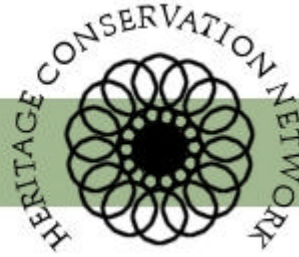


International Hands-on Workshops for Architectural and Site Conservation



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HCN Offers Help with Historic Plaster

Boulder, Colorado, 2 April 2004 – Heritage Conservation Network, in association with Preserve Rhode Island, will be conducting a horsehair plaster workshop at the Philip Walker Preservation Learning Laboratory in East Providence, Rhode Island, July 25 – August 7, 2004. The hands-on workshop is designed to teach historic home owners, architects, contractors, and preservationists how to use traditional materials and techniques for restoring and repairing the horsehair plaster used in historic interiors.

Expert plasterer Rory Brennan, president of Preservation Plastering in Brattleboro, Vermont, will lead the workshop. Participants may attend either or both of the two week sessions: July 25 – 31 and August 1 – 7. Each session consists of five full days of discussion, demonstration, and practice. There will also be a field trip to a local historic site.

The cost of the workshop is \$875 for one week and \$1750 for two weeks. The fee includes lodging, insurance, lunches, and workshop materials. The fee for participants not requiring lodging is \$350 per week. Pre-registration is required. Full workshop details and registration forms can be obtained from the HCN website: www.heritageconservation.net/ws-walker-house.htm or directly from Heritage Conservation Network, 1557 North Street, Boulder, Colorado, 80304, phone: +1 303 444 0128, fax: +1 775 320 6837, email: workshops@heritageconservation.net.

Heritage Conservation Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of architectural heritage around the world. Through a network of experts, volunteers and community members, the organization aims to increase awareness of the significance of historic sites and foster the appreciation of varied cultures. HCN's workshops stimulate a community's interest in and knowledge of appropriate conservation skills, helping provide for the long-term preservation of its significant structures and sites.

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