

Victoria Mansion's Preservation Trades Training Programs

Workshop Series #2: Historic Woodworking Training Program

Purpose: To train practicing tradespeople in the special knowledge required to preserve older and historic wooden buildings.

Format: 10 days of daily training in an on-site workspace.

Location: Victoria Mansion
109 Danforth Street, Portland, ME 04101

Schedule: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Monday, April 21 – Friday, April 25, 2025
Monday, April 28 – Friday, May 2, 2025

Trainees:

Training is limited to five tradespeople currently working in the greater Portland area. **Registration requires a competitive application process.**

The application can be accessed at victoriamansion.org/events.

Deadline for application is March 25, 2025.

Applicants will be notified of their registration status by **April 1, 2025**.

Training Stipend: Each trainee who attends the training will receive a \$1,000 stipend, payable at the end of each week. To become eligible for the stipend, the trainee must attend the full week. Payment will not be pro-rated for partial attendance. Trainees attending the full 10-day program will receive a total stipend of \$2,000.



Questions? For more information, please contact Timothy Brosnihan, Executive Director at tbrosnihan@victoriamansion.org or (207) 772-4841 ext. 100.

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Training Overview:

This training is for tradespeople actively working in the greater Portland, ME area. The objective of the training is to boost their basic carpentry knowledge and skills into the field of work on older and historic buildings. The training will focus on exterior woodwork details.

Schedule:

Two weeks of ten full-time days, 9:00am-4:00pm. This includes hands-on work with evening reading assignments and study.

Topics of study and hands-on exercises include:

- ◆ Historic Preservation of Buildings
- ◆ Wood science and wood deterioration
- ◆ Tool sharpening
- ◆ Making moldings to match existing with simple shop machinery and hand methods
- ◆ Wood-Epoxy repairs
- ◆ Wood Dutchmen and part-by-part replacement
- ◆ Preservative treatments
- ◆ Make a significant woodwork detail, to have as a sample of their work

Faculty:

Trainees will work alongside John Leeke, a nationally recognized preservation trades specialist and educator. John was recently honored by *Traditional Building Magazine* as one of the industry's "25 leaders who have dedicated their careers to the classical and traditional styles in myriad and outstanding ways that are serving as models around the country."

Included materials:

Each participant will receive two books for training:

- ◆ ***Understanding Wood***, by Bruce Hoadley
- ◆ ***Practical Restoration Compendium***, by John Leeke



Scan the QR code above to access the application.

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