



We advance education within the fields of historic preservation and the administration of landmarks and historic preservation commissions, through public discussions, groups, forms, panels, lectures, distribution of newsletters, and other similar programs. Founded in 1985, the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions, Inc. (WAHPC) is a non-stock, not for profit Wisconsin corporation, formally affiliated with the Wisconsin Historical Society.

An annual meeting and conference is held each April at a historic site to provide programs on a variety of topics and to permit attendees to exchange information and news. A popular portion of each conference is the “roundtable” discussion in which attendees share progress and problems. Tours of historic buildings and sites also are offered.

WAHPC promulgates sample forms and model internal operating procedures for commission administration. Experienced commissioners are available for telephone, internet and on-site consultation on subjects of interest. We encourage commission members in our various communities to reach out to constituents and share the cultural and economic benefits of historic preservation.

Historic preservation goes well beyond the protection and rehabilitation of historic building and sites, and embraces creative and collaborative activities that build appreciation for the community’s cultural and aesthetic assets. Here are just some of the actions supported by WAHPC members throughout Wisconsin:

- Sponsorship of “Local History 101” and “The Architecture of Our Town” programs that are enjoyed by newcomers and natives alike
  - Guided walking tours of historic districts
  - Rehabilitation of war memorials
  - Stage productions at historic homes, theaters and opera houses
  - Restoration of local museum buildings
  - Award programs for excellence in preservation and restoration
  - Acceptance of the donation of historic conservation easements
  - Myth-busting outreach to local real estate professionals
  - “Talking Spirits” production at local cemeteries
  - Updating of municipal park facilities in ways that are sensitive to historic resources
  - Tours of historic homes, businesses and churches
  - Conservation of historic artifacts
    - Local seminars on historic preservation tax credits
    - Re-enactment of historic community events
    - Promotion of the idea that “the greenest building is the one that already exists”
    - Conservation of historic municipal and utility structures
    - Promotion of heritage tourism
    - Encouragement of visual arts featuring historic buildings and sites
    - Development of historical marker programs, and participation in the Official State Historical Marker program
    - Purchase of materials on historic preservation for local library collections
    - Participation in local history courses offered in the schools
    - Promotion of bird habits at historic sites and gardens
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# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## WAHPC 2025 Spring Conference — April 24-25, 2025

The Spring Conference will be held in Racine at the First Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue.

The church is on the National Register, built in 1852, designed by architect Lucas Bradley, and a probable stop on the Underground Railroad.

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## THURSDAY SCHEDULE (April 25th, 2024)

8:00 AM **Registration**/Light Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM **Welcome to Conference** – Wm. Jason Flatt, WAHPC President

9:05 AM **Welcome to Mineral Point** – Matthew Honer, Mineral Point City Administrator, HPC lia

9:15 AM Session 1 – **“Architect, Helmut Ajango, and his works”** – Daina Penkiunas

9:45 AM Session 2 – **“Design Guidelines for HPCs”** – Joe Lawniczak

10:45 AM Break

11:00 AM Session 3 – **“Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehab”** – Andrea Herries

12:00 PM **Lunch** – catered by Café 43 – WAHPC Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

1:00 PM Session 4—**“SHPO Updates from Chief Officer”** – Daina Penkiunas

1:30 PM Drive to **Mineral Point Opera House**, 139 High Street

1:45 PM **Tour** the beautifully restored Opera House (1915)

2:30 PM Drive to **Orchard Lawn**, 234 Madison Street

2:45 PM **Guided Tour** Orchard Lawn, the Restored Gundry House (1868), home of Mineral Point Historical Society

4:00 PM **WAHPC Awards Presentation**, Orchard Lawn Parlor – presentation by Awards Commit Gene Hackbarth, Wm Jason Flatt, & Matt Sadowski

5:30 PM **Dinner**—Cornish Pasty Dinner/Event, Walker House, 1 Water St., (Free for attendees) presented by Kathy Vaillancourt

## FRIDAY SCHEDULE (April 26th, 2024)

8:00 AM **Registration**/Light Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM **Welcome to Conference** – Wm. Jason Flatt, WAHPC President

9:10 AM Session 1 – **“Best Practices for CLGs”** – Jason Tish, SHPO – Certified Local Government (and Preservation Education Coordinator

10:00 AM Session 2 – **“10 Best Ways to Mess Up your Historic Buildings!”** (Informative Presenta Do’s and Don’ts) – Joe Lawniczak

11:00 AM Break

11:10 AM Session 3 – **“Using Preservation to Bring Forward the History of Underrepresented Communities”** – Amy Wyatt

12:00 PM **Lunch** – catered by Café 43 – HP Commissions – Sharing Time

1:15 PM **The “Pendarvis Experience”** specially planned for the WAHPC Conference starts at the Conference Education Center – 212 Spruce Street -114 Shake Rag Street, **“The History of Pendarvis”** – Bethany Brander, WHS- Sout

Sites Program Manager.

and **“Restoration, rehabilitation, and maintenance of Pendarvis as related to construction techniques and materials and the evolving visitor experience for the historic property”** – Ch Quagliana

2:15 PM **“Walk and Talk Tour”** – Charlie Quagliana and Bethany Brander. For this specially design tour, the closed houses will be opened for us to see a Windows & Doors restoration project in progress and another house that has been restored. All these stone cottages and outbuildings formed a neighborhood from 1841-1845. We are fortunate to witness the work and progress of restoration, an expert explaining the process to us. The best way to learn is to experience it firsthand. What a wonderful way to end a WAHPC conference!”

