

Conserve Energy - Preserve Resources - Create Sustainable Jobs
July 6-17th, 2009 – Kalamazoo, Michigan
Window Rehabilitation – Preservation Trades Training

In Michigan, and throughout the United States, 20% of the housing was built before 1950, and a significant part of that housing stock has traditional wooden double hung windows. Window rehabilitation can be a well-paid small business requiring minimal materials and this workshop is designed to increase the pool of trained craftspeople.

In a FREE intensive two week (10 day) workshop, students will learn the fundamentals of repair and rehabilitation of traditional wooden double hung windows. This program would seek to expand the skills of workers with existing knowledge rather than introduce individuals with no previous trade experience. Under the guidance of trained preservation craftspeople, trainees would work with traditional building materials, receiving official certification once the program requirements had been met.

"Historic windows are one of the main architectural features of a historic house," says Bob Yapp, President of Preservation Resources Inc. "There is not a vinyl window ever made that can mimic or look like the original window with their multiple panes or division of light."

Prospective Trainees will:

1. have an interest in pursuing historic preservation work as a vocation or avocation.
2. have minimum of six months of successful experience in a "hands on" construction trade or related activity.
3. possess appropriate fine motor skill abilities and physical strength to successfully complete the work of the class.
4. possess appropriate comprehension, verbal and math skills to complete requirements of the class.
5. agree to follow all safety instructions, and use all available safety and personal protection clothing and equipment as instructed.
6. sign a release of liability form and a model release - Photos and video from the training will be used to promote preservation trades training both within Michigan and elsewhere.
7. since food will be provided for breakfast and lunch, trainees cannot be reimbursed for those meals by another party.
8. commit to the full ten day workshop and be on-site in Kalamazoo by 8:00 am each day
9. must be 18 years old

The workshop will provide:

1. All necessary tools – trainees may bring their own tools but they should be clearly marked
2. Safety gear as needed
3. Breakfast and lunch each day
4. Lead Safe Work Practices training sufficient to qualify the trainee for EPA/RRP certification upon completion of the appropriate test.
5. Instruction in the business aspects of preservation trades and marketing rehabilitation.

Application must be received by: Monday, June 15th, 2009 at 5:00 pm.

Applications may be sent in the mail – allow time for mailing to:

City of Kalamazoo Development Center

Attn: Sharon Ferraro

445 West Michigan

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

or by fax Attn: Sharon Ferraro to: (269) 337-8513

or as an email with attachment: ferraros@kalamazoo.org

Trainees will be chosen by Thursday June 18th, 2009 and will be notified immediately.
A standby list will be kept in case of cancellation.

Questions? Call Sharon Ferraro (8-5, Mon-Fri) at 269-337-8804.

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APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address (mailing) _____

Phone _____ cell _____

Email _____@_____

Emergency Contact - name _____

Emergency Contact – phone _____

Are you employed?

Full time []

Laid off []

Part time []

Not employed []

Can you measure the size of objects within 1/16 inch using a tape measure within 2 seconds? (Yes or No)

Describe your interest in working in the field of Preservation Trades and rehabilitating old houses. (one or two sentences)

What experience do you have manipulating hand tools or equal? (One sentence)

Two references to your abilities and character w/ phone numbers.
(Examples – former clients, instructors, non-relatives, former or current employers)

1. _____

2. _____

Feel free to use ONE additional page for comments and background.

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Accommodations *MAY* be available for out of town trainees.