



HHS Director of Curatorial and Preservation Affairs Returns from Intensive Study in England



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This past July, Historic Huguenot Street’s Director of Curatorial and Preservation Affairs Josephine Bloodgood took part in the Attingham Summer School, an 18-day intensive study program focused on English country houses, their collections of fine and decorative arts, and their gardens. Josephine’s participation in the Attingham Summer School was made possible by a Lillian Hirschmann Scholar award from the American Friends of Attingham.

Over the course of the program, participants visited twenty-seven different historic sites and benefited from numerous behind-the-scenes tours, daily lectures from eminent scholars, and discussions about preservation and curatorial choices and challenges. Forty-eight professionals working at museums and historic sites and in related fields attended this year’s course, coming from across North America, the United Kingdom, Ireland, the European continent, and Australia.

“The prestigious and immersive Attingham program is widely recognized within the field,” says Liselle LaFrance, executive director of Historic Huguenot Street. “Josephine’s participation in the intensive program will not only contribute to her knowledge of architecture, decorative arts and landscape design, but will also strengthen the curatorial and interpretive initiatives here at Historic Huguenot Street.”

Josephine joined the staff at Historic Huguenot Street in 2014. She is the former Executive Director and Curator of the Woodstock Artists Association and Museum and was an Associate Curator at the Georgia Museum of Art, University of Georgia.

The Attingham Trust is an educational charitable trust based in the United Kingdom. It offers specialized study courses for those who are professionally engaged in the study, care and interpretation of historic houses and palaces and their collections and garden and landscape settings, whether they work in the museum, university, historic house, or conservation sector. For more information visit www.attinghamtrust.org.

About Historic Huguenot Street

A National Historic Landmark District, Historic Huguenot Street is a 501(c)3 non-profit that encompasses 30 buildings across 10 acres comprising the heart of the original 1678 New Paltz settlement, including seven stone houses dating to the early eighteenth century. Historic Huguenot Street was founded in 1894 as the Huguenot Patriotic, Historical, and Monumental Society to preserve the nationally acclaimed collection of stone houses. Since then, Historic Huguenot Street has grown into an innovative museum, chartered as an educational corporation by the University of the State of New York Department of Education that is dedicated to protecting our historic buildings, preserving an important collection of artifacts and manuscripts, and promoting the stories of the Huguenot Street families from the seventeenth century to today.

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