

The Preservation Magazine of Greensboro

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As a non-profit historic preservation organization, we have worked for over 50 years to bring our community together. The mission of Preservation Greensboro includes Black History as part of the American experience and we work to strengthen our diverse neighborhoods and historic sites. We stand with our citizens in rebuilding and working for racial justice.

Help Us Meet Our Challenge

PGI has the potential to unlock a \$10,000 donation if we can match the funds. And we are reaching out to our steadfast supporters to help us reach that goal. We really need your support right now to continue our preservation work.

An anonymous preservation angel who has volunteered with PGI for decades - in many roles - has offered to donate up to \$10,000 to inspire other supporters. Her offer couldn't come at a better time.

The statewide COVID-19 stay-at-home order has shuttered our doors for the past couple of months, our Tour of Historic Homes has been postponed and Architectural Salvage of Greensboro sales were put on hold.

Preservation Greensboro will continue to advocate for the historic neighborhoods and buildings that give our community its character. But we are, frankly, in need of your financial support.

We love saving old buildings from the wrecking ball.

We want to keep hosting citywide architectural tours.

We push to advocate for historic tax credits.

And to keep our efforts going, we need some help from you to bring financial stability to PGI, our much loved donor-supported preservation group.

With your donation, we'll match the \$10,000 gift and the history of our city will remain intact for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Katherine Rowe
President

P.S. Greensboro's treasured places need advocates like you and PGI. See the before and after photos of the Leak house, below, at 909 N. Elm Street as a beautiful example of our partnership with the Development Fund.



**Help Us Make Our
Match**

Deduction for Charitable Donations UPDATE

For those individual taxpayers that itemize deductions, the charitable contribution deduction is no longer limited and 100% can be deductible. Non-itemizers are now allowed a \$300 "For AGI" deduction for charitable contributions for 2020.



African American Architectural Heritage Project

Work continues on an architectural survey of African American neighborhoods in Greensboro, with a focus on the Nocho Park, Clinton Hills and Benbow Park areas, and surrounding streets. The survey will evaluate expansion options of the same National Register benefits and honors available to other historic neighborhoods such as South Greensboro and Sunset Hills by documenting story lines and architectural styles of these communities. The work should be completed this summer.

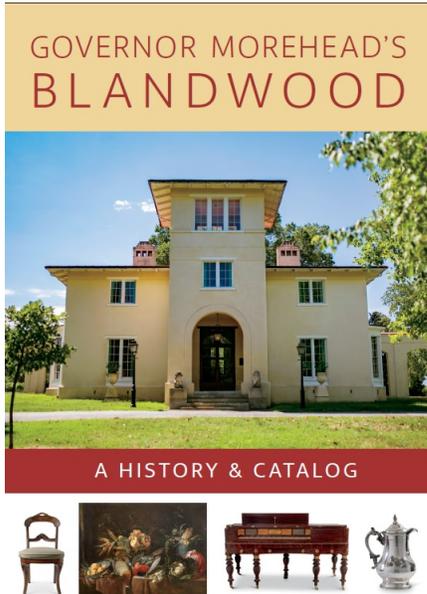
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Guilford's Historic Courthouse

The Guilford County Courthouse celebrates 100 years in 2020. Due to its military associations it is perhaps the most famous courthouse (by name) in the world, but the Greensboro landmark is just the latest of a series of historic courthouses that have served the county since its inception in 1771. The story of the succession of courthouses culminates with the stately century-old edifice at 301 West Market Street.

[Courthouse History](#)



Blandwood Book Arrives

This illustrated history of Blandwood portrays the remarkable architecture, history, and decorative arts of one of America's greatest houses. *Governor Morehead's Blandwood: A History & Catalog* includes 64 pages of text and color images that demonstrate the fascinating history of this 220 year old house. The book, edited by Judith Cushman Hammer, includes a Preface by Robert Leath and essays by Catherine Bishir, Benjamin Briggs, and Judith Cushman Hammer. The book should be available for purchase in mid June. Click the link below for pre-orders.

[Buy This Book](#)



Architectural Salvage Videographer

Architectural Salvage wants to make our media presence more efficient and profitable. Presently, we post photographs of our items on Instagram and Facebook, however we would like to also include video footage. We need a series of short videos in two areas: *information about items in our shop* and *how-to videos*. We are seeking someone with video experience, skills, or interest. All three qualities would be helpful but

learning as you go is always a blast! This volunteer job description includes helping plan the video subject, taking the video, editing it, uploading and posting on ASG's socials. Volunteers earn \$5 an hour in credit towards purchasing things in our showroom. If you are interested in this project, please contact [Jon Enos](#).

Architectural Salvage Reopens to Customers

Architectural Salvage has reopened for customers. Our showroom located at 1028-B Huffman Street in East Greensboro is open Fridays 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We request all customers wear masks, stay six feet apart, not come in if they are sick, and bring their own help if they are acquiring something heavy. We are a resource for fascinating merchandise including vintage claw foot tubs, old sinks, brass hardware, doors, windows, shutters, pressed metal ceilings, hardwood flooring, columns, stair railings, bath and sink hardware, chandeliers, and wall light fixtures recycled from historic homes and buildings throughout North Carolina's Piedmont.

Preservation Events & Activities



Online Tours of Blandwood

Enjoy three fascinating in-depth tours of the architecture, the portraiture, and the decorative arts of Blandwood. This tour will be held on Facebook Live, accessed through our [Preservation Greensboro](#) or [Blandwood](#) Facebook pages. The first tour will be led by Preservation Greensboro's Executive Director, Benjamin Briggs. The event is free but donations are appreciated! 45 minutes.

[Join Blandwood Facebook Page](#)

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 mixed-use projects.

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.

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Greensboro and scrolling down.

Planned Giving for Preservation

Please consider a legacy gift to support preservation work here in Greensboro. A gift from your estate may 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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