

(left to right) Our "Jack of All Trades" painting week spruced up the Horton Center, Home to The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts. We concentrated on the chipping iron railing surrounding the entrances.

Hello Friends,

With this fifth update for the **2021 Fresh Coat Initiative: Post Pandemic Spruce Up**, you will see that we concentrated on the historic Winkler Bakery. Winkler will be our first venue to re-open post-pandemic, so we wanted to make sure that it was in top-notch shape. The streetscape was made more welcoming by adding larger social-distancing-ready benches with tables, potted plants, new signage, and new vines to grow onto the freshly painted white picket fences. The back porch of Winkler was always a messy place with bird droppings covering the furniture and floor. We installed new netting which will end this problem to become a quiet place of rest for our guests.

In addition, MESDA got some needed attention through re-painting of the entrance handrails. Since the Horton Center will be our next venue to re-open in June, we will be working on any nicks, scuffs, and dings found on the interior gallery surfaces

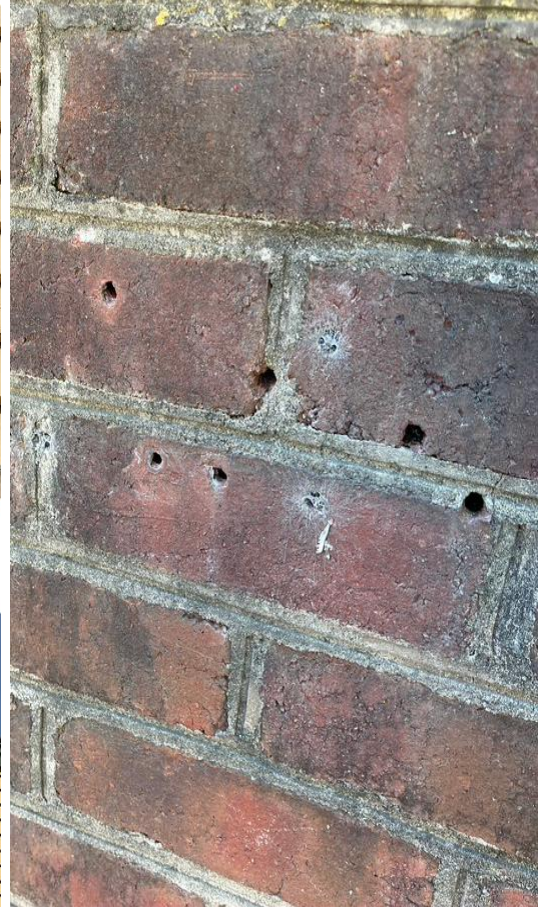
Many thanks,
 Frank Vagnone
 President & CEO Old Salem Museums & Gardens and The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts



(left to right) Winkler Baker, our first venue in the historic district to re-open, received a lot of attention this past week. We added an entire bank of benches and tables to the streetscape. We wanted to allow for COVID-related precautions while still providing a welcoming environment to our guests. The horticulture crew added a dense array of potted plants around the front stoop.



(left to right) The Back Porch of Winkler Baker, a quiet resting place for our visitors, has been long neglected because birds and critters would nest up in the wood-shake roof structure, resulting in many animal waste and bird droppings covering the surfaces below. As part of our Fresh Coat Initiative, we have installed barely visible preservation netting to keep out these animals. Now the back porch can become a clean, welcoming spot for our guests.



NEXT UP: Butner Hat Shop



(left to right) Our next building to get attention will be the Butner Hat Shop. We have received the proposal for wood repair, prep work, and painting. This work should begin within the next two weeks. The Fresh Coat Initiative also looks at small details, like the residual holes leftover from an old MESDA sign, to be cleaned up and restored. For instance, these holes will be filled.