles, c. 1575–1650 Porte cochère entrance, Laurelton Hall Glazed earthenware Unknown maker (2007-020:01–07,09–12,14–17)



Rock crystal

North terrace and reception hall, Laurelton Hall Rose quartz (2004-022)

In case, left to right:

Four *tsuba* (sword guards), 19th century
Dragonfly and flowers motif,
Dragonfly motif, Centipede motif,
Insect motif
Iron, soft metals
Unknown maker, Japan
(71-017:A–D)

Electrolier, c. 1904 Laurelton Hall Black-eyed Susan design, straight side, circular shape Leaded glass Marks: TIFFANY / STUDIOS/ NEW YORK (67-018)



Chair, c. 1920 Laurelton Hall Wood, rush Unknown maker, probably Italian Gift of Mrs. Benjamin H. Hosking (92-006)

7) The Blossoms of Spring (also known as Flora and Spring), c. 1887–98
Dining room, Seventy-Second Street house; third-floor balcony, reception hall, and art gallery, Laurelton Hall Oil on canvas
Signed, lower left: Louis C. Tiffany
Gift of the Estate of Alfreda Tiffany
Mitchell Bingham Gregor
(70-001)

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8) My Family at Somesville, c. 1888 Art gallery, Laurelton Hall Oil on canvas (73-001)

9) Yellowstone Canyon, 1917
Art gallery, Laurelton Hall
Watercolor and gouache on tinted paper
Signed, lower left: Louis C. Tiffany /
1917
(77-035)

10) Hudson River Landscape near Dobbs Ferry, c. 1870 Library, Bella apartment; art gallery, Laurelton Hall Oil on canvas Samuel Colman, 1832–1920 (P-011-81)

11) Top to bottom:

Five printing blocks, probably 19th century
Studio, Seventy-Second Street house; art gallery and studio, Laurelton Hall Wood, metal
Unknown maker
Tiffany & de Forest Decorators,
1880–82, importer
(56-057:14, 05, 08, 03, 09)

Window, c. 1885 Ballroom, Seventy-Second Street house; art gallery, Laurelton Hall Butterfly Leaded glass, mosaic glass (60-006)

12) Artist's collection, *left to right:*

Vase, c. 1904–14 Laurelton Hall Glazed white clay Marks: [conjoined LCT] / 7 / 84 A-Coll. L.C. Tiffany Favrile / Pottery (77-042)

Vase, c. 1898–1902 Second-floor balcony, reception hall, Laurelton Hall Enamel on copper Marks: 162 A-Coll. L.C. Tiffany / SG 123 (66-001)



Vase, c. 1910
Second-floor balcony, reception hall,
Laurelton Hall
Paperweight
Calla lily
Blown glass
Marks: L.C. Tiffany – Favrile / 17 A-Coll.
(2003-023)

13) Artist's Collection

Back row, left to right:

Vase stand or pedestal, c. 1905–18 Second-floor balcony, reception hall, Laurelton Hall Blown glass Marks: 210 A-Coll. / L.C. Tiffany – Favrile (2003-022)

Paperweight, c. 1895–1902 Second-floor balcony, reception hall, Laurelton Hall Exhibited: Prima Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte Decorativa Moderna, Turin, Italy, 1902 Agate Cast glass Marks: 97 A-Coll. L. C. Tiffany – Favrile (68-009)



Vase, c. 1897–1900 Laurelton Hall Cast glass Marks: L. C. Tiffany – Favrile / 109 A-Coll. (65-004)

Vase, c. 1904–14 Second-floor balcony, reception hall, Laurelton Hall Glazed white clay Marks: L. C. Tiffany / Favrile / Pottery / 127 A-Coll. (69-011)

Vase, c. 1895–1905 Second-floor balcony, reception hall, Laurelton Hall Agate Blown and carved glass Marks: L. C. Tiffany – Favrile / 104 A-Coll. (66-051)

Front row, left to right:

Vase, c. 1904–14
Second-floor balcony, reception hall,
Laurelton Hall
Glazed white clay
Marks: [conjoined LCT] /
129 A-Coll., L.C. Tiffany – Favrile /
– Pottery
(55-001)

Vase, c. 1910
Laurelton Hall
Nasturtium
Silvered bronze over glazed white clay
Marks: [conjoined LCT] /
B.P.325 / 40 A-Coll. L.C. Tiffany – Favrile
Bronze Pottery
(65-026)

Vase, c. 1904–14
Second-floor balcony, reception hall,
Laurelton Hall
Glazed white clay
Marks: L. C. Tiffany – Favrile Pottery /
183 A-Coll. / [conjoined LCT]
(65-022)

Vase, *c.* 1895–1905 Second-floor balcony, reception hall, Laurelton Hall Blown glass Marks: *L. C. Tiffany – Favrile /* 1 A-Coll. (79-523)

Vase, c. 1915 Laurelton Hall Paperweight Blown glass Marks: L. C. Tiffany – Favrile / 111 A-Coll. (66-053)

In Study Gallery:

14) Door frame, c. 1903
Porte cochère entrance,
Laurelton Hall
Glass tesserae, marble, plaster
(2003-011)



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