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Internship Opportunities With Preservation Chapel Hill

Preservation Chapel Hill is seeking undergraduate and graduate students interested in gaining experience in historic preservation, African American history, digital technology, museum studies, educational programming, and archives. Hands-on experience, field trips, field work, and workshops provide an opportunity for professional development.

To apply, send an internship application, cover letter, and resume to Brenda Heindl, Program Coordinator at

brenda@preservationchapelhill.org

Please indicate which internship you are interested in and how it will advance your career and/or educational goals. Further information and application may be found at our website, preservationchapelhill.org/internships

The deadline for fall internship applications (September through December) is July 31, 2013.

Fair Housing Workshops for Tenants and Landlords

The Mysterious Case of the McDade House

By: Beth Bullock, Intern with Preservation Chapel Hill

Ever heard of the Hudson-McDade-Merritt House? Often

referred to simply as the

McDade House, this brick

home was built circa 1855 by

Isaac Hudson, with a later

wooden addition constructed

in 1894 by A. J. McDade.

McDade was the first mayor of

Chapel Hill and first Sunday

school superintendent at

University Baptist Church.

The house was located next

to University Baptist Church

on the corner of Columbia

and Franklin Streets,

however, most students have

never heard of the McDade

House - the house was

removed from the property in

1997. Removed, but not

demolished. It was purchased by a Chapel Hill businessman, disassembled, and put into storage.



Are surprise inspections of rental housing legal? Can a tenant be locked out of his/her apartment if the rent is late?

If you have questions like these, you should attend the Fair Housing Workshop being held by Orange County Justice United and EmPOWERment, Inc.

The Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 6th at the Carrboro Century Center, 100 N. Greensboro Street, Carrboro. Two sessions will be held; the first will be from 8:45-11:00am, and the second will be from 11:45am-2:00pm.

The workshop topics include fair housing laws, eviction process, security deposits, leases, repairs, parking, inspections, rent increases, visitors and guests, building code violations, and more.

All are welcome! To learn more or to pre-register, contact Sarita Nwachukwu at saritan@empowermentinc-nc.org or 919-967-8779.

Party Smart

Be sure to remember the following tips for hosting a successful social event off-campus:

- Respect your neighbors and landlord. Remember that you live in a residential community comprised of young children, working adults, and the elderly.
- Familiarize yourself with North Carolina law and Town of Chapel Hill ordinances, and your lease agreement to keep you and your party goers safe.
- Contact your neighbors to let them know you'll be having guests over and ask if there is anything you can do as a host to make it easier for them. But keep in mind that informing your neighbors does not give you license to be a nuisance.
- Have at least two people at the event who are not

The fate of the building was the result of years of fierce debate. Aside from being home to Chapel Hill's first mayor, the house was on the Study List of the National Register of Historic Places. It was the last historic residential building on West Franklin Street, and one of the last homes of its era in all of Chapel Hill. The house was truly an example of the average, standard home of Chapel Hillians in the 19th century, and it was the last remaining piece of the village Chapel Hill once was.



Check Your Deck!

Now that spring is on its way, many people will be tempted to hang out with their friends outside, often on the decks of their homes. Before you take a trip outside, be sure to Check Your Deck!

- **Split or decaying wood:**
 - Check several different areas of the deck to be sure that the wood is still sound.
 - Pay special attention to any areas that tend to remain damp, are regularly exposed to water, or are in contact with fasteners.
 - Use a tool like a screwdriver to penetrate the wood surface. If you can easily penetrate ¼ to ½ inch, break off a sliver of wood without splinters, or if the wood is soft and spongy, then decay may be present.
 - Look for small holes in the wood which may indicate insects.
- **Railings and banisters** should be secure. Push on them to make sure there is no give.
- **Stairs:** Check any railings or handrails to be sure they are firmly held in place.
- **Cleaning and Maintenance:**
 - Clean away any leaves and debris since these can be slippery and prone to mildew.
 - If mildew is present or the deck coating has worn away, make time to clean and apply a new waterproofing coating.

Heading out for the summer? Check out these tips!

Before you head out of town, consider a "zero-waste" move-out!

- Reusable furniture and other household items in good condition can be offered for reuse at "Salvage Sheds" located at Solid Waste Convenience Centers which are located nearby at Eubanks Road (1 mile west of Hwy 86/Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill) and Ferguson Rd. (near intersection of Old Greensboro Highway, three miles west of Carrboro).

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drinking.

- Limit alcohol consumption (avoid kegs, “pj”, and other common source containers), and serve non-alcoholic beverages to supplement any alcohol that your guests may bring. Additionally, provide food and use cans or clear plastic cups rather than glass bottles.
- Never promote or sponsor a function where you or your housemates may be interpreted as selling alcohol by selling drink tickets, selling empty cups, charging for “all you can drink,” or hosting an event in conjunction with a local bar or alcohol distributor.
- Plan how people will be getting home. Remember Social Host Liability: you are liable for the actions of people who leave your party intoxicated. Take care of your guests!
- Ask your guests to respect your neighborhood as they leave - no yelling, vandalism, open containers, littering, etc. Clean up any mess your event creates, both inside and outside of your house. Take a moment to make sure your neighbors’ property was unaffected by your party.



- Be sure to recycle all bottles, cans, jars, mixed paper, newspaper, magazines, and corrugated cardboard.
- All batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, televisions, computers, and other electronic devices there too. Look for all the designated areas for these materials.
- Clothing and household items in good condition can be donated to local charities and picked up can be arranged for large loads. Check out:
 - PTA Thrift Shop Village Plaza, S. Elliot Rd, Chapel Hill 919-942-6101
 - Club Nova Thrift Shop, 103-C West Main Street, Carrboro (919) 967-6985
- Furniture and appliances in good condition can be picked up by the Habitat for Humanity Hand-Me-Up store. Appliances must work and be less than 10 years old. Call (919) 403-8669 to schedule a collection.
- Donate unopened cans and boxes of non-perishable food items and unused personal care items to the Inter-Faith Council Food Panty at 110 West Main Street in Carrboro between 9-5 weekdays.
- Styrofoam packing peanuts and bubble wrap should be brought to local packaging companies like Carolina packing or UPS packaging stores throughout the County. Packing materials should not be left at the recycling drop-off sites.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/a-z-recyclery.asp> or contact Orange County Solid Waste Management at (919) 968-2788 or email recycling@co.orange.nc.us

OC Solid Waste Management and others are trying to organize a recycling and waste drop-off during finals week... Please stay tuned!

Volunteer Opportunities

The Community Empowerment Fund is a student-run nonprofit in Chapel Hill that offers savings opportunities, micro-loans, financial education and assertive support to individuals experiencing homelessness and low-income households.

We are an organization that believes in the power of relationships; CEF pairs members with two student volunteers who will work as long-term "Member Advocates." Member Advocates work alongside CEF members to serve as accountability partners, a liaison to local resources and as an overall supportive presence as they work towards reaching their goals.

We always need more advocates; we would love you to volunteer with us! Visit our website at communityempowermentfund.org or email us at info@communityempowermentfund.org to find out more!

Participate in Chapel Hill! Serve on a Town Advisory Board or Commission: Interested in local issues? Looking



for a way to encourage community change? We have an opportunity for you! We are looking for leaders who are residents of Chapel Hill to serve on the Town of Chapel Hill's advisory boards and commissions.

The Town of Chapel Hill has a wide range of advisory groups which focus on everything from parks and library services to how the town will grow and develop in the years to come.

For more information on the work of our advisory groups, eligibility requirements, or to apply online please visit www.townofchapelhill.org/boards

Please apply by ASAP in order to ensure consideration for the spring appointment cycle.

Questions? Contact the Communications and Public Affairs Department at 919-969-5014 or publicaffairs@townofchapelhill.org

We look forward to working with you!

The 27th Annual Crop Hunger Walk of Carrboro and Chapel Hill

What is it? The Crop Hunger Walk is a four-mile walk through the diverse streets of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and the UNC Campus with rest stops along the way with food, music, and fun upon your return. The Crop Hunger Walk links the community together to raise money in order to provide food and other resources for people locally and around the world to aid in hunger relief.

Who walks? Carrboro and Chapel Hill area and neighboring religious communities, businesses, schools, non-profit agencies, organizations or any person who wants to contribute their time and/or money to help support those in need.

When? Sunday, April 21st 2013 at 2:30pm. Registration for walkers begins at 1:30pm.

Where? Carrboro Town Commons/Farmer's Market

How? Participants begin by inviting their friends, businesses, organizations, and employers to sponsor them with contributions prior to the four-mile walk.

Who benefits? The Church World Service (www.cwsglobal.org), established in 1946, distributes 75% of the money from the CROP Hunger Walk to global hunger education, refugees, disaster relief, and self-help projects in more than 80 countries. The remaining 25% of this walk stays in the Carrboro-Chapel Hill area to support the Inter-Faith Council's hunger relief programs, such as the Emergency Food Pantry and the Community Kitchen. See www.ifcweb.org for more information about these programs.

How to help? Become a walker, sponsor a walker, donate online at www.crophungerwalk.org/chapelhillnc,

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volunteer to assist with "day of the walk" needs, visit us on Facebook () or share this information to your community.

Have questions? Contact walk coordinator Josie Hartman. 919 929 6380 ext 29; cropwalk@ifcmailbox.org