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Denver's Old House Society is a new nonprofit dedicated to educating owners of old (50+ years) houses and helping them protect their neighborhoods.

Dear Old-House Lover,

We are pleased and honored to offer a seminar on fixing old wood windows this month in an **actual old house** by a nationally, well-known restorationist, Randall Marder. [Window Seminar](#) If you want your old windows fixed, but don't want to do the work yourself, you may want to check out our reference and referral section for local window contractors. [Window Contractors](#)

Our fall Old House Fair is just around the corner. We will be finalizing workshop topics and speakers this month. Our exhibit space is going quickly, and more sponsors are coming on board. [Exhibit Space/Sponsorship](#)

Many people are joining Denver's Old House Society as [Founding Members](#). They recognize the importance of the mission of our organization and appreciate the benefits of membership. We sure hope you will join if you haven't already. For those of you who can, we would love for you to come forward and issue another founding members' challenge grant of \$500 or more. Our first members' challenge grant from Modern Bungalow owners Kate and Ed Sultan, along with our founder Elizabeth Wheeler, matched \$1,000 of memberships. Now, the Sultans and Elizabeth challenge others to come forward for future membership challenge grants. If you are interested, please contact us at information@denversoldhousesociety.org.

Volunteers are always welcome. [Volunteers](#) to help with databases and administrative projects are particularly needed.

Just a year ago, meetings were being conducted to determine if there was sufficient interest and need to form our organization. The response was overwhelmingly positive. We are now in the process of developing our strategic plan for the coming years!

New windows rarely last more than 20 years and their components cannot be replaced. So if one part goes

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bad, you have to get rid of the whole window. Landfills are bulging with "new windows" that no longer work.

Fixing Old Wood Windows - Seminar Saturday, July 11

Windows in a 19th Century Home in
Whittier
Kleiner

Photo by Gary

A two-hour seminar on fixing double-hung wood windows is scheduled for Saturday, July 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in an historic Whittier neighborhood house, near downtown. Randall Marder, a nationally recognized expert on historic restoration, will demonstrate step-by-step how to repair windows and make them operable. The cost is \$25 per person. Space is limited. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, July 7, by calling 303-916-4359 or going to our Web site. [Window Seminar](#)

With routine maintenance, double-hung windows can easily last over 100 years. When the windows have not been maintained, or when they have been painted shut by many layers of paint, it is still possible to restore them by do-it-yourselfers with a few tools and knowledge about how double-hung windows operate. During the seminar, Marder will explain window operation and show basic steps to restoring windows.

Double-hung windows are very energy efficient. When old houses were constructed, windows were custom-made, on site. Air leakage was kept to a minimum because the windows were tailored to fit into the openings and the glass was secured with push points and glazed with an oil base putty compound. Unlike modern windows, if parts of the window were damaged beyond repair, a new part could be made. New windows rarely last 20 years and their components cannot be replaced. It is difficult to recycle them and landfills across the country are bulging with these "new" windows that are not longer functional.

Since 1972, Randall Marder, who owns [R. M. Design and Construction](#), has worked on many famous historic landmarks, including Greene and Greene's masterpiece, the Gamble House in California; Cherokee Ranch, Blunt Homestead, in Castle Rock; Denver's Christ the King Church; and 1927 Al Jolson

Estate in Encino, California.

To stay cool, close curtains or shutters, pull down window shades, and turn up slates in blinds in the early morning. Keep windows closed all day. Open windows and doors at night after it has cooled down.

Mark Your Calendars - Old-House Fair Is September 12

Want to know more about the energy efficiency of old wood windows? Are you thinking about remodeling your kitchen, but don't know where to begin? How about information about heating your old house or ways to cut your Xcel bill? Did you know that you can get \$125 rebate for a new water-efficient toilet? Did you know that since the 1930s Denverites have been concerned about saving water? Can your wood floors be brought back to life?

These and many other questions will be answered at workshops held during the fall Old-House Fair on Saturday, September 12, at the Stanley British Primary School, 350 Quebec Street. Numerous exhibitors will be available to answer your questions about products and services specific for old houses.



Board Member Jude Aiello and volunteer Jody Phillips give out information at Denver's Old House Society's booth at the spring Old-House Fair. Photo by Kevin Molick

Exhibit space is still available, but going quickly. **Reserve it soon.** The cost is \$120 and includes a table and two chairs, entry to the event, name in program and listing in the Web site Resource section in (2) categories for one quarter.

To date, our Old-House Fair sponsors include: Applewood Plumbing, Heating and Electric, Denver Water, Phoenix Window Restoration and Van Camp's Quality Floors.

Insulation helps to cool homes. Insulation in the attic is particularly beneficial since there is more heat differential there in the summer than in the winter.

Thought You Would Like To Know

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***Congress Park Neighbors Historic Speakers Series
Urban Wildlife and How to Live with it***

Wednesday, July 29, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

***Heitler Hall, National Jewish Hospital (Colfax &
Jackson Street)***

***Ashley DeLaup, Denver Parks and Recreation's urban
wildlife specialist will present information. Learn
what motivates them and how to prevent problems
and protect your home from pigeons, squirrels, and
other urban wildlife. Event is free and open to anyone.***

Denver's Old House Society strives to leave a legacy of charming Denver neighborhoods of well-preserved old houses, sensitively maintained, jewels of the "Queen City of the Plains."

Sincerely,

Denver's Old House Society