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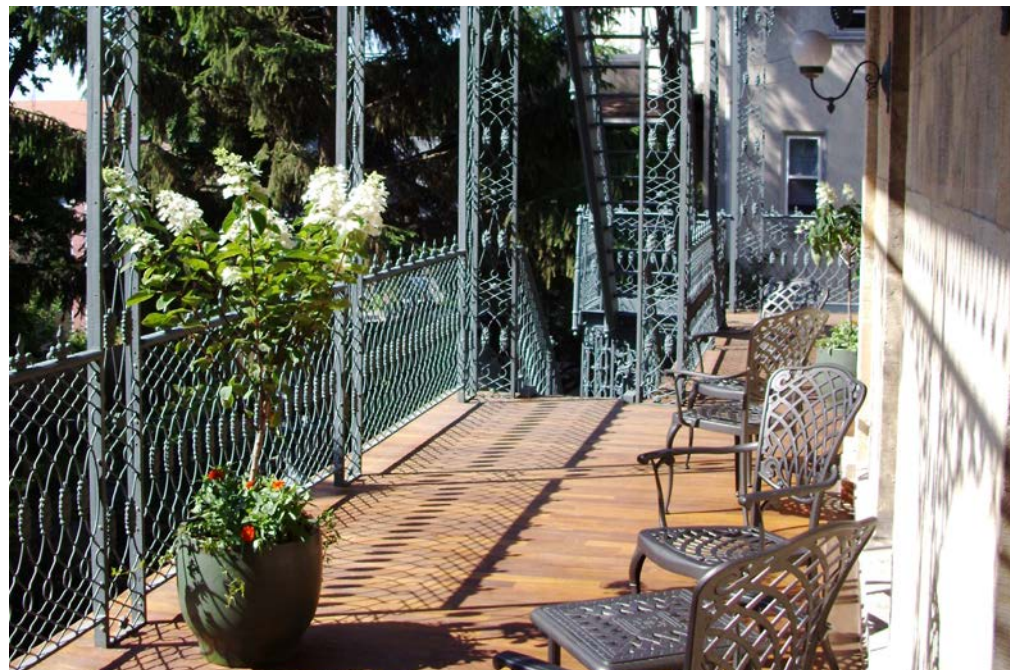
Exterior Ornamental Ironwork Restoration  
Madison, Wisconsin USA



For more than 150 years, the Mansion Hill Inn's ornate exterior has radiated stately elegance. Thanks to the restoration efforts of Banker Wire, the Madison, Wisconsin bed and breakfast's ornamental ironwork will continue to charm guests and passersby for years to come. In the spirit of preserving historical integrity, the Mansion Hill Inn contracted Wolfgang Schweizer of Milwaukee-based German Blacksmith, LLC, to dismantle and repair the ornamental wire on the building's iconic balcony. Schweizer, who works in the tradition of Old World craftsmanship, approached Banker Wire for help with the task.

Banker Wire created a unique die to duplicate the original ironwork's slightly irregular decorative crimping pattern. Banker Wire created a unique die to duplicate the original ironwork's slightly irregular decorative crimping pattern. The crimped wires were then assembled individually by hand, in a process reminiscent of their 1857 creation. The restored pattern now sits again where it has for more than a century - atop the balcony over the inn's front entrance.

"Guests always comment on the balcony, as it speaks to a time gone-by. We're grateful to Banker Wire for helping us recreate this wonderful detail of the past that you don't see in today's buildings," says Margaux Stutz, general manager of the bed and breakfast.



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