



Hello Friends,

In this fourth update for the **2021 Fresh Coat Initiative: Post Pandemic Spruce Up**, I will concentrate on our week-long “Jack of All Trades” staff painting projects. Starting Monday, April 12th, all the full-time/exempt staff came together to provide some TLC to all those overlooked landscape elements. With our pallet of Red, Green, Black, and White paint, each of us took to the streets of the historic district and started to check off our list of needed painting projects (trash can lids, street barriers, iron railings, lampposts, fences, and the MESDA handrails). Johnny and I managed the project from the Fourth House while our team would stop by and pick up paint and supplies.

This effort freed up our restoration crew to tackle some much-needed preservation projects. One was the Miksch House Outbuilding roof failure. As you can tell by the “before & after” shots, the repair looks beautiful. We also keep pursuing the painting and restoration of historic buildings. Our next painting project is the Butner Hat Shop (also the first Jail in Salem). We are taking a closer look at the Herbst House (where we now have our “Seed Saving Lab”), and we are discovering that the wood rot is much worse than we knew. We are formulating a plan to proceed with these repairs systematically that works with our district-wide **Fresh Coat Initiative**.

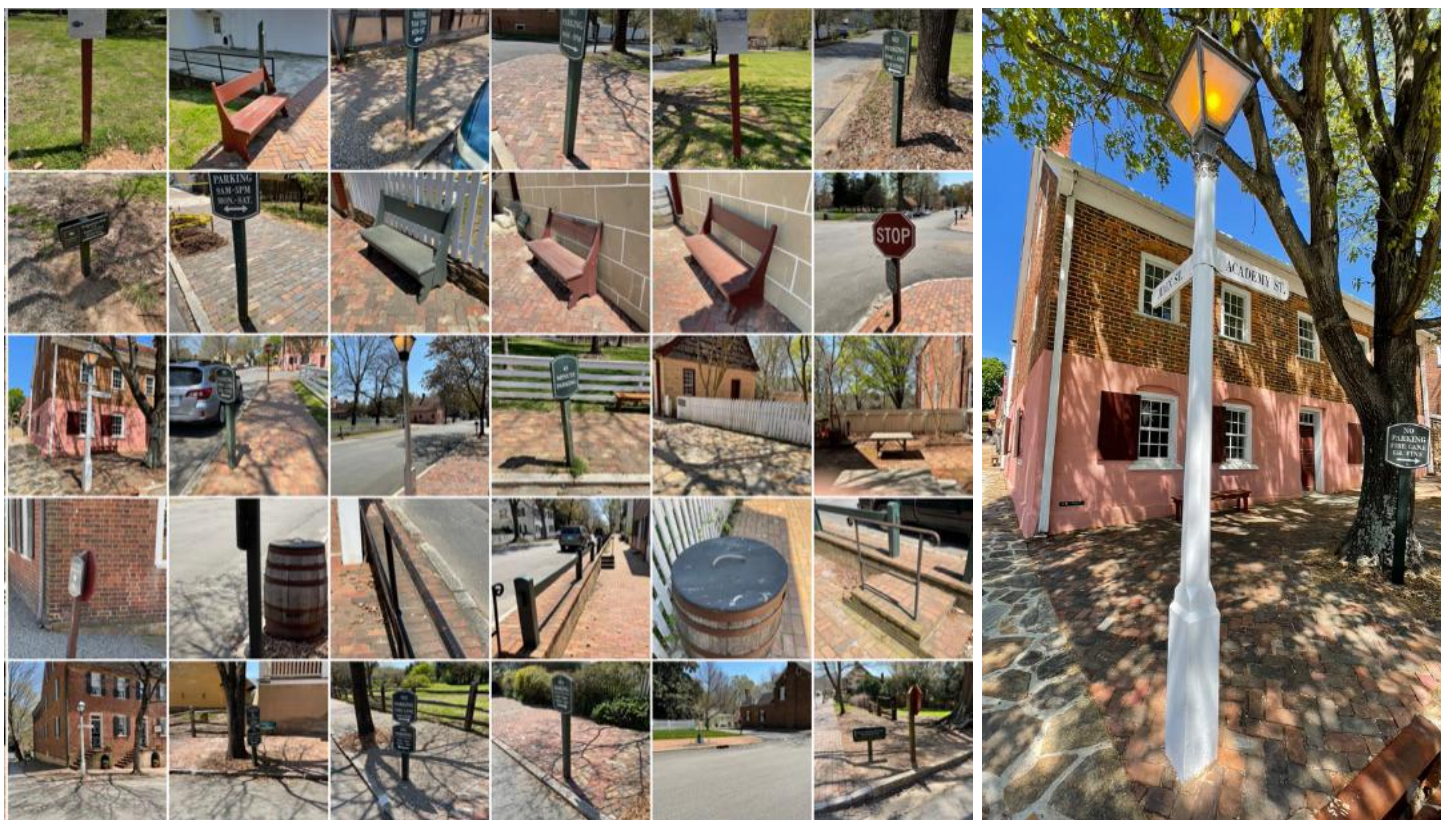
Many thanks,
Frank Vagnone

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(left to right) Members of the Old Salem and Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts team grab a paintbrush, and help make everything look great!





(left to right) The Winkler Bakery sign needed rebuilding. Following the removal and restoration, it now hangs beautifully repainted.



(left to right) Herbst House (Seed Saving Lab), windowsill rot, clapboard decay, shutter connection erosion, shutter failure. Restored in 2011 with minor touch-ups, this level of decline has been occurring for quite some time. Most of the damage is on the southern side, and due to the severity of the problem, we will be putting the North, South, and East sides of the building on a more intensive preservation plan. Our goal is to repair the West street front elevation and porch first to use the porch as an outdoor classroom space in the fall of 2021.



(left to right) The Hat Shop (The first jail of Salem) has minor wood repair and in need of repainting. This building will be our next Fresh Coat Initiative project.