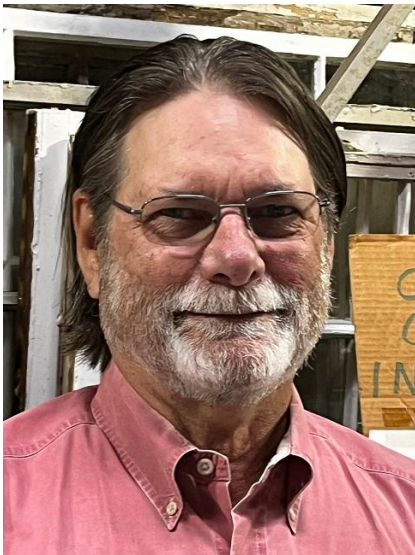




## The Preservation Magazine of Greensboro

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### Looking To The Future At ASG

We are excited to announce that Bill Dawkins is our first Architectural Salvage of Greensboro Manager! Bill reopened the showroom to the public on May 12 in a leadership role, including organizing volunteers, creating social media posts, and planning special programs in addition to responsibilities related to the retail showroom.

“Bill’s experience in warehouse organization, customer service skills, retail operation management, and background in recruiting and coordinating volunteers is a great asset to Architectural Salvage,” said Benjamin Briggs, Executive Director of Preservation Greensboro. “We are very fortunate to have Bill join the team based on his extensive skills, which perfectly complement our needs. As a bonus, he also has a background in recycling and safety!”



### Rethinking Our Space

Preservation Greensboro is working with UNCG’s Interior Architecture Department on a summer internship to help create an updated vision for our ASG retail store. Anthony Ascencio, a third-year student at UNC Greensboro majoring in Interior Architecture and minoring in historic preservation, was hired to address the store’s interior appearance, lighting, and possible new branding for our showroom design. Bill and the Preservation Greensboro Team are excited to work with Anthony on this project

over the summer! Welcome Anthony!

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## Visit Architectural Salvage of Greensboro!

**Hours: Fridays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**Location: 1028-B Huffman Street in East Greensboro**

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### *Thank You Westerwood!* **Tour of Historic Homes & Gardens**

Our 13th Annual Tour of Historic Homes & Gardens celebrating Westerwood is one for the books! We are so grateful for all of our volunteer house captains and volunteer docents who greeted our guests. This tour was made special by our intrepid homeowners, who trusted us with their fascinating and beautiful houses, and our generous sponsors, who underwrote tour expenses. Finally, thanks to all of you who participated as ticket holders! The Tour of Historic Homes is an event that makes Greensboro a special place by celebrating our architecture, history, and our incredible neighborhoods. Thank you for helping us highlight Greensboro's pride of place.

# Save-the-Date

## 14th Annual Tour of Historic Homes & Gardens

# Sunset Hills

### "Celebrating A Century"

## May 18-19, 2024

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## Loss of Landmark

The news is out that the Joseph Bacon Whitsett House at 7241 Burlington Road (U.S. 70) near Gibsonville is slated for destruction by Whitewood Construction LLC and developer Ardmore Residential. Plans call for apartments on 27 acres on the north side of U.S. 70. Images from Google StreetView (shown) illustrate the architectural charm of the 1883 house with its grounds and greenhouse.

The property has no historic designation due to alteration of interior spaces. The property was deemed to be ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 2013, and a voluntary local landmark designation was never requested of the owner. Despite broad recognition that it is an important historic site, past property owners and governmental authorities did not progress any steps to ensure the site would be preserved.

Take this sad news as a lesson in preservation strategy. The **ONLY** way to prevent the destruction of historic sites in North Carolina is through a **PRESERVATION EASEMENT!** An easement is a legal instrument attached to the deed of a property by the property owner that gives authority to demolish a historic resource to an easement holder, which is preferably a nonprofit organization with preservation as its mission. We all have heard of the great work done by land conservancies to preserve open space; this is also the best strategy to preserve historic sites. To learn more about easements and other preservation strategies, click below.

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More](#)

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### *Untold Stories by Eric Woodard* **The Pearson Street YWCA**

Displaying the classic lines of a mid-century modern structure with its squat, rectilinear



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form, its flat roof, clerestory windows, and deep overhangs, this building commands a fairly prominent place in the streetscape along East Gate City Blvd. However, with its front entrance - facing Plott Street - partially obscured by overgrown bushes and its low single-story profile, you may have missed it as you have driven east along East Gate City Boulevard at Murrow Boulevard. This building, sitting on a low hill above a brick retaining wall, blends quietly into the landscape - as any self-respecting mid-century modern structure is apt to do. But, if you have an eye for mid-century modern architecture, even the most obscure mid-century modern building will stand out to you.

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## Window Shutters Restored

Architectural historians marvel that Blandwood's original 1846 louvered shutters, or *Venetian blinds*, have survived *in situ* in our National Historic Landmark. In northern states where most of the architect Alexander Jackson Davis's commissions remain standing, the innovative system of shutters hidden from view by sliding into a pocket cavity in the wall, these original features were long ago discarded. Here in the South, with somewhat milder winters, the 177-year-old windows are a rare survival.

Thanks to our volunteer extraordinaire, Richard Mansell, these shutters are receiving some much-needed tender loving care. Richard is removing up to five layers of paint from these wood features that will enable them to slide more easily into their respective wall pockets and is working to repair and repaint them in green color. The resulting refurbished windows will continue the remarkable story of innovation and preservation as part of the museum's narrative. ***Thank you, Richard!***

Visit Blandwood  
Museum



## Did You Know?

The historic preservation movement is a global cause that ranges from local to international politics and policy. Our local representation includes Preservation Greensboro, but our international organization is ICOMOS.

The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) was born in 1964 through the *Venice Charter*, a global recognition that historic preservation warranted standards and a unified voice. ICOMOS grew as a private voice with membership, including historians, archaeologists, and architects across participating nations, including our national chapter, US ICOMOS.

ICOMOS sets standards and serves as a resource for threatened places of world significance. It is a membership organization and serves as a non-governmental partner to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

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## Preservation Events & Activities

Join us on one of our interesting programs that reveal the architecture and history of our city. Visit **Blandwood Museum**, shop at our Architectural Salvage showroom, or plan to participate in our **Walking Wednesdays Tours**.



## Walking Wednesdays Are Back!

Now in our 19th season of service to the community, our tours make our community aware of local history, personalities, preservation challenges, and architectural features on walking tours led by Preservation Greensboro's executive director Benjamin Briggs. You will gain insights into the touchstones of Victorian architecture, historical equity, and Black history in

Greensboro. Our tours are free to the community (but we hope you will consider joining as a member) and will take 60 to 90 minutes. We will work to reschedule in case of rain/thunder — updates will be made on our social media. Wear comfortable shoes

**College Hill Tour**

**Social Equity Tour**

**East Market Street  
Tour**



**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!**



**1028-B Huffman Street in East Greensboro**  
**Architectural Salvage**

The Architectural Salvage of Greensboro (ASG) showroom is open Fridays 10am – 6pm, and Saturdays 9am – 3pm.

We collect only donated items, with a special focus on vintage building materials 50 years and older. Historic windows, doors, mantels, flooring, fixtures, architectural details, and cast iron tubs are our bread and butter!

As always, we welcome helpers! If you would

like to be involved in salvages, programming, or retail, let us know by sending a quick note!

[Volunteer](#)

## Connect With Us!



### Volunteer Your Time

Consider making a donation of time to Preservation Greensboro! Are you a grand 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 list and check the volunteer role that makes the preservationist in your soul -- sing!

[Be A Volunteer!](#)

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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.

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### 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.

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