



The Preservation Magazine of Greensboro

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Through December 9th

WE BUILT THIS Exhibit @ NC A&T

Dudley Memorial Building, NC A&T

Preservation North Carolina's groundbreaking exhibit entitled **WE BUILT THIS** is now in Greensboro! It will remain on display in the University Galleries located on the campus of NC A&T State University through December 9, 2022. Admission is free.

The exhibit was created to acknowledge and inform the public of the history and contributions of Black builders and architects in North Carolina by highlighting the stories of those who constructed and designed many of our state's most treasured historic sites. Biographies extend from the Colonial Period to the Modernist Era.

The University Galleries are open Monday-Friday from 9am till 5pm, and on Saturdays by appointment. Come get inspired!

**WE BUILT
THIS**

November 9th, 6pm until 8
**The History and Legacy of
Greensboro's Black Architects &
Builders**

Dudley Memorial Building, University Galleries/



Multi-Purpose Room

202 University Circle, NC A&T State University

Join us for a panel discussion of the history and legacy of Greensboro's Black architects and builders. This event will build on the *We Built This* exhibit currently on display at NCA&T's University galleries and will include important perspectives from panelists, including Clinton Gravely, Jane Levy, Robert Powell, James Cox, and Ron Bailey. Topics include documentation of early architects and builders, memories and recollections of key individuals, and thoughts on the influence of their work. This discussion will help us better document this legacy for future writing, interpretation, and tours. The event is free.



Untold Stories by Eric Woodard **Charlotte Hawkins Brown - The Ties That Bind**

Eric Woodard drove to Sedalia, NC, recently to visit the Charlotte Hawkins Brown State Historic Site. His reason for going was two-fold. First, having read about the Palmer Memorial Institute and its founder, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, he was intrigued and wanted to tour this historic site he had driven past many times. Secondly, having gone down the never-ending rabbit hole of research into the history of the neighborhoods along South Benbow Road in Greensboro, he found that Palmer Memorial Institute has a fascinating tie to the area. He discovered a remarkable chapter in Greensboro's history!

See What He Found!



The Dutch Colonial home of R. J. Mebane... its good roof lines, the pillared verandas, the spacious windows are all noteworthy

Greensboro Homes Promoted in 1915

Long before television and social media reigned supreme as venues for the exchange of ideas, printed "shelter" and lifestyle magazines were the arbiters of fashionable trends among architects and influencers. These home-oriented publications peddled

modern bathrooms, convenient kitchens, and trendy designs as American architects' taste for decorative arts and style evolved.

Woman's Home Companion was one such magazine and Alphonse Raymond Ellis (1882-1950) was one such architect who leveraged the publication to promote his newest designs. In his role as the Architectural Editor of Woman's Home Companion, he promoted his plans of Period Revival designs that readers could purchase through the magazine.

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Holiday Shopping for Preservationists

Looking for special holiday gifts with a smart and local theme? Look no further than the Blandwood Museum Shop! We have selected titles in our inventory that explore local architecture and insights therein. Categories include the architectural history of Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem, Guilford County, and the Piedmont of North Carolina. Local stationery and themed ornaments make great small gifts!

[Explore Gifts](#)

Giving Less Stuff This Holiday Season?

Consider a gift of community support! If you just can't find that special gift, a contribution to Preservation Greensboro is a community-oriented investment. A gift can be made securely by credit card through our Donation Form. By clicking the box "I would like to dedicate this donation," an acknowledgment will be mailed to the contact you choose to be notified. Just follow the link below...its that easy! No gift wrapping is needed!

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Did You Know?

Greensboro contains 15 National Register



Historic Districts, including residential neighborhoods such as South Greensboro, White Oak New Town, Sunset Hills, and Irving Park. Did you know that many houses within these districts may be eligible for a 15% state tax credit for qualified rehabilitation of owner-occupied residential properties? Eligible rehabilitation expenses are limited to \$150,000, with a maximum tax credit of \$22,500. To learn more about these popular tax credits for National Register Districts, follow the link below.

[Tax Credits For Homes](#)

Preservation Events & Activities

Join us on one of our interesting programs that reveal the architecture and history of our city. Dare to partake in a **Early Victorian Christmas** at Blandwood Museum, visit the fascinating ***We Built This*** exhibit at NC A&T, or shop ***old house parts*** at our Architectural Salvage Showroom.



Opening November 10 **Early Victorian Christmas at Blandwood**

The Early Victorian Period in Greensboro was one of growth and change, as new educational and industrial opportunities brought a greater diversity of traditions and customs to the region. During this period, holiday festivities evolved and changed as modest “backwoods” practices began to embrace national and international traditions. Explore Blandwood Museum to learn about evolving mid-nineteenth-century holiday traditions. The landmark is fully decorated in local and period greenery as if prepared for a grand Christmas Ball! Guided tours are offered during museum hours, and scheduled group tours are encouraged.

Normal tour hours and admission will apply. Blandwood Museum is open for Christmas tours beginning Thursday, November 10 on a

schedule of Tuesday through Saturday from 11am till 4pm, and on Sundays from 2pm till 5pm. Closed all Mondays.

**Christmas at
Blandwood**



September 2-11, 2023
The Architecture of England

Monumental museums, captivating cathedrals, and magnificent manors are just a few of the sites we will explore on our Studio Traveler tour of England. Join us September 2nd through 11th, 2023 as we seek out the best examples of English architecture from London to Oxford and the Cotswolds. Follow the link below to learn more.

**Explore
England!**



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. Perhaps you could use some old house parts for your own old house...or maybe you have a special project that needs some vintage flair. Come take a look and explore!

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Sustainer Membership

Hit the Easy Button! Make charitable giving as easy as possible by becoming 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 convenient membership tool. Sustainers spread their contributions throughout the year and provide PGI with a reliable source of funding. Simply click on the secure link below and enroll as a Sustainer Member to get the ball rolling.

[Sustainer](#)



Garden Volunteers Tend To History

447 West Washington Street in Downtown

Do you want 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!](#)

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Shop on Amazon? Did you know that if you name Preservation Greensboro as your selected charity on your [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) 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 Incorporated" in the search box and scroll to find us on the alphabetic list.

Planned Giving for Preservation

Help make Preservation Greensboro and Blandwood Museum more stable organizations by considering a legacy gift. Many assume that our organization - with a 50-year timeline and an affiliation with the Morehead name - must be well-financed by a deep endowment or government support, but



this is not accurate. A commitment to support preservation work in Greensboro is an investment that will remain here in the Gate City. A gift from your estate may bequeath a specific dollar amount or a percentage of value. Please contact us to make an investment in Greensboro's future through historic preservation!

Why Your Membership Is So Important

As a non-profit, our membership provides our most reliable revenue stream. We are constantly working to grow our membership base at all levels, 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 provide strategic planning and increased awareness of historic places.

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