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**LOOK UP, LOOK DOWN, LOOK IN!  
VILLAGE REVIEW BOARD  
PLANS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH ACTIVITIES**

The Brunswick Village Review Board is planning a series of activities for the month of May in observance of National Historic Preservation Month. The theme of this year's events is "**Look Up, Look Down, Look In!**" Activities are designed to highlight elements of Brunswick's architectural and historic heritage that you may not notice unless you look up, down or in. The slate of activities includes a photo contest on display at the Curtis Memorial Library throughout the month of May, as well as tours of recently renovated Bowdoin College buildings, a walking tour to discover traces of Brunswick historic and prehistoric past, a Look Up! walking tour of downtown Brunswick, and a "Look Up!" scavenger hunt that will run in the *Times-Record* during the month of May.

Activities begin on **Friday, May 2, at 2:00 p.m.**, with a "Look In!" event – insider tours of two recently renovated buildings at Bowdoin College. From 2-2:30 p.m., Bowdoin Director of Capital Projects Don Borkowski will lead a tour of the new Studzinski Recital Hall with its stunning Kanbar Auditorium. The new recital hall, which opened last May, is located in the former Curtis Pool building, originally designed in 1927 by noted architects McKim, Mead and White. The tour will continue across the quad at the Bowdoin College Museum of Art, constructed in 1894 and also designed by McKim, Mead and White. Don Borkowski will guide us through the building, which recently underwent an extensive 27-month renovation, focusing on the historical and architectural aspects of the renovation project. At 3:45 p.m., following a 15-minute refreshments break, Director of the Bowdoin College Museum of Art Katy Kline will give a tour of the art collection. She will also discuss how the renovation has changed the museum's approach to its collections. Space in this tour is limited to 25 people. To be sure of a place on the tour, please pre-register with the Brunswick Planning Department, 725-6660, or [jfortune@brunswickme.org](mailto:jfortune@brunswickme.org).

Events continue on **Saturday, May 17, at 1:30 p.m.**, with a "Look Down!" event: *An Overview of Brunswick's Prehistoric & Historic Archeological Sites*, exploring the banks of the Androscoggin River for vestiges of Brunswick's industrial history, as well as other traces of its historic and prehistoric past. The tour will begin in the theater at the **Frontier Cafe** in Fort Andross, where guides Fred Koerber and Brooks Stoddard will offer a slide introduction before heading outdoors to see for ourselves what traces of the past can still be envisioned along the riverbanks. Fred Koerber is a long-time Brunswick High School history teacher who has taught classes in archaeology and directed excavations at sites in Brunswick. Village Review Board member Brooks Stoddard is a professor of art and architectural history at UMA and for many years has directed an archeological excavation of a medieval abbey in southern France.

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The next event is a **“Look Up!” Walking Tour of Downtown Brunswick**, on **Saturday, May 31, at 10 a.m.** The tour will focus on interesting architectural features of downtown Brunswick that you may walk past every day without noticing unless you . . . look up! Stay tuned for more details about this tour.

Two Historic Preservation Month activities will be ongoing throughout the month of May. First is a Photo Contest on display in the west entryway of the Curtis Memorial Library **May 4-25**. The contest, sponsored by the Village Review Board in conjunction with the Brunswick Department of Recreation and the *Times Record*, will include photos that explore the **“Look Up!”** theme. Entries are due May 2. Entry forms may be obtained at the Brunswick Recreation Center or the Planning Office at Town Hall on Federal Street. The winning photos will be published in the *Times Record*.

Finally, the Village Review Board is collaborating with the *Times-Record* on a **Look Up! Scavenger Hunt**, which will run in the paper throughout the month of May. The *Times Record* will run photographs of architectural features from around Brunswick that you must look up to notice. Participants in the hunt must identify the location of each item. A prize will be awarded to the person with the most correct identifications. Instructions on how to play the game will be included in the photo spread in the *Times Record*.

**For more information about all events, contact the Brunswick Planning Dept., 725-6660.**

The Village Review Board is a volunteer citizen board appointed by the Town Council and charged with maintaining the historical and architectural integrity of the downtown historic district through design review, landmark designation, and educational programs.

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