

We're bringing back the Old House Fair and we're inviting your opinion!

The popular workshop for owners of old homes, commercial buildings and other structures--sponsored by the Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association--is scheduled for October 24 and 25, 2015 at the American Philatelic Society in the beautifully rehabbed and repurposed early-1900s Match Factory.

Are you working on your 18th Century stone home and questioning how to do it right? Trying to figure out the architectural style of your 1869 downtown commercial mixed-use building? Possibly hoping to find the right historic colors for your 1929 bungalow? Or imagining a garden that features plantings from several eras?

These are the types of issues that the Old House Fair might cover in workshop sessions or through exhibitors. And that's where you come in. We've put together 50 possible topics for OHF sessions and we're asking you to pick the topics you find most appealing.

Please pick ten topics (no more, no less) which you find most interesting and email a simple list of their numbers (e.g., 4,7,13,21,22,34,38,40,48,50) to [cbproduce@comcast.net](mailto:cbproduce@comcast.net) by January 15. Note that similar topics

on the list below share the same number. The Old House Fair Committee will review the response to this email as it prepares the program for the Fair. Please help us plan a great Fair and mark your calendar. We hope to see you next fall at the Old House Fair.

- 1 How to research history of your older home
- 2 Restoring 19th Century Windows
- 2 Restoring historic windows [instead of replacing them]
- 2 Selecting Interior Storm Windows
- 3 What architectural style is my house? Recognizing character defining elements of your home
- 4 Insulating the Historic House
- 5 Architecture and career of the first woman architect in PA
- 6 Taking Good Care of Brick and Stone

- 6 Caring for Pennsylvania's great stone and brick constructs [stone mason tour] \*
- 7 Energy efficient updates for older homes [esp. heating and cooling]
- 8 Updating and Maintaining Aging Hydronic Heating Systems
- 9 "Open-concept" potential layout modifications in older homes
- 10 Upgrading Ancient Electrical Systems
- 11 Chimneys and fireplaces
- 12 Straightening Serious Sags
- 13 Lighting the older home
- 14 Old Roofs – Styles, Materials, Maintenance
- 15 Curb appeal: creating a master plan for your landscape
- 15 Creating Appropriate Planting Plans for Old Houses
- 16 Inspection Checklist for the Old House Buyer
- 17 Porches, fences, gates, gazebos, and historic out buildings
- 17 Fences, Gates, Gazebos and Other Outdoor Adornments
- 18 The smart home: Wireless technology
- 19 The Evolution of the American Lawn
- 20 Historic tree care and maintenance
- 21 Victorian Shrubberies and Flower Gardens
- 22 Look under the hood: removing fake siding
- 22 Is PermaStone Really Permanent?
- 22 What to Expect When You Remove Vinyl or Aluminum Siding
- 23 Victorian Shrubberies and Flower Gardens
- 24 New information about funding your rehab AND federal rehabilitation tax credits for

income-producing properties

- 25 Panel discussion: Creating a maintenance plan for your older home 1-1/2 hr.  
[3-4 person panel for change of pace, drawn from restoration contractors, et al]
- 26 American Victorian Floors
- 27 Paint, Paint, Paint: interior and exterior Includes color choices for house styles/ kinds of paint/ what not to paint, such as faux wood grain, brick [note special vendors]
- 28 The Art of Compromise: 21st Century Kitchens and Bathrooms in 19th Century Homes
- 29 The Joy of Real Plaster and How to Have It
- 30 What to Do About Painted Interior Trim
- 31 If These Walls Could Talk, What Should They Say?
- 32 Calculating the Cost of Maintaining a Painted Exterior
- 33 Old house doctor clinic, including design advice (15 min per person)
- 34 Exterior Color Schemes for American Victorian Homes
- 35 Early 20th Century House Styles
- 36 Planning Major Restoration Projects
- 37 Insuring Your Old House
- 38 It Takes a Village: Reviving Historic Neighborhoods
- 39 Finding Competent Craftspeople
- 40 Resources for Restorers
- 41 Old house before and after, all examples from local homes
- 42 House Styles and Construction Techniques: A learning Tour of Six Bellefonte Residences\*
- 43 Creating Impact with Period Wallpaper
- 44 A History of Floor Coverings
- 45 A Century of Curtains

46 Historic Roof and Gutter systems: Their Preservation and Maintenance

47 Painted Finishes: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

48 Slate and Tile Roof Systems: Restoration vs. Replacement

49 How to Prevent Your Town from Becoming Anytown USA

50 Presenting Your Project to a Local Historical Architectural Review Board

50 Owning a Building in a Historic District

\* tours would be scheduled for two consecutive sessions