



The Preservation Magazine of Greensboro

Greensboro's Race To The Sky

The Gate City's earliest buildings rarely soared to dizzying heights due to low market demand and financial capital. Traditional building materials such as wood and brick generally limited construction height to three stories, except for an occasional courthouse cupola or church spire. Early images of Greensboro's skyline show structures peeking around treetops, with rare architectural features and water towers punctuating the vista.



McADOO BUILDING—BRADLEY'S ELM ST. PHARMACY.

Greensboro began to grow in the late nineteenth century and the skyline followed. In 1899, developers E. P. Wharton and A. W. McAlister announced construction of a new office block at 110 East Market Street. Rising five stories in height, a progress report in the Greensboro Telegram observed "From the top of the building a splendid view of North, East and West Greensboro can be had though a view of the Southern part of the city is cut off by trees. Sauratown mountain in Stokes county is plainly visible on bright days, as are many peaks of the Blue Ridge chain, near Mt. Airy. It is a sight worth going to the top to see, though ladies cannot yet make the trip."

To read more about our skyscraper history [Click Here](#)

Preservation News

Save-the-Date: ASG Vintage Market!
 9am - 3pm on Saturday, September 22, 2018
 1028-B Huffman Street just off East Wendover



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.

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Save-the-Date

August 26 MUSEP at Blandwood

Sept 3 Labor Day PGI Offices Closed/Blandwood Closed

Eclectic treasures can be discovered at the first ASG Vintage Market! This outdoor market will consist of vendors displaying old and new wares - and some new items made from old.. This is the place for one-of-a-kind finds!

Join us at the Architectural Salvage of Greensboro showroom, and explore the wares of vendors showing and selling crafts and items made from recycled materials or with a "vintage" feel.

This event is FREE. Call 336-272-5003 for information. If you are interested in being a vendor, give us a call!



Blandwood's New Treasures

With a generous bequest from the estate of Shirley O. White and Dr. William Elliott White, Blandwood Museum is recalibrating our docent narrative. Dr. White was the great-great grandson of Ann Eliza Lindsey and Governor John Motley Morehead, through their daughter Mary Corinna Morehead Avery (1825-1897).



The bequest included a variety of items that were treasured by the family, including an iconic c.1841 oil portrait of Governor Morehead and the Governor's "Mixing Table," but the item that has attracted attention is a piece of needlework.

The items are being accessioned by summer intern Chelsea Stewart, who thinks the "Sampler" will be a hit. "The sampler completed by Ann Eliza Lindsey is by far my favorite piece in the bequest" she says, "and I believe it will allow people to connect to the family on a more personal level. Embroidery is an easily recognizable piece to the majority of people and allows younger visitors to relate to the house through the educational story of a sampler."

Items will be placed around the house over the coming months.

North Carolina's Preservation Conference October 17-19, 2018 Wrightsville Beach, NC

Sociologist Jane Jacobs famously said, "Old ideas can sometimes use new buildings. New ideas must use old

Sept 22 ASG Vintage Market

Sept 22 Museum Day Live

2019

Feb 13 PGI Annual Meeting

May 18-19 Lindley Park Tour of
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buildings." She was right-- Innovation and Preservation go hand in hand.

At this year's conference attendees will explore the ways entrepreneurs, architects, builders, chefs, restaurateurs, brewers, and preservationists are establishing their new ideas in old buildings. From Kinston to Mount Airy, small towns and not-so-small towns alike, folks are putting innovation to work and bringing new life to historic buildings and spaces.

Come network, learn, and be inspired by the creative ways innovation is shaping North Carolina's historic landscape. [REGISTER HERE](#) for the 2018 Annual Conference.

Restore!

Historic Leak House Under Restoration

A key property in the Fisher Park Historic District is under restoration.

A complete restoration by a joint venture between Lehrer Properties LLC and Moore Acres Realty Inc. is underway at the historic Leak House at 909 North Elm Street. Sold through the [Preservation Greensboro Development Fund](#),



purchasers have already reconstructed crumbling brick and are rebuilding the iconic front porch. The Leak House was built by Minnie Lyon and Frank Leak around 1912, and it experienced a period of neglect over the past ten years. The PGDF has retained a Rehabilitation Agreement to assure restoration work is completed, in addition to a Preservation Easement to monitor appropriate alterations to the site and structure.

The only documented residential example of architect J. H. Hopkins, it will be restored for use as office space.

[Read More](#) about the history of the Leak House.

Museum Day Live!

Blandwood Mansion

September 22, 11am to 4pm

Museum Day Live! is an annual event hosted by Smithsonian magazine in which participating museums across the country open their doors to anyone presenting a Museum Day Ticket...for free!

The Museum Day Live Ticket is for two people only. Tickets will be available for the public to download beginning at midnight on August 15, 2018. Your Ticket will be emailed to you after you submit your information. You may show your e-

Church

Greensboro Builders Association

Savory Street/ Weir-Jordan House

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David Fisher, Jr., DDS

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Blandwood Garden Helpers Welcome

You don't need special knowledge to help us care for the gardens at Blandwood! We need helpers who are available on a regular, or semi-regular schedule, to maintain our wonderful mid-nineteenth century gardens. Work-times are Monday mornings, and tasks are usually completed before it gets too warm.



[Contact us to help!](#)

PGI Seeks Staff Position

A hectic program of events has diverted attention from filling this position, but we have kept the position open this spring. If you are looking for a new job that makes a difference, we are looking for you! The Community Outreach Director is a new position at Preservation Greensboro responsible for strengthening the organization's relationship to the community through membership development, event planning, and fundraising development. This is a full-time staff position. that is expected to collaborate with Board members, Committee chairs, Executive Director, and volunteers for fundraising initiatives and events.

[Contact Us for Information](#)

Membership is Important!

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.

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