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Grants for Sacred Places

Historic houses of worship across America hold historical and cultural significance that are essential parts of our national heritage. Our friends at the National Trust for Historic Preservation recognize that many historic sacred places face challenges in stewarding their aging and architecturally complex facilities.

The National Fund provides training, planning grants, technical assistance, capacity-building support, and capital grants of up to \$250,000 to congregations of all faiths for rehabilitation work on their historic facilities.

Congregations are urged to submit their letter of intent by Feb 24 for the Fund for Sacred Places for projects such as:

- Urgent repair needs that are integral to life safety.
- Projects that improve the usability or ADA accessibility of the property.
- Renovation projects that support important community outreach.

The fund has supported projects that range from steeple stabilization to exterior masonry repair to HVAC replacement.

Visit www.FundforSacredPlaces.org for more details, including eligibility requirements, guidelines, and online application.



Untold Stories by Eric Woodard **The Legacy Of A Name**

Born in 1832 in Oak Ridge, Dr. DeWitt Clinton Benbow was a Quaker who wore a number of hats throughout his professional life. He was a dentist, a civic-minded businessman, a philanthropist, a dairyman, and a hotelier. Of the many positions that he held, there were a couple that I found especially interesting and ones that had unique connections to the communities of east Greensboro. Those two were that of hotelier and businessman.

Was he the namesake for Benbow Road?

[Learn
More](#)

Join This Community Meeting!
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, YOUR HISTORY!
Thursday, February 2nd, 6:00 PM
Providence Baptist Church, Tynes Hall
1106 Tuscaloosa Street, Greensboro
Masks Required

This community meeting will kick off the architectural survey of the area around South Benbow Road. The survey is part of an effort to list the city's first African American neighborhood in the National Register of Historic Places. The area is significant because of many homes that were designed by Black architects trained at North Carolina A&T State University. And it is important because it was home to leaders of and participants in the Civil Rights Movement.



Remembering Hannah at Blandwood

Thanks to the generous support of our members, we have achieved our goal of \$1,000 to acquire a mounted sign to commemorate Hannah Jones through the dedication of the kitchen garden in her honor.

Hannah Jones lived at Blandwood in the nineteenth century, both as an enslaved worker and later as a freedwoman. We know her name because Ann Eliza Lindsay Morehead recognized Hannah in her will (1868) with some bequests from her estate. Hannah, her husband Samuel, and their two

children John and Ann remained living at Blandwood for 10 years after the end of the Civil War.

Thank you to those who supported our vision of a more equitable and complete history of Blandwood!



Museum Featured in Podcast

Blandwood Museum will be showcased through the #IDKMYDE series through *The Black Effect Podcast Network* and its host, B-Daht, TBEPN, and iHeartMedia. The series includes historic sites in Guilford County that present African American history visually through social media and will play internationally on iHeart podcasts and NYC's station 105.1.

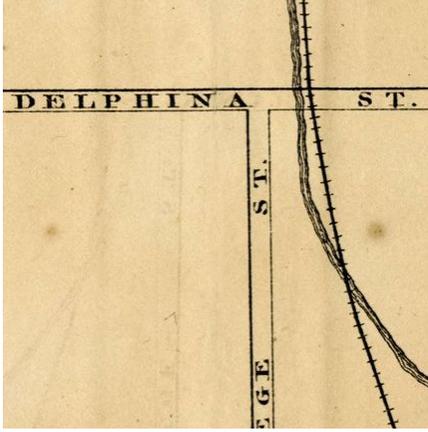
Brian McLaughlin, also known as B-Daht, is a comedian, sports announcer, and radio host who is known for his 17 years in radio and his own morning show on 102 JAMZ, and well as iHeartRadio, ACC, ESPN, Audacy, MTV2, MTV, and VH1.

The #IDKMYDE series is a historical fact-sharing podcast in which B-Daht shares and reveals lost black history to multiple demographics, including millennial viewers. Blandwood holds important associations with African American history through enslaved and free people of color before emancipation and freedmen during reconstruction. The series aims to educate, inspire, and grow interested for audiences in history, starting where the host began his journey, North Carolina.

This series will be used in the educational curriculum beginning in 2023 and will expand to include a range of full American history for full-year curriculum and content.

Greensboro's Most Historic Secret

Though important to the narrative of Greensboro's history by representing freedmen, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and the



Civil Rights eras, the people and their built environment of old Delphina Street have nearly been forgotten. Despite discrimination and segregation, touchstones and stories of the community that dates to 1873 can inspire future generations by serving as a reminder that people can overcome legal obstacles and prejudice. Perhaps the old street's namesake, the abolitionist Quaker Delphina Mendenhall, would be honored knowing the street that once bore her name reflects so much history and empowerment.

[Read More](#)



Did You Know?

When the bulldozer arrives, it's (usually) too late to save a threatened historic property. Greensboro is fortunate to have several tools available to prevent the demolition of historic properties, the most powerful being a Preservation Easement.

A Preservation Easement is a legal agreement between a property owner and an easement-holding organization that protects significant historic or cultural resources in perpetuity. Preservation easements are recognized as the strongest and only perpetual protection available for historic properties.

Easements protect all named features and elevations of a structure. Property owners agree to obtain the approval of the easement-holding organization before making alterations to the property. Because the easement lasts in perpetuity, it also binds future property owners.

[Historic Preservation Tools](#)

Preservation Events & Activities

Join us on one of our interesting programs that reveal the architecture and history of our city. Enjoy a tour of Blandwood Museum, explore

our **Blog**, or shop **old house parts** at our Architectural Salvage Showroom.



September 2-11 **The Architecture of England**

A few seats remain to see monumental museums, captivating cathedrals, and magnificent manors of England!

Our tour partner, Studio Traveler, has a few positions open for the tour of England planned for September 2nd through 11th, 2023. Join us as we seek out intriguing 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!

**Visit Our
Website**



Save-The-Date May 21-22 **Tour of Historic Homes & Gardens**

Westerwood will be the focus of Preservation Greensboro's Thirteenth Annual Tour of Historic Homes & Gardens! The event will be held in May during National Historic Preservation Month.

“This is a neighborhood that blends history

with rejuvenation. The neighborhood is defined by Black history, Lake Daniel Park, a wonderful array of kit homes, and the new Westwoods Park on the Downtown Greenway featuring sculpture by artist Thomas Sayre,” says Benjamin Briggs, executive director of Preservation Greensboro. “This community is home to professionals, professors, and creative entrepreneurs who enjoy the convenience of its location as well as its cozy Craftsman bungalows and tree-lined streets.”

The tour is planned to be a classic pre-pandemic in-person tour, held on the weekend of May 20-21, 2023. The tour will highlight the architecture and charms of this central neighborhood. Watch this website and our social media outlets for more updates on our exciting Tour of Historic Homes & Gardens in Westerwood!

[Visit our website](#)



Volunteer Your Time

Consider making a donation of time to Preservation Greensboro! Are you a great gardener? A savvy salvager? An endearing docent? If so, we need you!

Preservation Greensboro has many volunteer opportunities in a variety of roles and skill levels. Please look through our volunteer survey and check the volunteer role that makes the preservationist in your soul -- sing!

[Take Our Volunteer Survey](#)

Connect With Us!

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!](#)



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.

[Contributions and Memberships](#)



We Take Your Trust Seriously

Preservation Greensboro Incorporated is committed to transparency through the *Candid* information service. *Candid* is committed to increasing transparency of nonprofit organizations by providing access to data with a goal of providing insights and analysis as well.

[See Our Profile](#)



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