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FREE PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS FOR OWNERS OF OLDER AND HISTORIC HOMES

The City of Columbia's Preservation Office will be hosting a series of free workshops designed to educate homeowners about historic preservation and how they can best conserve the historic fabric of their homes. The first workshop will be held at the Eau Claire Print Building from 9am to 12:30pm on Saturday, September 17. Topics will include historic wood window and door conservation, the importance of preventative maintenance, and proper prepping and painting techniques. Dan Elswick, senior historic architectural consultant with the South Carolina Historic Preservation Office will be one of the presenters.

The second workshop will be a hands-on historic wood window repair workshop led by David Hoggard of Double Hung Window Restoration from Raleigh, NC. Participants will learn about window removal and installation, proper glazing techniques, and simple ways to boost the energy efficiency of historic wood windows. The window repair workshop will be held at the Little Red Schoolhouse at Riverfront Park from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, October 15.

A third workshop featuring topics on sustainability and energy efficiency, architectural history and research, and sensitive renovations and additions will be held at the Eau Claire Print Building from 9am to 12:30pm on Saturday, May 5, 2012. "These workshops will give homeowners and contractors a wealth of information about how to properly maintain older homes and increase energy efficiency while retaining the building's historic character," says Amy Moore, historic preservation planner with the City of Columbia.

Space is limited, so please contact Staci Richey at 803-545-3328 or srichey@columbiasc.net for more information or to register for these free events.

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