A Message from Your Friends at Preservation Greensboro

Dear Friends, our world has changed so much in the past few weeks, and we hope this newsletter finds you and those in your life safe and healthy. Here at Preservation Greensboro, we are operating in new realities that includes no sales at Architectural Salvage, no tours of our Blandwood Museum, and no social or educational gatherings. We have made staffing adjustments including furloughs, reduced hours, and relinquished salaries. We are working with board members on plans to sustain the organization through the pandemic and recession. We were already examining ways to fill the fiscal deficit in our budget due to loss of city funding, but now lost retail sales and event revenue have deepened our challenges.

We hope our members and donors will understand our predicament and will continue to contribute to the organization. We are studying other tools that could be available to help pay ongoing operating expenses such as salaries, rent, and utilities for our organization.

All of our fundraising events have been cancelled or postponed through mid-May. The Tour of Historic Homes has been rescheduled for August 29-30 to showcase South Elm Street and Southside. We have also been posting opportunities to explore Greensboro architecture and history from your home on our Preservation Greensboro and Blandwood Facebook pages, as well as our Preservation Greensboro Instagram. If you are active on social media, please follow us and “like” and “share” our posts!

The bottom line is that we are working hard to navigate this new global challenge, and we need all of you, our supporters, to remain safe and healthy. Look for additional updates from us.

PGI Funding Update

More than 25 years of financial partnership with the City of Greensboro ended in 2019.
This has presented the organization with an unanticipated deficit of $25,000 that is now added to losses from the temporary closure of Architectural Salvage, our retail store, and also event cancellations due to the pandemic.

If you have considered making a gift to Preservation Greensboro, there is no time like the present. Additional funds will be required to compensate for this budget shortfall, so that we can keep PGI working during the Stay at Home Order and into 2021.

Donations and Memberships

Preservation Care Package

Looking for preservation inspiration? Need some reading or browsing material to pass the time? Look no further than our special care package with interesting links, blog posts, and podcasts. Why not take some downtime to learn more about today's preservation movement?

Visit our website

Architectural Survey Update
Now thru June

The City of Greensboro, NC State Historic Preservation Office, and Preservation Greensboro are continuing with the East Greensboro Architectural Survey of African American resources. The project includes a survey of neighborhoods along South Benbow Road including Nocho Park, Clinton Hills, and Benbow Park. Architectural historians Heather Slane and Cheri Szcodronski of HMW Preservation are leading this project to survey properties and to document social history. Read more about the amazing history of these neighborhoods by clicking the button below.

Neighborhood
Preservation Events & Activities

Some Tours Rescheduled
Join Walking Wednesdays in May
Locations Across The City
A Wednesday in your Future
7:00pm-8:30pm

Our evening walking tour 2020 season will begin in May. Several longstanding tours are scheduled, alongside some new tours that will focus on White Oak New Town and Human Rights history in Greensboro. Plan to join us on your Wednesday evenings!

Events Page

Vintage Advantage at ASG
One Saturday this Fall
9am-3pm

Buy or sell eclectic treasures at the Semi-Annual Vintage Market at Architectural Salvage! This outdoor pop-up market includes rustic treasures, creatively reused collectibles, vintage finds, locally-made goods, salvaged wood furniture, and upscale handmade items. Architectural Salvage of Greensboro is a 25-year old non-profit initiative of Preservation Greensboro.

More Info Please!

Volunteer at the ASG Showroom!
1028-B Huffman Street
On a Wednesday in the future!
5:30pm

Come to our next Architectural Salvage of
Greensboro work session at a post-pandemic Wednesday date at our retail showroom. We could use help to make the showroom ready for shoppers. And if you are good with displays, we'd love to have your help! Look for our new Instagram handle: asgofgsog...and of course, ASG is on Facebook!

Calling Garden Volunteers
447 West Washington Street
On a Monday in the future!

Come help us tend the gardens at Blandwood! Helpers of all ages and skills are welcome, and gentle direction will be provided as needed. Gardeners meet Monday mornings, but meeting times vary according to weather. Click below to add your name to the email notification list of garden volunteers!

Add Me!

Rescheduled
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 10th Annual Tour of Historic Homes and Gardens scheduled for August 29th-30th, 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?

Upcoming Events
All Posted Events Remain Tentative

May 20 Walking Wednesday in West Market Terrace
May 27 Walking Wednesday in Center City Modernism
June 3 Walking Wednesday in Westerwood
June 8 Blandwood In-Depth Tour: Architecture
June 10 Walking Wednesday at Bennett College
June 15 Blandwood In-Depth Tour: Portraiture
June 17 Walking Wednesday in Sunset Hills
June 22 Blandwood In-Depth Tour: Decorative Arts
June 24 Walking Wednesday at Grimsley High School
Aug 29-30 Tour of Historic Homes & Gardens

Visit our website for events

Planned Giving for Preservation

Please consider a legacy gift to support preservation work here in Greensboro. A gift from your estate may be include a specific dollar amount or a percentage of value. Your donation will provide critical support to future preservation efforts here in Greensboro. Invest in your city through historic preservation!

We Need Your Membership, Especially Now!

Please consider making a contribution to Preservation Greensboro. 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. With loss of city support, we could really use a special gift to help us maintain staff and operations. We certainly appreciate your help!

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Contacting Us

Due to emergency "stay home" orders, staff will not being monitoring office telephones. We ask that you rely on email instead.

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