

Mosher Castle 1983

Mosher Castle is hand built with incredible attention to detail by artist and owner Dean Mosher. It serves as both home and studio for Dean and his wife Pagan Sheldon Mosher. It began when a run-down structure was purchased in 1983. It now has its own unique tower, an ornate bridge, ponds, drawbridge, and moat. On top of a turret, Hendrix the Dragon is looking over Excalibur.

Many of the artistic features of the Sheldon Castle, seen across the drive, inspired the building of Mosher Castle. Both the exterior and the interior are largely made of local materials. The stone facing is indigenous to the area, as is the underlying wall tile. Interior trim is from trees felled on the site. In among the stones are pieces of glass and pottery, as well as objects from around the world, including the Great Wall of China and the Berlin Wall.

The artist has been building his studio-castle home for nearly 40 years while raising his family and pursuing his art. Much of Dean's construction knowledge was acquired working with his late father-in-law Craig Sheldon, master carpenter, mason, and woodcarver. Dean's wife, Pagan, the daughter of Craig, is a retired professional dancer, teacher, and studio owner. They married in 1978.

Every day, tourists, locals, families, and friends are welcome to walk down the front drive and the front yards. Signs are posted with guidelines asking guests to follow.

The Storybook Castles are a wonderful setting for photo shoots for special occasions, and tours for large groups are available.

Dean Mosher, castle designer and builder, is an internationally known historical artist with paintings in national parks, major universities, and the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum on the Mall in D.C. He is also known for his lectures that bring history to life and can be booked for lectures locally and nationally.