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Welcome to Issue # 2 of the *Pamlico Rose News*, the official Newsletter of the Pamlico Rose Institute for Sustainable Communities. In this issue, we will review recent events and activities of PRISC and highlight upcoming events. The primary aim of this issue however is to give those interested in becoming a part of our mission and projects a sense of the kinds of volunteer options available so that one can decide where to best fit skills and expertise or areas that interest or even intrigue you enough to be a part of that need. In other words, there are ample needs and opportunities for all! We will start out with the latter aim.

To be a volunteer

Robert Greene Sands, CEO

If you have read anything about us or heard us speak on our mission, one of the underlying planks is to grow stronger communities in Washington, NC because stronger communities make us more resilient to future uncertainties, risk and crises. Our mission benefits at-risk Veteran populations and also residents and businesses of Washington as we model how better to historically and culturally preserve neighborhoods. By helping others, we help ourselves.

As we begin to rehabilitate Rose Haven, we are also developing our program to promote recovery in our future female Veteran community. So, there are many volunteer opportunities to become a part of our own little community of Pamlico Rose.

Our intent is to open Rose Haven at some point in 2018; not just rehabilitating the house, but implementing the reintegration program to female Veterans as well.

Our timeline perhaps is a bit relaxed but still involves a pretty active effort to accomplish all the little and big things associated with a successful launch in a timely fashion.

Need

We have some general needs and skill sets and some larger goals that can give a good idea of our needs and all feed directly into the success of our mission, being:



Fundraising and support of fundraising activities

Carpentry and Masonry renovation skills

Interior design and Furnishing

Plumbing

Electrical

Roofing

Landscaping and community gardening

Materials acquisition

General “roll up your sleeves and get dirty”

Building community ties to Rose Haven and the residents

Expertise in at-risk populations and recovery programs

Developing a detailed history of Rose Haven and the neighborhood

We have a lot of moving parts as one can see. As we are a small operation, the timing of how these areas of need get completed may occur in fits and starts, but they generally will follow a somewhat logical progression. If you have professional or extensive experience in any of the above areas, please contact us as we could use your help in setting up our efforts and conceiving success. If you do not wish to do the actual labor but have the knowledge to complete a task, we would definitely like to pick your brain. But if you just have a desire to help our and be involved in our mission, and our community, there will be plenty of opportunity ... trust us.

Major Areas

The three major areas initially are fundraising support, rehabilitation of Rose Haven, and landscaping to include setting up the Community Garden.

Fundraising

Our major fundraising effort will be the September 23 ribbon-cutting at Rose Haven and follow-on barbecue dinner for 150 at the North Carolina Estuarium. The theme will be “we preserve for those who serve”.

We need to find sponsors to help fund and or contribute to the event, food, items for a silent auction, and raffles.

We need to sell tickets to the dinner (the ribbon-cutting is free).

Volunteers are needed to work the day of the event at both Rose Haven and the Estuarium.

Rehabilitation

We are now just starting to work on the rehabilitation effort and will follow a general approach to it, basically working on the exterior while working to rehab the interior.



Think in some way Home and Garden TV shows, but more fun! We have a barn that is full of construction materials from its past as a storage area for one of the recent owners and we need to inventory and then dispose of, utilize in our project, or offer it to the community.

Examples of immediate tasks:

Repoint the exterior brickwork - foundation and both front and back steps.

Replace some deteriorated clapboards

Scrape the exterior paint, readying it for paint. But mostly to see what kind of shape the exterior is in.



Sash window work. We have a number of 6-over-6 windows that: 1. need panes replaced, and 2. have rotted wooden frames. All will have to be pulled and reworked.

Replace the base of the porch pillars (rotted)

Landscaping/Community Garden

Our vision for Rose Haven is to have landscaped areas that are conducive to creating spaces for individual reflection/relaxation and group meetings. We also will feature a Rose Haven community garden where residents will help garden for their food, to sell at the Farmer's market to help support Rose Haven, but also provide food for other at-risk populations in the Washington area. We see effort as an example of building social resilience and community engagement.

Periodic mowing of the lawn

Clear brush/vegetation on the property (1/4 acre)

Construction of flower beds

Community Garden plan

How you can volunteer

Future periodic newsletter will include what we will be working on across our different efforts for the next two to three weeks and the kinds of support and materials we will need. If you are interested in helping out during this time or on the work, you can reach out to us and we will include you in our efforts. In some of the areas, our work and efforts will be ongoing, such as fundraising or outreach. Missing one project, doesn't mean others will not follow right behind; they will.

Note: A signed liability waiver will be required before any volunteer work is done on the property. See upcoming events and work efforts later in this newsletter for potential opportunities

Recent Events

The last two weeks have been eventful weeks for PRISC. We have had a collection of visitors to Rose Haven, some publicity, and a presentation at the North Carolina Estuarium by Rob. More on each in the following sections.

Visitors to PRISC

North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

PRISC welcomed John Wood of NC SHPO and Emily Rebert, City

of Washington Historical Preservation Planner, to Rose Haven on July 27.



John came over from his office in Greenville to help us better understand the history and significance of the structure. John's office is doing a thorough history of the owners and residents of 219 E. 3rd Street and that, coupled with our own research, will allow us to establish the age of the house.

Kinds of historical records that are consulted in establishing a historical "pedigree" of a house are tax records, deeds, census data, written texts, and oral histories.

However, most important to us, John's research will help provide the significance of our house in the overall historical context of the surrounding neighborhood, and in greater Washington. Some initial facts we can pass on is the house is at least as old as 1892. The house was home to an African-America woman and her daughter and their laundry business in 1916. In the 1930s, the owner at the time built a barn which housed his blacksmith business. We anticipate getting the data from the SHPO shortly and will begin the process of putting a narrative together.

Congressman Walter Jones



Jason Lowry, the Military and Veteran Liaison for Congressman Walter Jones, visited Rose Haven on Tuesday July 27. Jason toured Rose Haven with CEO Rob Greene Sands and received a more in-depth view of the mission and projects of PRISC. Jason said Congressman Jones is very interested in the plight of Veterans in eastern North Carolina and offered the support of the Congressman and his office to our efforts with Rose Haven and future projects.

Jon Forte, VA Clinic, Greenville, NC

On **Wednesday, June 28**, Jon Forte, the Associate Administrator, Greenville VA Health Care Center, spent the late afternoon at Rose Haven. Jon received a tour of Rose Haven and the property. Following the tour, Jon and Rob discussed the mission of Rose Haven and future projects, especially the development of the social resilience program.

The Rose Haven residents and their VA needs will be administered by the Greenville VA clinic. Rose Haven and its model of social resilience could be of interest to the VA as the reintegration program of female Veterans could serve other communities with similar populations.

Outreach

Rob Greene Sands presented PRISC's mission at an evening program at the **North Carolina Estuarium on July 28**. Thirty-three folks attended his evening program which was preceded by a social "hour". Sands' presentation "Using History to Forge Community Sustainability Serving Veterans in Washington, NC and Beyond" PowerPoint slide show can be accessed at: <http://www.pamlicorose.org/news/>.



Please see the most recent blog post by Dr. Sands, *Our Old House*, on PRISC's website:

<http://www.pamlicorose.org/news/>

Vail Stuart Rumley and *The Washington Daily News* published a recent June 29 article on PRISC and Rose Haven:

<http://www.thewashingtondailynews.com/2017/06/29/old-house-new-purpose-community-living-for-female-veterans/>

Dr. Greene Sands can certainly present on PRISC, the mission and Rose Haven to organizations you may be a member of or an organization that may benefit from our efforts. Please contact Rob at robert@pamlicorose.org or 805-320-2967.

Finally, don't forget to visit our webstore where you can purchase PRISC coffee mugs, magnets, tee-shirts and polos:

<http://www.pamlicorose.org/store/>
All proceeds go to support PRISC projects.

Upcoming Events

Monday, July 31 - Volunteer Support for Fundraiser, 630 to 8PM Get in on the ground floor to help as we start planning for our big Sept 23rd Fundraiser at 6:30 PM at 820 Park Drive. Parking is on Simmons north or south of Park Avenue. Please RSVP by July 24.

Thursday, August 3 - Rose Haven Open House: 630 PM to 8 PM

Join CEO Rob Greene Sands and Project Engineer David Steckel as they give the first tours of Rose Haven and the property. Come and see the "before" condition of Rose Haven and meet PRISC staff.

Pamlico Rose Institute for Sustainable Communities (PRISC) is a North Carolina 501(c)(3) nonprofit institute, located in Washington, NC whose mission is to grow community by preserving history.

PRISC promotes projects and programs and research that feature historical preservation and reutilization as a primary means to help foster community development and sustainability.



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