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Historic Preservation Month May 2014



May has been designated Historic Preservation Month both nationally and locally. Preservation Month was designed to raise awareness of the power historic

preservation has to protect and enhance our homes, neighborhoods and communities - the places that really matter to us. The National Trust for Historic Preservation established "New Age of Preservation: Embark, Inspire, Engage" as the national theme for 2014. Locally, efforts are focused on

educating the public about the North Carolina State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program which is scheduled to sunset at the end of 2014 and the federal historic tax credit that is proposed by some members of Congress to be eliminated from the tax code. These programs have been an integral part of the revival of many historic industrial, commercial and residential buildings in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

Throughout the month of May there will be many opportunities to learn more about ways our community is working together to preserve our history. The Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission, Old Salem Museum and Gardens, New Winston Museum, and Preserve Historic

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Legacy 2030 Receives Prestigious National Award

Legacy 2030, Winston-Salem and Forsyth County's comprehensive plan, received the prestigious 2014 Daniel Burnham Award from the American Planning Association at the National Planning Conference in Atlanta in April. The plan sets out a list of strategies, policies, and actions to help Winston-Salem and Forsyth County become more sustainable, better designed, and more fiscally responsible. It's the culmination of two years of work by the City-County Planning Board, the Planning and Development Services Department, and hundreds of engaged citizens.



number of different angles. The plan addresses concerns about Forsyth County's predicted population growth, sprawling development pattern, connects health and equity to the physical form of the county, focuses on ways to catalyze private investment, and makes the case that higher density and mixed use urban areas yield a higher return on strategic public investments. The plan's outreach efforts helped build understanding among the county's residents on a range of issues, engaged residents in the planning process, and incorporated their input in the plan.

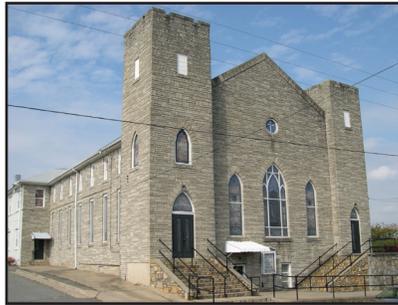
The Daniel Burnham Award recognizes a comprehensive plan that advances the science and art of planning. The award honors America's most famous planner, Daniel Burnham, for his contributions to the planning profession and to a greater awareness of the benefits of good planning. *Legacy 2030* is one of two recipients of the Burnham Award this year, the other being Plan Cincinnati from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Legacy 2030 stood out as one of the best comprehensive plans in the country by examining the problems and opportunities the community will face in the coming years from a

"Planners in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County used creative outreach tools to engage its residents in the planning process," said Ann C. Bagley, FAICP, 2014 APA Awards Jury chair. "Even the smallest of Forsyth County's towns were given the opportunity to offer solutions and develop goals, policy recommendations and actions at community meetings or on the website. The plan addresses the pressing issues facing the county and used a fun way to engage residents in the process."

To view all of the APA 2014 National Planning Excellence and Achievement Award recipients, visit www.planning.org/awards/2014.

Forsyth are hosting a kick-off reception on May 7 at 7:30pm to celebrate the beginning of Historic Preservation Month and a ribbon cutting to celebrate the current rehabilitation project at the West End Mill Works (former Hoots Roller Mill) located at 918 Bridge Street.



The Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission will host an open house on May 18 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the George Black House and Brickyard, a local historic landmark, at 111

Dellabrook Road. The afternoon will have tours of the house and former brick yard and be an opportunity to find out the future of this unique and important site. On May 31 at 3:00pm there will be a historic marker unveiling at the New Bethel Baptist Church at 1016 N. Trade Street.

Old Salem Museums and Gardens will be hosting the Historic Preservation Month Lunch and Learn Lecture Series at their Visitor's Center in the James A. Gray, Jr. auditorium on May 7, 14, 21, and 28. The lectures will all begin at noon and will include the following topics "The Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation"; "The Impact of Preservation on North Carolina"; "Property Values in Historic Districts: Greensboro Case Study"; and "Historic Preservation Meets Buck Rogers: 3D Laser Scanning of the Single Brothers' House." Attendees are invited to bring a bag lunch.

Preserve Historic Forsyth will host two events, the first on May 10 at Korner's Folly at 413 S. Main Street, Kernersville featuring Hayes Wauford from Wilson-Covington Construction presenting a Masonry and Wood Window Restoration Workshop. On May 17 at Historic Bethabara Park at 2147 Bethabara Road, Winston-Salem, Hayes Wauford will conduct a Fort Reconstruction Demonstration.

On May 20 at 5:30pm at 525 Vine Street in the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter in Winston-Salem, the WEXFORD Science + Technology group will host a panel discussion on the Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program. The panel will be moderated by City Council Member Jeff MacIntosh with the panelist including Dewey Anderson, Ken Reiter, a member of Clachan Properties from Winston Factory Lofts, and Eric Tomlison.

All events and lectures are free and open to the public. Go to www.ForsythcountyHRC.org for more information.

2014 Community Appearance Awards



The Community Appearance Commission will hold the 2014 biennial Community Appearance Awards on Thursday, June 5, at 3:00pm in the Gray Auditorium of the Old Salem Visitor Center. The Awards honor individuals, businesses, and organizations that have had a positive impact on the appearance of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. The keynote speaker for the event is Mr. Charles Brown, Assistant Director of Project Development for North Carolina State University, with the topic of his speech focused on green design. The event is free and open to the public.

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