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## Blandwood Museum's Exciting New "Day"

Since 1966, Blandwood Museum has interpreted historical narratives of NC Governor John Motley Morehead and his family in their Italianate-style home. With a new temporary exhibit in 2022, Blandwood seeks to expand its traditional narratives around race, gender, and class in mid-nineteenth-century North Carolina and be more socially equitable and inclusive.

The temporary exhibition of twelve pieces of Thomas Day furniture at Blandwood will enliven these narratives and prompt a dialogue about this eminent free Black woodworker known for his distinctive furniture and architectural woodwork. Displayed alongside contemporary Morehead family furniture, this exhibition will contextualize Day's furniture in eight rooms and introduce new approaches to understanding the work of this master craftsman--a successful Black entrepreneur operating within elite white social circles.

This exhibit will be open to the public between April 1 and September 30, 2022. Plan to visit the museum to learn new perspectives of this important period in American history.

Save the Date



## Carriage House Upgrades Underway

Constructed in 1970 and the setting for countless weddings and special events, the Carriage House is enjoying a much-needed upgrade with new interior appointments and repairs! Renters will enjoy fresh paint, new lighting, new chairs, along with additional upgrades! Call us to reserve your space in this historic garden pavilion in 2022!

[Visit our website](#)



## *Untold Stories* by Eric Woodard The Dean Brickyard - Building Greensboro's History

James Monroe Dean Sr. was born in Asheboro NC on July 27, 1834. His father was enslaved and his mother, who was white, saw to it that Dean became a “free-issue” black man who was granted his freedom and later given land in Greensboro. It is on that land, abundant with clay deposits, that he eventually established his brickyard.

The Dean Brickyard was one of five brickyards mentioned in Heinrich Ries’ 1897 preliminary survey entitled *Clay Deposits and Clay Industry in North Carolina*.

[Read More](#)



## *Studio Traveler Presents* Inspiring Preservation in Santa Fe

Santa Fe, New Mexico, and its surroundings are unique in almost every respect: a fusion of cultures that are reflected in the area's art, architecture, and cuisine, not to mention its dramatic and astoundingly varied high desert landscape. It is a special pleasure to schedule a trip there in November when winter will have just arrived with its brilliant days and chilly nights. Santa Fe has unrivaled hand-crafted

and artistic shopping opportunities so a trip makes sense just ahead of the holidays! For details, follow the link to learn more.

[Santa Fe](#)



### **Safety With A Cause!**

Need a new mask? Show your pride in local preservation with our logo-branded face mask! These masks are made in Greensboro by Red Canary Studio. They are 100% cotton and have latex-free elastic. Masks can be purchased for \$10 at the Blandwood Museum Shop. Call at 336-272-5003 or email us to arrange for sale and pickup!



### **Save the Date Historic Home Tour Fans!**

We know you love our Tour of Historic Homes held each May, so when our friends at the Historic Salisbury Foundation shared their plans for the 46th annual Tour of Historic Homes on October 9th and 10th, we wanted to pass the word on to you! Additional events include Patrons Party October 8th, A Restoration Professional Expo at the Salisbury Station during tour hours, an online silent auction, a presentation by the Ghost Guild of Raleigh on Saturday evening, and the free Bank Street Festival during tour hours with live music, food trucks, kids activities and more! Tickets for all events and more information can be found by following the link below.

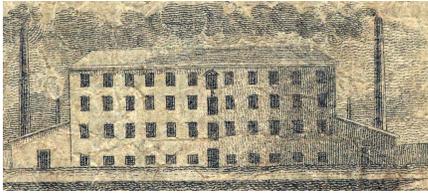
[Learn More](#)

## **Preservation Events & Activities**

Summertime is here, and we are offering lots of interesting programs to reveal the architecture and history of our city. Explore the

decorative arts at Blandwood, shop at Architectural Salvage, or join our Guilford at 250 Zoom series.

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## ***Guilford at 250*** **Guilford's Early Textile History**

From Greensboro, the seeds of North Carolina's textile history in the Carolina Piedmont were sewn. Learn about the role Guilford County held in launching North Carolina's industrial revolution, and discover its impact on manufacturing around the state in this presentation by Randolph County Historian Mac Whatley. This event will debut on PGI's Facebook and YouTube pages on Thursday, September 16 at 6 pm and is free to the public as part of our year-long monthly series celebrating Guilford County's 250th birthday!

In order to watch this special presentation, please check our Youtube page or our Facebook page after 6pm September 16th.

**PGI YouTube  
Page**

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As Preservation Greensboro continues our celebration of Guilford County's Semiquincentennial - or 250th - birthday in 2021, please know that each presentation remains available in our archives! These monthly presentations showcase our diversity of place history through the perspectives of leaders in their field. Please utilize our Youtube Page as a resource for learning more about the significance and place history of Guilford County. Oh...and Happy Birthday to us!

***To view our library of past lectures, click on the title below to view***

[Our Rich Heritage](#)

[Civil Rights Era  
Touchstone](#)

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Courthouse  
National Military  
Park](#)

[Our Leadership in  
Civil Rights](#)

[High Point  
Architecture, A  
Virtual Tour](#)

[Early Religions in  
Guilford County](#)

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Our Mid-Century  
Modern History](#)



## Blandwood Museum Is Open

447 West Washington Street in Downtown

Blandwood is open during regular hours of operation for guided tours that include themes of social history, architecture, and decorative arts. The museum is open from Tuesday-Saturday, 11 am-4 pm, and Sunday from 2 pm-5 pm. Blandwood is a great place to learn about North Carolina history...so come explore!

Blandwood Museum requires visitors wear face coverings when visiting and touring, pursuant to Guilford County Board of Health rules.

[Blandwood Museum](#)



## Postponed: Music at Blandwood

Due to increasing illness and hospitalizations in Guilford County due to the pandemic, this event is postponed.

***Musica Villa Toscana*** is our Chamber Music series in which this notable musical instrument will be played by trained UNCG School of Music student Stephanie Schmidt. Her program will feature the music of the nineteenth century - including some selections discovered in Blandwood Museum's archives!



## Architectural Salvage

1028-B Huffman Street in East Greensboro

Our showroom is open Fridays 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. New vintage materials are added with each salvage. We have window sashes, solid doors, solid flooring, vintage lighting, tubs on feet, and other old house parts. Come take a look at the newest arrivals!

[Visit our website](#)



## Garden Volunteers Tend To History

447 West Washington Street in Downtown

Need a little fresh air with your volunteer work? Come help us tend the historic gardens at Blandwood! Helpers of all ages and skill range at all levels are welcome, and gentle direction will be provided as needed.

Gardeners meet once weekly in the morning, but work times may vary depending on the weather. Click below to add your name to the email notification list of garden volunteers!

[Add Me!](#)

## Connect With Us!

### Sustainer Membership

Tired of writing and mailing a membership check to PGI? Become a PGI Sustainer! Membership with Preservation Greensboro is easier than ever thanks to our new monthly giving option. PGI Sustainers sign up to make monthly contributions to PGI through an automatic monthly charge to a credit card or draft from a bank account. Consider joining with this easy membership tool. Sustainers spread their contributions throughout the year and give PGI a reliable source of funding. Simply click on the secure link below and enroll as a Sustainer Member to make giving easy.

[Sustainer](#)

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### Amazon Smile

Shop on Amazon? Did you know that if you name Preservation Greensboro as your selected charity on your [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) start page, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase to Preservation Greensboro? You can bookmark the link and support us every time you shop! Type "Preservation Greensboro" in the search box and scroll to find us on the alphabetic list.

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### Check Our YouTube Channel!

Our YouTube Channel video library has all of our past Guilford at 250 PowerPoint lecture series segments posted for review. Learn more about Guilford County's architecture and history by watching our YouTube Channel.

Visit our YouTube  
Channel

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## Planned Giving for Preservation

Most people assume that an organization with a 50-year legacy and an attachment to the Morehead name must be well-financed by a deep endowment or government support, but this is not true. Help make Preservation Greensboro and Blandwood Museum a more stable organization by considering a legacy gift. Your commitment to supporting preservation work will remain right here in Greensboro. A gift from your estate may include a specific dollar amount or a percentage of value. Invest in our future through historic preservation!

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## Why Membership Is Important

As a non-profit, our membership provides our most reliable revenue stream. We are constantly working to grow our membership base, and we depend on support from citizens and preservationists like you to accomplish our mission of saving our community's historic and architectural treasures. We do this by serving Greensboro as a key resource for community reinvestment strategies to leverage historic preservation. Your membership gift allows us to continue our service.

Contributions and  
Memberships

