



Have woodworking skills?



MYSTERY CHEST

A NEW TAKE ON A TRADITIONAL TRUNK

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site is seeking woodworkers with skills to reproduce a box from the Olmsted collection. These reproduction boxes will be used in a hands-on education program for third graders called Good Neighbors: Landscape Design and Community Building.

What is Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site?

Frederick Law Olmsted is recognized as the founder of American landscape architecture, and the nation's premier parkmaker. He established the world's first full-scale landscape design office in Brookline, MA. Olmsted's historic home and design office are now managed by the National Park Service, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site.

Why is the traditional trunk significant?

The Olmsted firm used the original box to hold surveying equipment for field work. This box (image above) was made by W. & L.E. Gurley of Troy, NY in the early 20th century. The box design and construction are fine examples of 20th century craftsmanship.

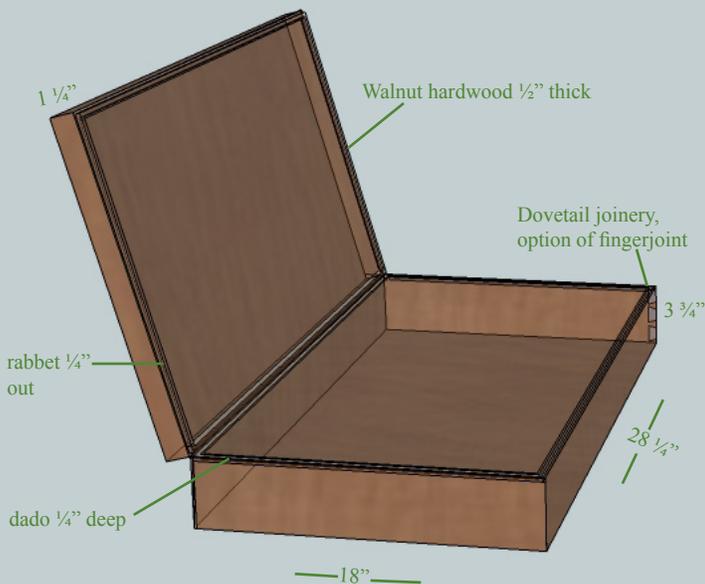
Why the new Mystery Chest?

Good Neighbors includes an opportunity for students to learn about c. 1900 design tools using facsimiles based on items in the park's collection. Reproduction boxes (image below) will house facsimile tools and travel to classrooms to support a discovery activity.

How Can You Help?

We need 15 boxes and are asking volunteers to construct 1-2 boxes each. We provide all materials, construction drawings/specifications, and hardware. Boxes must be completed by June 30, 2011.

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MATERIALS LIST (ALL PROVIDED)

Piece	Qty	External Dimensions
Top & bottom	2	1/2" x 18" x 28 1/4"
Front & back	2	1/2" x 5" x 28 1/4"
Box sides	2	1/2" x 5" x 18"
Corner covers	4	1 1/4" x 1 1/4" x 1/2"
Handle	1	5/16", 1 7/8" x 10"
Latches	2	3/8" x 1 3/4"
Stop Hinges	2	1 1/4" x 1"