

Historic Preservation Workshops

Brookings Historic Preservation Commission

Summary

In May 2014, the Brookings Historic Preservation Commission brought in nationally-recognized historic restoration expert Bob Yapp to lead three day-long hands-on workshops on wood repair, painting, and window restoration. The HPC also partnered with the Brookings Sustainability Council, SDSU Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee, and the SDSU Ecology Club to provide three shorter Bob Yapp seminars at the city's annual GreenFest event. Grant funds to the Brookings Certified Local Government through the Historic Preservation Fund (NPS) went towards presenter fees, travel, marketing, equipment and materials, and conference center rental.

Impact

The main goal of the project was to increase public awareness and teach technical skills in historic preservation. The 32 workshop attendees and about 50 seminar attendees included historic homeowners, home contractors, professionals in related fields, and commission members from other Certified Local Governments.

“We all now know how to handle rot repair, painting, and window restoration, but we also have a sense of how Bob has developed and focused his life's work, and understand what a noble calling preservation work is.”


- John Erickson, Clay County HPC

“Bob Yapp presented down-to-earth advice and personally researched product information, and demonstrated professional techniques that homeowners can really use.... He sent us home feeling confident and energized!”

- Rolene Schliesman, SDSHS Board Member



Bob Yapp with attendees, re-glazing a historic window



BOB YAPP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS
Sponsored by Brookings Historic Preservation Commission
Bob Yapp is the president of Preservation Resources, Inc. and travels America as a historic preservation and planning consultant. He provides keynote speeches, conducts seminars and instructs hands-on workshops on just about any subject having to do with preservation, housing and community.

- **THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2014 EXTERIOR WOOD REPAIR**
Learn best practices in the repair of original, exterior wood elements using architectural epoxies on a local historic property.
* Space limited to 12 participants and 12 observers
- **FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2014 "PAINT IT RIGHT!"**
Learn how to safely and affordably achieve a paint job on a local historic property that can last for 15- 20 years.
* Space limited to 12 participants and 12 observers
- **SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014 WINDOW RESTORATION & WEATHERIZATION**
Learn cost-effective and energy efficient weatherization of original, double-hung, wood windows on a local historic property.
* Space limited to 12 participants
- **SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014 GREENFEST 12-5 PM**
MCCRORY GARDENS VISITOR CENTER
12:00 pm - Paint It Right!
2:00 pm - Getting Shellacked or Innovative Woodworking Finishing & Refinishing
4:00 pm - Energy Efficient for Old Houses & Buildings
* Everything on Sunday is FREE and open to the public

- Register by April 17, 2014
- Workshops will be from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm or later
- Workshop fee (includes lunch and materials): \$50 per participant (\$25 student/observer rate)
- All checks payable to the Brookings Historic Preservation Commission and mailed to the address below.

For more information or to register, contact:
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Public poster to advertise the workshops