



Hello Friends,

As the sun starts to shine a bit brighter and the air warms up, we have created a new preservation effort – the **2021 Fresh Coat Initiative: Post Pandemic Spruce Up**. Under the guidance of Robbie King, Director of Interpreted Environments & Restoration, and Erik Skarzynski, Director of Facilities Maintenance, we have begun our year-long effort to repaint, repair, and restore parts of the historic district. This initiative encompasses repair, pressure washing, scraping, priming, and painting some of the buildings and landscape features in need of TLC. I will be updating sending you photographs of the “before and after” - because, of course, “before & after” shots are so gratifying!

We have started painting The Doctor’s House, Winkler Bakery, and the Fourth House, while just today, we pressure washed the historic Tavern and Tavern Restaurant. Also, the reconstruction work on the Blum House porch has begun. All of this is occurs while we set priorities for our next round of “Post Pandemic Spruce Up.” Much more to come.

Many thanks,
Frank Vagnone
President & CEO Old Salem Museums & Gardens and The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts



(left to right) Winkler Bakery Shutters; Blum House Porch reconstruction; Fourth House Main Street windows; Fourth House door jamb reconstruction



(left to right) Historic Tavern pressure-washed; Tavern Restaurant pressure-washed; Winkler Baker Porch after prep/paint; Fourth House door

