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Save Our Historic Buildings One Day at a Time

Maintaining an old building can be daunting for some and sometimes raise a cornucopia of questions:

"Didn't we just fix that leak in the roof?"

"The new air conditioning system is going to cost how much?"

"How do I find someone to patch the plaster walls?"

Help is on the way! Preservation Greensboro is partnering with the National Preservation Institute (NPI) to provide a series of workshops to address historic building maintenance this November.

Maintenance and stewardship are often accomplished using an Historic Structure Report, the focus of the first workshop to be held at the Blandwood Carriage House on November 13th in a day-long session. Participants will learn how to document a site's history, its present condition, and a plan for maintenance utilizing emerging technologies such as computer-aided facilities management programs.

The second workshop will be held on November 14th and 15th, focusing specifically on maintenance of historic buildings. Participants will learn how to "read" buildings and understand the effects of daily, monthly, and annual maintenance activities. The identification, care, and maintenance of historic materials are critical to efficient and cost-effective stewardship. Discussions during this two-day workshop will touch on the nature of building materials, how they age, and how they fail. Learn when to bring in a specialist to help identify the problem or a contractor to handle a specific task.

Both workshops will be led by Alfonso A. Narvaez, senior associate and principal architectural conservator with the Preservation Technology Group at John Milner Associates, Inc. with experience on preservation projects nationwide; formerly with the National Park Service.

Take advantage of this detailed and specialized workshop held here in our own backyard. PGI is dedicated to attracting high-quality, skilled workshops such as these to our city for the benefit of our inventory of historic structures. [AIA](#) members will receive 6 learning units each day for designated seminars that meet the criteria for programs in the American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System.

Visit the [NPI](#) website to learn more about this event. Sign up quickly, the session will not be held if there is not sufficient interest.

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