Hello Friends,

In this third update for the 2021 Fresh Coat Initiative: Post Pandemic Spruce Up, I can tell you that we have completed four historic buildings: Miksch House, Winkler Bakery, Fourth House, and the 1816 Tavern street-facing porch.

This week (April 12th), the staff is coming together to paint street signs, benches, fences, and lamp posts. This “Jack of All Trades” week will help our maintenance and preservation team keep up with the constant wear & tear of essential parts of the streetscape.

If you have a moment, my latest “President’s Update” on social media outlines these Fresh Coat activities, and I speak to some chronic preservation issues.

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

(left to right) Completed Fresh Coat Projects: Miksch House c. 1771, Winkler Bakery c. 1800, Fourth House c. 1767-68, and c. 1816 Tavern street porch

(left to right) Winkler Bakery South facing shutters repaired & re-installed, Miksch House shutters repaired (one newly crafted) and painted, The Fourth House gets TLC.
Vogler House is set to get all of its windows and doors restored. We made public an RFP process to choose a contractor to facilitate this work. As part of our EQUITY INITIATIVE, we are expanding our outside vendor list. The goal of this Vogler RFP is to restore the windows to operability.

Winkler bakery gents a gentle pressure washing to remove the algae and mildew.

(left to right ) In the latest President’s Update on social media, President Frank discusses a few chronic preservation issues that plague the historic district. African Moravian Reconstructed Log Church street-level porch timber framing, MESDA water run-off, and staining from the built-up membrane roofing.