



INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

WHO CAN HELP ME WITH THIS OLD HOUSE?

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES:

SESSION 1: Understanding Your Older Home: Its history, local context and evolution

PRESENTER: Natalie Rathwell, PhD Candidate, York University

BIOGRAPHY: Natalie Anderson Rathwell is an architectural historian with Matrix Heritage, currently working on completing her PhD at York University. Born and raised in Ottawa, she holds a master's and bachelor's degree in art history from Carleton University. Natalie is an active member of the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada and has presented and published on the history of the former Dominion-Chalmers United Church. With experience in practical refinishing techniques and art gallery exhibitions as well as research, Natalie has a passion for home renovations, and preserving built heritage with a view towards a sustainable future.

SESSION 2: The Exterior Environment: Creating an appropriate setting for your home

PRESENTER: John Zvonar, Conservation Landscape Architect

BIOGRAPHY: John has a Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Manitoba and recently completed a 30-year run at the federal government's Centre of Expertise in Heritage Conservation, employing a principles- and values- based conservation approach in protecting nationally-significant cultural landscapes. He continues active involvement with the Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation and the ICOMOS-IFLA International Scientific Committee for Cultural Landscapes. A fellow of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architecture, John continues to exercise his vocation as the next in a continuum of stewards at Maplelawn Garden in Ottawa.

SESSION 3: Heritage Properties and Maintenance — How the City of Ottawa can help!

PRESENTERS: Anne Fitzpatrick and Taylor Quibell, Heritage Planners, City of Ottawa

BIOGRAPHY: Anne Fitzpatrick is a Senior Heritage Planner with the City of Ottawa. She is an RPP with an MA in Planning from the University of Waterloo. Anne started her career as a Heritage Planner at the Region of Waterloo in 2009. In 2013, she returned to her hometown to start work at the City of Ottawa, first as a Development Review Planner and then as Heritage Planner.

BIOGRAPHY: Taylor Quibell is a Heritage Planner at the city of Ottawa. Her main duties include overseeing the Heritage Grant Program for Building Restoration and processing small scale heritage permits. Her education in Architectural Engineering, interests in conservation and adaptive reuse, and love for Ottawa's history make her a qualified and knowledgeable conservation professional. Taylor readily welcomes opportunities to engage in discussions related to heritage projects, the grant program, as well as providing valuable assistance in historical research. If you are embarking on a heritage project, don't hesitate to reach out to her for valuable insights and assistance!

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SESSION 4: Financing and Insuring an Older Home

PRESENTERS: Cathie Orfali, President of Money Advisors and Robert Pajot, Heritage Ottawa Board Member Advisor

BIOGRAPHY: Cathie Orfali is the owner of Money Advisors, a financial services company located in Ottawa that offers services in investment, insurance and tax planning as well as real estate financing. She has a broad knowledge of real estate having bought her first investment property when she was 19 and has continued making regular real estate acquisitions since then. She also owns a real estate investment company in Canada and the United States.

She knows that real estate can be an excellent asset class when one receives good advice and also does adequate planning.

When not working, Cathie loves spending time at the cottage with her family, regular nature walks and charity work locally and in Egypt. Cathie also serves as Chairwomen of Stephens Children Canada.

BIOGRAPHY: Robert Pajot recently retired from the National Trust of Canada and now is a Board Member of Heritage Ottawa. Before the Trust, he had a lengthy career in the federal government, including as National Manager of Heritage Programs and Stewardship for the (then)

Department of Public Works and Government Services. He began his career as a heritage carpenter, then worked at the municipal government and for an architectural firm before joining the federal government.

SESSION 5: Best Sustainability Practices: Tackling conservation issues in your older home

PRESENTERS: Stephen Magneron, Energy Advisor at Homesol Building Solutions, James Maddigan, Conservation Specialist at Architecture49 and James Curtiss, Senior Architect at EVOQ Architecture

BIOGRAPHY: Stephen Magneron has been with Homesol for more than 10 years. He is a Registered Energy Advisor for EnerGuide, ENERGY STAR, R-2000 and Net Zero and is also Passive House consultant and PHIUS+ Verifier.

BIOGRAPHY: James Maddigan is a Senior Conservation Specialist at Architecture49, working in the CENTRUS joint venture on the Centre Block Rehabilitation. He has a MScA in Conservation, Université de Montréal, a diploma in Architectural Technology – Conservation, Algonquin College, and is a member of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals. Over 28 years, he has worked on many heritage buildings including the Grant House, O'Brien House, Macdonell-Williamson House, Canada's Four Corners, Library of Parliament, the Farm (official residence of the Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada), and Rideau Hall. In his career he has developed expertise in historic building assemblies and materials: masonry; wood, windows; roofing and metals. Email: jajoma001@gmail.com.

BIOGRAPHY: James (Jim) Curtiss (AIA, RAIC International Associated, APTi, CAHP) is Senior Architect at EVOQ Architecture's Ottawa office. He has led numerous projects and studies for the federal government, University of Ottawa, and the National Capital Commission, and also works in residential design for historic properties. He has wide-ranging experience in architecture and architectural construction, with an emphasis on conservation. Jim owns and is personally rehabilitating his own heritage home in Hintonburg.

SESSION 6: A Guide to Seeking Professional Renovation Services

PRESENTER: Herb Lagois, Founder of Lagois Design Build Renovate

BIOGRAPHY: Herb Lagois founded the Lagois Design-Build-Renovate in 1984 as a unique design and construction company. His love of working with his hands and his educational background in Architecture is why Lagois is a Design-Build company today. Herb is especially proud of having systems and processes in place, so the Lagois Legacy continues. This came to fruition in 2022 when Jacob Kirst became the new Owner.

Herb's new role includes both mentorship and design, which is his passion. He is looking forward to being involved with the company for many more years, helping folks love where they live.

Herb is a columnist for various magazines and the author of "The Right Fit: How to Choose a Renovator", a consumer awareness guide.