

## Homeowners Expo

For the seventh year in a row, the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office is sponsoring the Statewide Historic Preservation Partnership Conference. For the first time ever, Phoenix will host the conference (It's about time!). It will be held Thursday through Saturday June 18 – 20, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix, 122 N. 2nd Street. This venue will bring hundreds of historic preservation professionals, government officials, volunteers and historic property owners from around the state to Phoenix to exchange ideas and success stories. Several nationally renowned figures, including Gwendolyn Wright, host of the popular PBS series "History Detectives" will be speaking.

As the conference host, Phoenix has the opportunity to showcase its historic preservation success stories (of which we have many). As such, there will be a sneak preview tour of the soon-to-be-completed Tovrea Castle, a special tour of historic schools, and a guided hike to South Mountain's best pre-historic rock art sites. If you have an interest in attending the conference or any of the special tours, I recommend that you register by going to [www.azpreservation.com](http://www.azpreservation.com).

What is unique about the 2009 Historic Preservation Conference this year is that the city of Phoenix is sponsoring a **free** Homeowners' Expo as part of the events. This event will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2009, 8:30 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix. Free parking will be available at the Phoenix Convention Center West Building, just south of Monroe Street on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (please bring the event postcard you will receive in the mail during the month of May from our office to guarantee free parking). This event will include eight different educational sessions specifically geared to historic homeowners. It includes topics such as energy efficiency for historic homes, how to plan house additions, greening your historic home, how to research the history of your house, and a special demonstration by Continental Steel Windows of Tucson on how to repair steel casement windows.

Of special note to Phoenix homeowners is the 11:00 a.m. session on Grants and Tax Incentives. This will include everything you have ever wanted to know about the State Property Tax Reclassification Program (i.e., property tax reduction) for homes in National Register listed historic districts. And there will be a special mini-workshop on the city's two exterior rehabilitation grant programs available to historic homeowners. (For those of you who are interested in the Exterior Rehabilitation Grant Program, you can receive an extra point for attending this workshop if you apply for a grant in the following two year period.)

For those of you who need extra incentives to attend any educational sessions on a Saturday, there will be a raffle, prizes and free refreshments. And at least a dozen vendors who provide services to historic homeowners – realtors, craftsman, contractors, window providers, etc – will also be showing their wares at the Homeowners' Expo on Saturday. For more information, please visit [www.azpreservation.com](http://www.azpreservation.com) and hit the menu bar entitled "Homeowners' Expo," call our office at 602-261-8699, or drop by our office located on the 17th floor of Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington Street. We encourage you to register ahead of time on the website so that we know how many to expect. We'll see you there!

*Barbara Stoklin*



**Homeowners' Expo Class Schedule – Saturday, June 20, 2009**

**Hyatt Regency Phoenix 122 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**

Titles and Speakers are subject to Change without Notice

Time	Room B	Room C	Room D
8:30a.m.	<b>Registration</b>		
9:00a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How to Hire a Contractor</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Brian Livingston from Arizona Registrar of Contractors, Assistant Director of Communications</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Urban Myths About Energy Efficiency</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Charlie Gohman from Arizona Department of Commerce Energy Office Manager, Building Science and Efficiency</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Researching Your Historic Home</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donna Reiner, Ph.D. Historian &amp; John Jacquemart Vocational Historic Preservationist</p>
10:00a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Green Living in an Historic District</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Erika Finbraaten, M.A. Historic Preservation Planner, City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Office &amp; Steve Carsberg Environmental Quality Specialist City of Phoenix Office of Environmental Programs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Window Repair Demonstration</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bernie Medina  Continental Steel Windows Steel Casement Window Rehab Specialists</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>When Adding Subtracts</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Question &amp; Answer Regarding Additions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Barbara Stocklin, City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Officer &amp; Jim Garrison State Historic Preservation Officer</p>
11:00a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Landscaping and Irrigation</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Michael Dollin, ASLA, RLA Urban Designer, Landscape Architect &amp; Principle Urban Earth Design</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Researching Your Historic Home</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donna Reiner, Ph.D. Historian &amp; John Jacquemart Vocational Historic Preservationist</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grants, Assistance and Tax Incentives for your Historic Home</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eric Vondy, Arizona State Parks State Historic Property Tax Reclassification Program &amp; Liz Wilson, Historic Preservation Planner &amp; Grant Coordinator, City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Office  (1 ½ hours)</p>
12:00p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How to Hire a Contractor</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Brian Livingston from Arizona Registrar of Contractors, Assistant Director of Communications</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Urban Myths About Energy Efficiency</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Charlie Gohman from Arizona Department of Commerce Energy Office Manager, Building Science and Efficiency</p>	