



**The Preservation Magazine of Greensboro**

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## **Annual Meeting: Traditional Trades**

**The Colonnade at Revolution Mill at 900 Revolution Mill Drive**

**5:30 Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

**Tickets \$50 per person**



Preservation Greensboro is developing a strategy to address community unemployment challenges by promoting specialized skills and traditional trades. Inspired by Michigan's Living Trades Academy, we are investigating ways to train unemployed and under-employed workers in historic preservation trades such as plaster repair, window restoration, and masonry. Our model is a program developed by Nancy Finegood, who will be our featured Annual Meeting speaker.

This meeting serves as Preservation Greensboro's annual General Membership Meeting that will include election of board and presentation of Preservation Awards.

**Buy  
Tickets**

**Annual Meeting  
Sponsorship**

**Living Trades: Job Training for Neighborhood Revitalization**

Initiated by Nancy Finegood of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, the Living Trades Academy is a nationally recognized program. The hands-on ten-week job training program in preservation trades allow participants to mentor others in home repair and maintenance, and to acquire business and entrepreneurship skills to enter the workforce as a preservation professional. With guidance and supervision of professional preservation craftspeople, Living Trades participants learn basic knowledge in several preservation trades, including traditional and modern building materials as well as useful tools and techniques. Students earn a program certificate and are encouraged to enter the field of historic preservation subcontracting for projects requiring their specialized skills.

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## Once Abandoned, Now A Landmark

Once abandoned and occupied by squatters, the Margaret and Thornton Brooks House, located at 415 Sunset Drive in Irving Park, has been approved for designation as a Guilford County Landmark by the Greensboro City Council. Currently owned by Ashley and Sam Simpson, the elegant French Eclectic residence is a rare example in North Carolina.

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More](#)



## Welcome Our New Office Manager!

Victoria Lare comes to Preservation Greensboro with a background in grants, nonprofit work, and office management. A Pennsylvania native, she attained a BA in English from Temple University and an MA in English from UNCG. In addition, she has a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Duke University! Her work experiences ranges from the Community Foundation to NCA&T to UNCG. On top of all that, she has been a volunteer with Architectural Salvage of Greensboro! Please help us welcome Victoria!

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## Conservation Work at Blandwood

Thanks to Dr. Terry Seaks, Blandwood's 1820 Connecticut Style pillar and scroll "shelf" clock, is being restored. Originally constructed by Hugh Kearney of Wolcottville, Connecticut, the clock movement is being restored by John



Delaney of Delaney Antique Clocks in West Townsend, Massachusetts. The clock case has been restored by Bill Allred of Greensboro. Seaks and Allred have led care of other key pieces at Blandwood such as the West Parlor's Center Table and Side Chairs.

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## Preservation Events & Activities



**Third Thursday Social**  
**Oden Brewing Company**  
**804 W Gate City Blvd, Greensboro**  
**Thursday, January 16**  
**5:30pm-7:00pm**

Originally the Buffalo Rock soft drink bottling plant, the amazing historic building is the newest brewery and tap room in Greensboro! Come explore and sample this new (old) icon with your preservation friends!



**An Evening at Blandwood**  
**447 West Washington Street**  
**Friday, February 28**  
**5:30pm-7:00pm**

Come enjoy Blandwood at twilight with this special event hosted by members of the Preservation Greensboro Board of Directors! Blandwood was designed in 1844 by one of America's preeminent architects, Alexander Jackson Davis of New York, and he knew how to design a house to impress. Join us for a charming evening.

[Tickets](#)

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## Save-the-Date for Our 2020 Tour of Historic Homes

Tour will highlight the South Elm Street and Southside neighborhoods

We are busy planning details of our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour of Historic Homes and Gardens scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This tour will explore vintage live-work living spaces in downtown, as well as historic homes.

Our tour is the largest fundraising event for our organization, and we need community supporters like you to help make us successful. We offer business sponsorships as well as personal sponsorships. Take a look at the packet link below, feel free to call the office or click the question link below to email.

[Sponsorship Packet](#)

[Have a Question?](#)



### **Travel: The Architecture of Japan September 12 to 21, 2020**

Japan is home to an array of dazzling cultural attractions and iconic architecture. Adeline Talbot of Studio Traveler has worked with Benjamin Briggs to curate a unique travel experience that celebrates the culture of Japan, with a special focus on architecture, gardens, art, and culinary themes.

[Studio  
Traveler](#)

### **Upcoming Events**

**January 16** Third Thursday at Oden Brewing Company

**February 12** PGI Annual Meeting

**February 28** Blandwood Love-A-Landmark Party

**April 4** Smithsonian Museum Day Live at Blandwood

**May 6** Walking Wednesday Neighborhood Tour Commence

**May 16-17** Tour of Historic Homes & Gardens

**June 8** Blandwood In-Depth Tour: Architecture

**June 15** Blandwood In-Depth Tour: Portraiture

**June 22** Blandwood In-Depth Tour: Decorative Arts

[Visit our website for events](#)

### **We Need Your Membership!**

Please consider joining us 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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