



May is Historic Preservation Month

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CEMETERIES SILENT LEGACIES

Cemeteries, graveyards, and burial grounds are all words that describe the final resting places of a community's citizens, families, and even visitors. These sites are the physical locations that denote the end of our living legacy and signify the beginning of our eternal journey. An invaluable resource, these sacred spaces and their markers help tell stories about families, communities, traditions, and cultures – all of which collectively become the story of a place or period of time. Join the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission during May 2010 to celebrate, recognize, and honor the historic cemeteries, graveyards, and burial grounds that are an integral part of Forsyth County's history.

MAY 2010

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May has been designated Historic Preservation Month both nationally and locally. The local theme for 2010 is “Silent Legacies.” This theme is to honor and recognize our county’s cemeteries, graveyards, and burial grounds. These sites are the physical locations that denote the end of our living legacy and signify the beginning of our eternal journey. An invaluable resource, these sacred spaces and their markers help tell stories about families, communities, traditions, and cultures – which collectively become the story of a place or period of time.

Throughout the month of May, there will be many opportunities to learn more about cemetery preservation, history, and maintenance. Old Salem Museums and Gardens will be hosting the Historic Preservation Month Lunch and Learn Lecture Series at the James A. Gray Auditorium on Wednesdays at noon. The lectures include: Leland Ferguson speaking on “African-American Graves in Salem and Wachovia;” Martin O’Brien with a hands-on talk entitled, “Hand Cut Grave Markers: How Did They Do It;” and, Heather Fearnbach speaking on, “From the

Roaring Twenties to the Space Age: Winston-Salem’s Mid-Twentieth-Century Architecture.” There will also be two educational workshops held during May. The first will be by Ken Robinson from Wake Forest University at the Brooks Cemetery on Piney Grove Road in Kernersville entitled, “Documenting African-American Cemeteries: Procedures and Particulars.” The second will be a Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Workshop featuring Mitch Wilds from the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office and

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Drivers on Business I-40 in Winston-Salem were reminded to complete their 2010 Census forms through four creative designs picked as winners of the Forsyth County Complete Count Committee's billboard design contest. Mike Baron's design (above) got the advertising campaign kicked off, that ran the entire month of March.

Jeff and Susan MacIntosh, local "serial rehabbers." This workshop will be for anyone owning a National Register property or a house or building located in a National Register Historic District.

One other special event will be the unveiling of a new city historic marker on Sunday, May 16. The marker will recognize the Odd Fellows Cemetery, in Winston-Salem. The Odd Fellows Cemetery was started in 1911 by the Twin City Lodge and the Winston Star Lodge, both African-American Fraternal organizations. The Odd Fellows Cemetery is one of Winston-Salem's oldest and largest African-American cemeteries. Estimates are that as many as 10,000 graves could be located in the cemetery. The Odd Fellows Cemetery contributes greatly to the overall history of the community, particularly the area's rich and outstanding African-American heritage. It is one of

Winston-Salem's finest reminders of its history.

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Go to www.cityofws.org/planning and click the Historic Preservation icon for more events and information about Historic Preservation in Forsyth County.



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