



The Preservation Magazine of Greensboro

News and Action!

Downtown Survey Identifies Resources

The City of Greensboro has contracted with preservation consultant Heather Slane to update the architectural survey of the Downtown Greensboro National Register Historic District and additional properties in the central business district.



Funding comes from a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and City funds.

Slane is an alumnus of UNC-Greensboro, where she was enrolled in the Interior Architecture curriculum with an Historic Preservation Concentration included coursework in design, history, preservation principals and law, and material conservation. The project includes 1) an update of the architectural survey of the Downtown Greensboro National Register Historic District; and 2) a survey update of Greensboro's central business district of approximately 100 resources.

Work will identify properties eligible for possible inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places. National Register designation is an honor, and has also provided for historic tax credits on qualified rehabilitation expenditures on certified historic structures. Downtown Greensboro has seen more than \$40 million of investment using historic tax credits since 1979.

Help Retain the Historic Tax Credit

After nearly forty years of demonstrated success, the federal



We Need You!

Please consider joining [Preservation Greensboro](#) by making a contribution. As a non-profit, we depend on support from citizens like you to accomplish our mission of saving our community's historic and architectural treasures.

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Stay Connected

[Like us on Facebook](#)

[View our profile on LinkedIn](#)

[View on Instagram](#)

[FOLLOW US ON Pinterest](#)

[View our videos on YouTube](#)

Save-the-Date

Dec 7 Hillside Sip and See (Sold Out)

Dec 31 Christmas at Blandwood Tours End

historic tax credit (HTC) was eliminated in the tax reform bill passed by the House of Representatives on November 16. Later that day, the Senate Finance Committee approved its version of tax reform legislation, which keeps the HTC at the current 20% level, but does make changes that reduce the value of the incentive.

Guilford County has seen \$109 million of investment in historic structures levered by these credits. It is an invaluable tool for our local preservation community. Projects include restoration of the L. Richardson Memorial Hospital, Pomona High School, and Old Greensborough Court for residential uses, and Revolution Mill for mixed use. Many of these buildings would have been lost without the credit. Many other vacant buildings need credits to attract reinvestment.

The legislative process is not over, however, and preservationists must continue their outreach to Congress to ensure the best possible outcome for the historic tax credit. The Finance Committee's tax reform bill passed the Senate Budget Committee on Tuesday, November 28 and voting on the Senate floor could begin at any time.

You can help! Follow this [link to the National Trust Action Page](#)

End of Year Giving

Help Preservation Greensboro into our charitable season as many of us focus on holiday and end-of-year giving. Donating is easy, through our [Donation Page](#), or by calling our offices between 9am and 4pm at 336-272-5003, or by sending in a check to PO Box 13136, Greensboro NC, 27415.

Wish List

A few items this organization would love to see this Holiday Season include:

- Black washable tablecloths for 4', 6' and 8' tables
- Batteries: AA and AAA for electric candles
- Gift cards for Walmart, Office Depot, Lowe's (for items throughout the year!)
- A tall dorm fridge and a small microwave for our Docent Office
- Nice serving bowls and a large cooler (for special events)
- Small laptop computer for Powerpoint presentations

Happy Holidays!

Victorian Christmas at Blandwood

Through December 31
Blandwood Mansion

Jan 27 Urban Archaeology Tour of Proximity Mill

February 7 2018 52nd Annual Meeting

Feb 21-26 Palm Springs CA Tour (Sold Out)

April Hillside Designer Showhouse!

May Lindley Park Tour of Historic Homes & Gardens

Visit our [website](#) for events

Stay Connected



Visit Our 2017 Tour of Historic Homes Sponsors!

[Greensboro News & Record](#)

[Carruthers & Roth](#)

[DLM Builders](#)

[Heritage Greens](#)

[Beacon Management](#)

[LeBauer Allergy & Asthma](#)

[Lincoln Financial Group](#)

[New Home Building Supply](#)

[Signature Property Group](#)

[Summerfield Farms](#)

[Teague Freyaldenhoven Freyaldenhoven Architects and Planners](#)

[Well-Spring](#)

[Amanda Nestor - RE/MAX](#)

447 West Washington Street

The Early Victorian Period in Greensboro was one of growth and change, as new educational and industrial opportunities brought a greater diversity of traditions and customs to the region. During this period, holiday festivities evolved and changed as modest "backwoods" practices were enhanced by national and international traditions.

Explore Blandwood to learn about evolving mid-nineteenth century holiday traditions. The mansion is fully decorated in local and period greenery, as if prepared for a grand Christmas Ball! Guided tours are offered during museum hours, and group tours are encouraged.

Normal tour hours and admission will apply. Blandwood is open for tours Tuesday through Saturday from 11am till 4pm, and on Sundays from 2pm till 5pm. Closed on Mondays.

Special Days: Blandwood will be open during our regular hours of operation, including Christmas Eve from 2pm - 5pm, and New Year's Eve 2pm - 5pm. The house will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day through January 5th. The house will re-open for tours January 6th.

[Learn More](#)

[Ashley Meredith -
Berkshire Hathaway](#)

[Bill Guill & Associates -
Allen Tate](#)

[Carl Myatt, AIA, Architect](#)

[Classic Construction](#)

[Chesnutt - Tisdale Team,
Berkshire Hathaway](#)

[Danielle White - Heritage
Realty Group](#)

[Double Hung Historic
Window Restoration](#)

[Gonzales & Ross -
Landscaping](#)

[John Klopp - State Farm
Insurance](#)

[The McCoy Team -
Mortgage](#)

[Miss Sonja's Bake
Shoppe](#)

[Replacements, LTD](#)

[Southern Comfort](#)

[Studio Traveler](#)

[Taylor and Associates -
Appraisers](#)

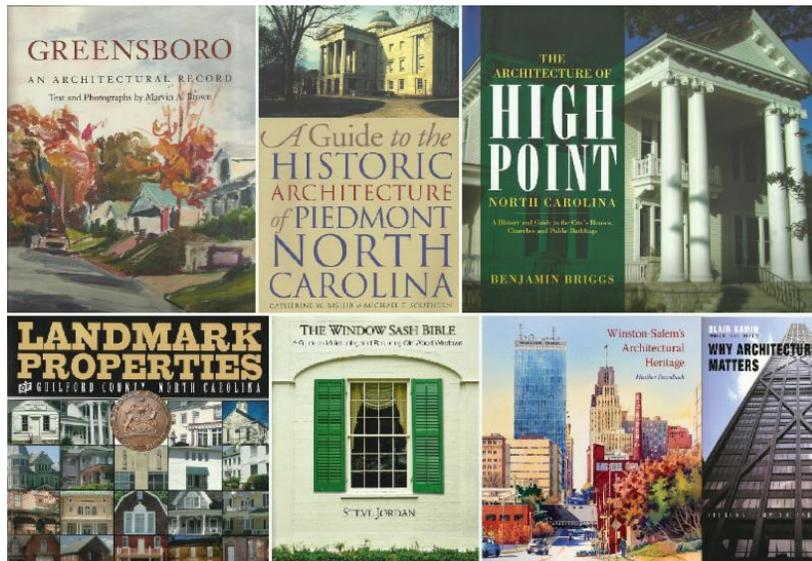
[The Thompson Partners -
Allen Tate](#)

[Whitlock Builders](#)

[Wholesale Ceramic Tile](#)

[National Trust Insurance](#)

Shop!



Buy Local. Learn Local.

Museum Shop hours are 11 till 4 Tues-Sat, 2-5 Sun

The Blandwood Museum Shop is proud to feature items related to Guilford County's architectural past, including books on local neighborhoods and landmark places.

Greensboro: An Architectural Record. A Survey of the historic and architecturally significant structures and

neighborhoods of Greensboro, North Carolina, by Marvin Brown (1995). Hardcover \$24.95

A Romantic Architect in Antebellum North Carolina: The Works of Alexander Jackson Davis. A review of the work of architect A. J. Davis in our state, ranging from the state capital to the UNC campus, Blandwood, and Davidson College, by John Lee Sanders and Edward T. Davis (2000). Softcover \$9.00

A Guide to the Historic Architecture of Piedmont North Carolina. A Field Guide and Reference for the traveler, resident, student, and preservationist with interest in North Carolina's historic architecture. Catherine W. Bishir & Michael T. Southern (2003). Hardcover \$39.95, Softcover \$22.50

Landmark Properties of Guilford County, North Carolina. A publication to showcase and promote all of Guilford County's historic landmarks (2005). Softcover \$20.00

The Architecture of High Point, North Carolina. A History and Guide to the City's Houses, Churches, and Public Buildings, by Benjamin Briggs (2008). Hardcover \$24.95

Modernism at Home: Edward Loewenstein's Mid-Century Architectural Innovation in the Civil Rights Era. A catalog of architectural work and a series of essays exploring Modern residential architecture by Edward Loewenstein, by Patrick Lee Lucas (2013). Softcover \$45.00

The Window Sash Bible. A Guide to Maintaining and Restoring Old Wood Windows by Steve Jordan (2015). Soft cover \$45.00

Winston-Salem's Architectural Heritage. A narrative and photographic overview of the Twin City's architectural development by Heather Fearnbach (2015). Hardcover \$60

In addition to these publications, the Blandwood Museum Shop features period jewelry, postcards, PGI mugs and baseball caps, and even a Blandwood thermos! Come visit during museum hours, or call us to open the shop at your convenience.

For more information, check out our Museum Shop website.



Blandwood Museum Shop's New Items

Museum Shop hours are 11 till 4 Tues-Sat, 2-5 Sun

A few new items have arrived in the Blandwood Museum Shop that can be given as simple holiday gifts!

New to our shop are PolyCanvas tote bags, made with Royal Blue trim and featuring the Preservation Greensboro logo and shield emblem. Size 12" x 18.5" x 4". \$12.50

Also new to our shop are Blandwood Christmas ornaments. These three-dimensional brass ornaments, made by The Charleston Mint, will be a charming historical keepsake for your holidays. \$16.50

In addition to these new items, we have a fresh supply of Blandwood candles. These cannister-style candles are made for us in Asheville NC and come in four fragrances: Lavander, Southern Magnolia, Wandering Rose, and Garden Blossoms. \$10.00

Palm Springs Modernism Week
February 21- 26, 2018
SOLD OUT

Modernism Week is a signature annual event to celebrate midcentury modern design, architecture, art, and culture. The festival takes place in February in the Palm Springs area of Southern California. Modernism Week features events such as the Modernism Show & Sale, Signature Home Tours, films, lectures, parties, live music, walking tours, and garden tours.

Our tour is timed in order to arrive near the mid-point of the festival, and to enjoy the highlights of Mid-Century Modernism in the sunny California desert!

Save-the-Date, and stay-tuned for more information and details!!

Learn More about our travel partner [Studio Traveler](#).

Connect!

Team Preservation Greensboro!

As a non-governmental organization, our operating revenue comes from supporters like you who contribute annual membership support and attend our events. Anyone can be a member! Why not join us today with a contribution? Visit our website for online membership donations, or call our office at 336-272-5003, or simply mail a check to Box 13136, Greensboro NC 27415. We certainly appreciate your support of Greensboro's architecture and history!

[Join Us with a Donation!](#)

Location Matters in Historic District

Fisher Park as a geographical neighborhood is most frequently defined as the area between Church Street on the east and the Green Hill Cemetery to the west. Its northern boundary is generally Wendover Avenue, and its southern boundary wafts between Smith Street and Fisher Avenue.



However, in 1982 the neighborhood was considered by the Greensboro City Council as the city's second historic district, and the debate was contentious. The historic district was established through an "overlay" that did not replace existing zoning, but was a city-regulation established in addition to existing zoning. Opponents to the district overlay grew combative to halt the "overlay" designation. Threats were made, tires slashed, and discord was rampant.

Learn more about how Fisher Park developed a complex

array of historic designations, [click here!](#)

Explore!

Urban Archaeology Tour **Saturday, January 27 at 11am**

Proximity Print Works was built to enable the Proximity Manufacturing Company to print designs onto their fabrics, rather than to ship them off for finishing to other companies. The facility was constructed in stages in the 1910s and 1920s, and contains a variety of cavernous spaces incorporating a variety of materials. Although the structure is currently vacant, and its walls have been used as a canvass for graffiti artists, the property is soon to be restored for a multi-use project including residential, restaurant, and retail space by The Alexander Company of Madison, Wisconsin.

[Learn More](#)

Restore!

Elm Street House Available for Restoration

Constructed in 1913, the Leak House is located at 909 N. Elm Street in the heart of Fisher Park. It was acquired in February by the Preservation Greensboro Development Fund (PGDF). The PGDF is seeking a buyer for the 4,000 square



foot property who will complete an historic rehabilitation. The asking price is \$295,000. The property will be sold subject to a rehabilitation agreement and a preservation easement to ensure that the structure and its distinctive features are returned to good condition and remain for future generations to enjoy.

Interested parties may request an information packet that contains an application form to be completed and submitted by interested parties who wish to be considered by PGDF as potential purchasers of the property.

[Email for Information](#)

Be A Volunteer

Hillside Designer Showhouse Volunteers

You have likely heard the news that Preservation Greensboro is helping to orchestrate a Designer Showhouse at the Hillside estate in April 2018. We are eager to share ways that you can help us!

If you love old homes, or have special talents in organizing volunteers, getting tasks completed, or in event production, we would love to hear from you. Many opportunities exist for volunteers in ways that benefits preservation and get you connected with other preservationists in Greensboro.

So, why not make some new friends and throw your hat in the ring? We would love to hear from you! Contact Judi by email, and she will help you from there. [Email Judi](#)

It's As Easy As ABC...

Preservation Greensboro offers many ways to build preservation efforts in our community!

Architectural Salvage: Recycling vintage building materials from old homes for new uses,

Blandwood: The 200 year old Morehead homeplace is operated as a museum of history and design,

Carriage House: Two story garden pavillion available for special events and weddings,

Development Fund: A preservation think-tank that holds, moves, and restores key properties,

Events: Special events include the Tour of Historic Homes & Gardens, walking tours, and seminars,

Forum: The Morehead Forum for Economic Development convenes leading thinkers from across the state.

[Donate Online](#)

Tel: (336) 272-5003

Website: preservationgreensboro.org
[Email us](#)