

26TH ANNUAL VIRGINIA PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

Historic Preservation & Community Engagement:  
***Saving Places that Matter***

*September 25-27, 2011*

*Winchester, Virginia*



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# Welcome to the Conference!



Welcome to the 26th Annual Virginia Preservation Conference! This year's sessions offer something for everyone and, as always, there are opportunities to greet old friends and make new ones.

Central to our theme is the concept of community and community involvement—essential elements to ensure that historic preservation efforts are viable and relevant. Winchester and its surrounding counties are a great place to explore these themes. Through innovative partnerships and programs, historic places are being repurposed to support the local economy and provide educational and cultural benefits.

We are grateful to all our sponsors and to the local host committee for their commitment to making our 26th Annual Virginia Preservation Conference memorable. We hope you will find valuable and applicable lessons to take back to your hometown.



Elizabeth S. Kostelny  
Executive Director  
Preservation Virginia



Kathleen S. Kilpatrick  
Director & State Historic Preservation Officer  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources

Preservation Virginia, a private non-profit organization and statewide historic preservation leader founded in 1889, is dedicated to perpetuating and revitalizing Virginia's cultural, architectural and historic heritage thereby ensuring that historic places are integral parts of the lives of present and future generations. Our mission is directly consistent with and supportive of Article XI of the Constitution of Virginia, benefiting both the Commonwealth and the nation. Preservation Virginia provides leadership, experience, influence, and services to the public and special audiences by saving, managing, and protecting historic places, and developing preservation policy, programs, and strategies with individuals, organizations, and local, state, and national partners.

*We express our sincere appreciation to the City of Winchester for participating in the planning of this event and for securing a Certified Local Government (CLG) sub-grant. The CLG sub-grant provided stipends for representatives of Virginia's CLGs to attend this conference and supported in part the publication of this brochure.*

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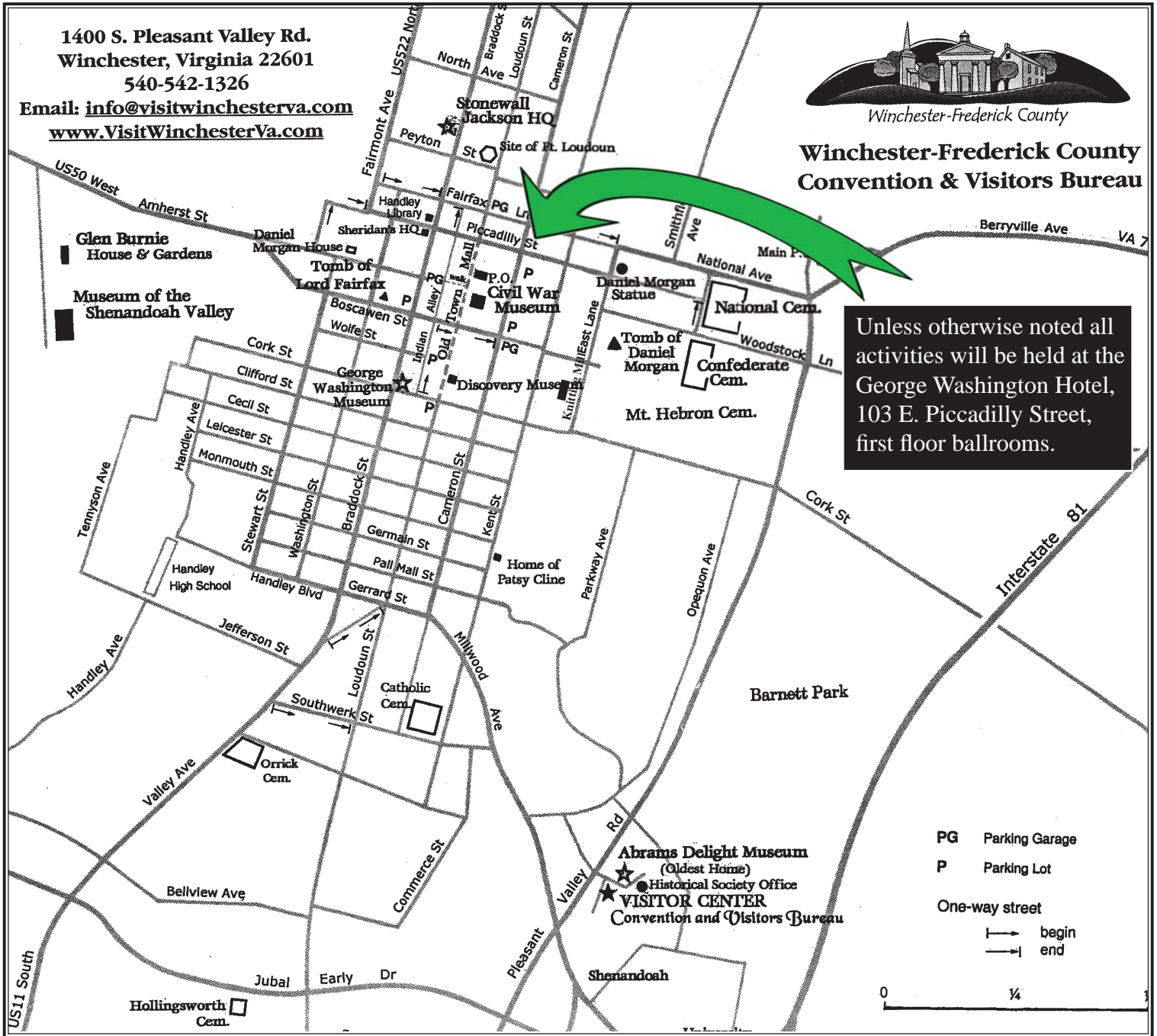
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# Welcome to Winchester, Virginia!



The members and board of Preservation Virginia's local Branch in the Northern Shenandoah Valley (Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, Warren and Winchester) welcome you to the annual state conference in our area. As the local troops for our state organization, we are glad to see so many of our friends and colleagues here. Even the planning for this event has helped underline the preservation message in our area, and we know your presence and participation will do even more. To learn more about our current projects <http://www.preservationvirginia.org/NorthernShenandoahValleyBranch/> and to join our events check out the activities calendar at [www.preseriationvirginia.org](http://www.preseriationvirginia.org).

*Bob Stieg, Northern Shenandoah Valley Branch Director*

## Sunday, September 25

**3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Early Registration at the George Washington Hotel**  
Location: 103 E. Piccadilly Street, Winchester, VA



George Washington Hotel

Completed in 1924, the George Washington Hotel was rehabbed in 2008 using the rehabilitation tax credit program. The thoughtful \$30 million rehab makes the George Washington Hotel the perfect headquarters for our conference. The Georgian Revival hotel still has its original front desk and marble floors.

**3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Winchester Walking Tour: Treasures, Challenges, and Opportunities**



Winchester's downtown pedestrian mall

On this walking tour participants will see historic landmarks, successful tax credit projects, and Architectural Review Board challenge projects and good decisions. The tour will concentrate on the downtown pedestrian mall. The tour leader is Patrick Farris, Chairman of the City of Winchester Board of Architectural Review. Tour will happen rain or shine. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Meet in front of the George Washington Hotel at 3:20 p.m. You must pre-register. Tour will end back at the hotel. Walking tour is included in the conference registration fee. Guests are \$10 and must register in advance.



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**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Opening Reception at the Lewis Jones Knitting Mill**  
Location: 126 North Kent Street



Lewis Jones Knitting Mill, c. 1895

Join us for our opening reception at the Knitting Mill. Catch up with preservation colleagues and friends and make new connections. Come network in a great adaptive reuse project. All conference attendees are welcome and the reception is included in the registration fee. One drink ticket and cash bar. Guests are \$20. Please register guests in advance. The Knitting Mill is walking distance from the George Washington Hotel. Dinner on your own. Enjoy Winchester's downtown restaurants. Check them out online at <http://www.oldtownwinchesterva.com/business-directory/dining/>

# Monday, September 26

## 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

Location: George Washington Hotel, Martha Ballroom

## 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. *OPENING PLENARY SESSION*

Location: George Washington Hotel, George Ballroom

Welcome: Elizabeth S. Kostelny, Executive Director, Preservation Virginia  
Elizabeth Minor, Mayor of Winchester, VA  
Lacy B. Ward, Jr. President, Board of Trustees, Preservation Virginia

### *“The Delicacy and Strength of Place”*

**Estevan Rael-Galvez, Ph.D.**

Vice President of Historic Sites

The National Trust for Historic Preservation



## 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. *COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING*

Location: George Washington Hotel, Martha Ballroom

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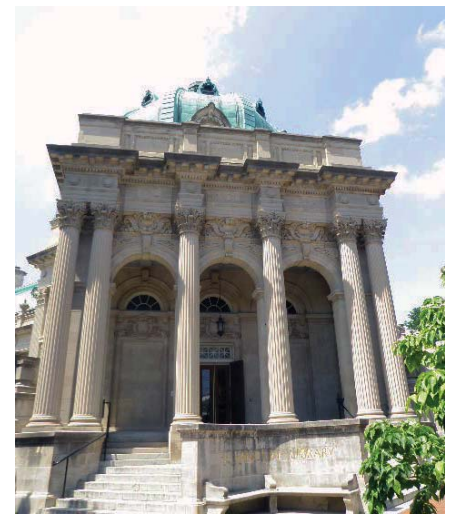
## 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS: *Choose one by registering in advance.*

### *Advanced Preservation Law for Architectural Review Boards & Local Governments*

Location: Handley Library Auditorium, 100 W. Piccadilly Street

This session explores legal issues of particular interest to architectural review boards, preservation commissions and local governments seeking to create sound local public preservation programs. Speakers will begin by examining Virginia's enabling legislation for creation of local preservation ordinances and how the Code of Virginia 15.2-2306 meshes with other zoning and building codes in Virginia.

Pamela A. Schenian, moderator  
Acting Director, Architectural Historian, & CLG Program Coordinator  
Department of Historic Resources



Handley Library

Larry Wenger  
Professor Emeritus  
University of Virginia Law School

Speakers:  
Marion F. Werkheiser  
Cultural Heritage Partners, LLC



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## ***Social Media Panel: Basics, How to Employ Resources & Best Practices***

Location: George Washington Hotel, Lord Fairfax

In a time of shrinking budgets and smaller staff, museums, historic sites and non-profits now have the added responsibility of controlling their message by stepping beyond ads, email campaigns, and media releases into the ever changing atmosphere of social media. This session will teach you how to harness the social-media tools of today to share what you do and why it matters. Also included are ways to create and monitor social web sites, from Facebook pages to Twitter accounts, and from blogs to web sites. This session will include a case study on “getting in front of your message” and the negative consequences when you don’t.

Speakers:

Lynn Rainville	Sarah Whiting	April Cheek-Messier
Executive Director	Director of Community Resources & Outreach	Director of Education
Tusculum Institute	Preservation Virginia	National D-Day Memorial

## ***Preserving Commercial Historic Buildings: A Main Street Approach to Put a Building Back into Productive Use.***

Location: George Washington Hotel, The Garden Room

What happens when you view a single vacant building in the context of a downtown commercial district and as a distinctive community asset? That empty building becomes full of opportunity. This session will share the community tools and Main Street best practices to make the most of your unique historic buildings.

Speakers:

Kyle Myer  
Community Development Administrator  
Virginia Main Street Program



12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS LUNCHEON

Location: George Washington Hotel, George Ballroom

Preservation Virginia presents the 2011 Historic Preservation Awards. This year marks the 40th consecutive year Preservation Virginia has honored outstanding achievement in historic preservation throughout Virginia. Award categories include Outstanding Achievement in Preservation, Community Preservation, Research and a special category honoring the Young Preservationist of the Year.

Presenters:

Lacy B. Ward, Jr.	Kathleen Kilpatrick
President of the Board of Trustees	Director & State Historic Preservation Officer
Preservation Virginia	Virginia Department of Historic Resources
J. David Rives	Elizabeth S. Kostelny
Senior Vice President- Fossil & Hyrdo	Executive Director
Dominion	Preservation Virginia

**1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**      **CONCURRENT SESSIONS:** *Choose one by registering in advance.*

### ***Field Trip to Huntsberry Farm at Third Winchester: An Adventure in Archaeology & History***

While Huntsberry Farm was a bucolic example of a Ridge and Valley farmstead through the 19th century, it reached a level of explosive notoriety on September 19, 1864, when it became fundamental terrain in the Battle of Third Winchester, the largest battle ever fought in the Shenandoah Valley. The site which is located above



the bloody “Middle Field” is currently under archaeological investigation by a crew of volunteers directed by the Department of Historic Resources in partnership with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation, Preservation Virginia, Archeological Society of Virginia, USDA-Forest Service, Clermont Farm Foundation, and Council of Virginia Archaeologists. Visitors on the field trip will observe the excavations in progress, view recovered artifacts from the period, see field methodologies at work, and receive an on-the-ground (and below) view of the relationship of the battle, particularly the effects of artillery, on the Battle of Third Winchester and the Huntsberry Farmstead. *Meet outside in front of the hotel to get on the shuttle bus at 1:35 p.m. Must register for this session in advance.*

Session Leaders:

Mike Barber, PhD., RPA  
State Archaeologist

Mike Madden, Forest Archaeologist  
USDA Forest Service

Chase Milner, Program Manager  
Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation

Richard J. Guercin, Forest Service Archaeologist  
USDA Forest Service

### ***Town & Gown: Shenandoah University & Downtown Redevelopment in Winchester***

Location: Lord Fairfax, participants will walk to the Solenberger Building after classroom talk

This session will explore cooperative activities between Shenandoah University and redevelopment efforts in downtown Winchester, using the tools of historic preservation and New Urbanism community planning.

Speakers:

Dr. Bryon L. Grigsby  
Senior Vice President & Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Shenandoah University

Dr. Warren Hofstra  
Stewart Bell Professor of History  
Director of the Community History Project  
Shenandoah University



Solenberger Building

Gene Fisher  
Director of Physical Plant  
Shenandoah University

Erik M. Wishneff  
Vice President  
Brian Wishneff & Associates

Jim Deskins  
Director, Office of Economic Redevelopment  
City of Winchester

## ***Emerging Concepts in Cultural Landscape Conservation***

Location: George Washington Hotel, The Garden Room

One result of the diversity of peoples and experiences in our society today has been an expansion in the reasons for which we wish to preserve special places. New concepts of cultural landscapes include the scenic, evocative, ethnic, and working landscapes, many of which overlap with lands preserved for ecological or traditionally historic reasons. This session explores a variety of land conservation concepts that are emerging, which not only celebrate the various communities represented in our increasingly pluralistic society, but add layers of emotionally appealing reasons for land protection.



Third Winchester Battlefield

### Speakers:

John Reynolds

Virginia Citizen Representative,  
Chesapeake Bay Commission & Advisory Council Chair,  
Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail

Jonathan Doherty

Assistant Superintendent, Captain John Smith  
Chesapeake National Historic Trail  
National Park Service Chesapeake Bay Office

Bob Carter

Director, Community Services Division  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources

Chris Miller

Executive Director  
Piedmont Environmental Council

Deanna Beacham

American Indian Program Specialist  
Office of the Governor

Leighton Powell

Executive Director  
Scenic Virginia



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**3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.**

### ***AFTERNOON SNACK BREAK & NETWORKING***

Location: George Washington Hotel, Martha Ballroom

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**3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### **AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION**

Location: George Washington Hotel, George Ballroom

Introduction: Kathleen Kilpatrick  
Director & State Historic Preservation Officer  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources

### **Stephanie Smith Toothman, Ph.D.**

National Park Service, Associate Director for Cultural Resources



***“Looking to the 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act: The National Park Service’s Role in Sustaining a Strong Preservation Partnership in the 21st Century”***

**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. MONDAY NIGHT RECEPTION**

Location: Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, 901 Amherst Street

Come join us for our reception at The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. We'll be able to tour the galleries. All conference attendees are welcome and the reception is included in the registration free. One free drink ticket and cash bar. Guests are \$20 and must be registered in advance. Dinner on your own. Enjoy Winchester's downtown restaurants. Shuttle buses provided between the Hotel George Washington and the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley.



**Tuesday, September 27**

**8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast**

Location: George Washington Hotel, Martha Ballroom

**8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Affinity Breakfast**

Join us for a discussion of the Partners in Preservation Program. Our conversation will be lead by Anne Geddy Cross and Genevieve P. Keller, Vice Presidents for Preservation Virginia. This new program will serve as a way to network local communities, provide access to resources, discuss local issues and inform the statewide public policy agenda. This discussion should be of particular interest to local and regional preservation organizations, architectural review boards, and local officials.

**8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Annual State of the Preservation Union Talk**

It is time for our annual discussion of historic preservation issues and hot topics lead by Preservation Virginia Executive Director, Elizabeth S. Kostelny and Kathleen Kilpatrick, Director & State Historic Preservation Officer.

**9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. MORNING PLENARY SESSION**

Location: George Washington Hotel, George Ballroom

***Building Strong Relationships with Local Communities to Preserve Historic Landscapes***

How can local preservation interests establish a community-wide consensus for preservation of historic landscapes and turn that consensus into action?

Using examples of successful community-based preservation planning efforts for battlefields in the Shenandoah Valley and Richmond as case studies, the presenters from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation and Richmond National Battlefield Park will offer strategies for how to craft successful preservation strategies in local communities.

Speakers:

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|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Elizabeth Paradis Stern, moderator | John D. Hutchinson V, AICP                | Robert E. L. Krick                    |
| Chief of Interpretation            | Director of Conservation                  | Hist. & Cultural Resources Specialist |
| Richmond National Battlefield Park | Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation | Richmond National Battlefield Park    |

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

**COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**

Location: George Washington Hotel, Martha Ballroom



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From L to R, Elizabeth S. Kostely, Executive Director, Preservation Virginia, Bob Stieg, President, Northern Shenandoah Valley Branch of Preservation Virginia, Richard Bell of Preservation of Historic Winchester, Inc.

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS: Choose one by registering in advance.**

***Due Process, Property Rights & Transparency in the Operations of Local Architectural Review Boards***

Location: George Washington Hotel, Garden Room

Panelists will explore important legal issues related to the operations of local architectural review boards and preservation commissions including due process, *ex parte* communication and transparency, ethics, and FOIA/Sunshine Law compliance. Discussion of takings, economic hardship, property rights, and appeals will occur.

Speakers:

Pamela A. Schenian, moderator

Acting Director, Architectural Historian, & CLG Program Coordinator

Department of Historic Resources

Erik F. Nelson

Senior Planner

City of Fredericksburg

Karen Drake

Historical Planner

Town of Blacksburg

Megan Rhyne

Executive Director

Virginia Coalition for Open Government



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***Community Engagement: Belmead-on-the-James Case Study***

Location: George Washington Hotel, Lord Fairfax Room

Belmead-on-the-James, a former plantation in Powhatan County, was reborn as two African-American schools, then largely demolished in the 1970s. While much of the physical fabric is gone and the existing buildings are in dire shape, one asset the property has is a small but passionate group of neighbors and alumni who care deeply about its future. Come hear how the owners and Partners for Place balance the engagement of a variety of stakeholder communities with an urgent major fund raising campaign.

Speakers:

Catherine Redfearn

Principal, Partners for Place

Kate Brady

Principal, Partners for Place



Belmead-on-the-James, c. 1845

## *New Tools for Historic Preservation*

Location: George Washington Hotel, George Ballroom

In this session, the results of Preservation Virginia's architectural review boards study will be shared. The study, resulting from a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, surveyed architectural review boards in Virginia to formally ascertain strengths and weaknesses. The recommendations from the survey can help in the further development of architectural review boards. Also included in this session: resident curatorships and empowering legislation, and spot blight abatement.

Speakers:

Kathleen Kilpatrick, Panel Chair  
Director & State Historic Preservation Officer  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources

Sonja Ingram  
Partner in the Field Representative  
Preservation Virginia

Catherine Slusser  
Deputy Director  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources

Ed McCann  
Vice President for Community Development  
Lynchburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority

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**12:00 p.m.**

*CONFERENCE ENDS*

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### **12:15 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.**     *Post Conference Round Table Discussion for Virginia Certified Local Governments*

Location: Winchester City Hall, 4th Floor

Enjoy a box lunch and engage in lively discussion as Architectural Review Board Members and staff of Virginia's Certified Local Governments take a problem solving approach to resolving critical issues of common concern to CLGs:

- What Works & What Doesn't—The Morning After: Case Studies
- Green Technologies, New Materials, & Substitute Materials
- Design Review Guidelines—Creating, Updating & Addressing Infill Construction
- Building Bridges of Support to Local Elected Officials & the Community.

Box lunches will be offered free of charge to representatives of Virginia Certified Local Governments. Contact Pam Schenian at [Pam.Schenian@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:Pam.Schenian@dhr.virginia.gov) to save your place and order a box lunch.



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visiting Winchester...



## **What Registration Includes:**

The Preservation Conference registration fee of \$159.00 includes registration for all sessions; walking tour of Winchester on Sunday, Sunday night reception, continental breakfasts, Annual Preservation Awards lunch on Monday, Monday night reception, conference materials, and access to the conference bookstore. We encourage you to register online early as space is limited, ([www.preservationvirginia.org](http://www.preservationvirginia.org)). Preservation Virginia members receive a 10% discount on registration and at the preservation bookstore at the conference.

## **Session Information:**

- Register early and online for each session.
- Limits are placed on the size of sessions and field sessions based on available resources at each site.
- Arrive early. Field session attendees are required to line up 15 minutes early prior to departure. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.
- Field sessions will be held rain or shine, dress accordingly.
- Persons with limited mobility should email [swighting@preservationvirginia.org](mailto:swighting@preservationvirginia.org) to determine accessibility of specific tours and field sessions.

## **Accommodations:**

To ensure your travel plans, registrants are required to make their own travel plans and reservations. Please find a list of hotels and contact information on our web site at [www.preservationvirginia.org](http://www.preservationvirginia.org), or for more hotel information please contact [www.visitwinchesterva.com](http://www.visitwinchesterva.com).

## **Events & Historic Sites in the Winchester Area**

We encourage you to come early and take advantage of the events going on the weekend before the conference. The Civil War Weekend will be taking place September 24-25, 2011. Civil War sites throughout Winchester and Frederick County will provide opportunities to experience life in time of war. From military, civilian and medical living history demonstrations to battlefield and cemetery tours, Winchester and Frederick County's Civil War story will come to life in unforgettable ways. For more information go to: [www.visitwinchesterva.com](http://www.visitwinchesterva.com).

Also, we have provided a brief list of historic sites and attractions in the Winchester area and we encourage you to come early and check them out.

Abram's Delight Museum  
1340 South Pleasant Valley Road  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 662-6519  
[www.winchesterhistory.org](http://www.winchesterhistory.org)

Cedar Creek Battlefield  
8437 Valley Pike  
Middletown, VA 22645  
(540) 869-2064  
[www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org](http://www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org)

French and Indian War Foundation  
P.O. Box 751  
Winchester, VA 22604  
[www.frenchandindianwarfoundation.org](http://www.frenchandindianwarfoundation.org)

Belle Grove Plantation  
363 Belle Grove Road  
Middletown, VA 22645  
(540) 869-2028  
[www.bellegrove.org](http://www.bellegrove.org)

Cedar Creek and Belle Grove  
National Historical Park  
P.O. Box 700  
Middletown, VA 22645  
(540) 868-9176  
[www.nps.gov/cebe](http://www.nps.gov/cebe)

George Washington's Office Museum  
32 West Cork Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 662-4412  
[www.winchesterhistory.org](http://www.winchesterhistory.org)

Godfrey Miller Historic Home & Fellowship Center  
28 South Loudon Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 667-5869  
[www.godfreymillerhome.org](http://www.godfreymillerhome.org)

Handley Regional Library  
Stewart Bell Archives  
100 West Piccadilly Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 662-9041 ext. 17  
[www.handleyregional.org](http://www.handleyregional.org)

Historic Long Branch House  
Museum & Farm  
870 Long Branch Lane  
Millwood, VA 22646  
(540) 937-1856  
[www.historiclongbranch.com](http://www.historiclongbranch.com)

Kernstown Battlefield Association  
305 East Boscawen Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 869-2896  
[www.kernstownbattle.org](http://www.kernstownbattle.org) Mount

Mount Hebron Cemetery  
305 East Boscawen Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 662-4868  
[www.mthebroncemetery.org](http://www.mthebroncemetery.org)

Museum of the Shenandoah Valley  
901 Amherst Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(888) 556-5799  
[www.shenandoahmuseum.org](http://www.shenandoahmuseum.org)

Newtown History Center  
5408 Main Street  
Stephens City, VA 22655  
(540) 869-1700  
[www.newtownhistorycenter.org](http://www.newtownhistorycenter.org)

Old Court House Civil War Museum  
20 North Loudon Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 542-1145  
[www.civilwarmuseum.org](http://www.civilwarmuseum.org)

Old Town Winchester  
Loudon Street between Piccadilly & Cork Street  
[www.oldtownwinchesterva.com](http://www.oldtownwinchesterva.com)

Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum  
54 South Loudoun Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 722-2020  
[www.discoverymuseum.net](http://www.discoverymuseum.net)

Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters  
415 North Braddock Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 667-3242  
[www.winchesterhistory.org](http://www.winchesterhistory.org)

Winchester National Cemetery  
401 National Avenue  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 662-8595  
[www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/winchester.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/winchester.asp)

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