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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**LANDMARK SOCIETY & COBBLESTONE MUSEUM OFFER INTENSIVE TRAINING
FOR RESTORATION AND REPAIR OF HISTORIC WOOD WINDOWS**

Skilled trade is in high demand

ROCHESTER, NY May 14, 2018 — Do you have an older home or want to learn a skilled trade? Do you want to make your 100+-year-old windows work like new again? The Landmark Society of Western New York is partnering with the Cobblestone Museum to offer several seminars taught by Steve Jordan, noted window specialist and author of “The Window Sash Bible.” Participants will learn how to evaluate windows for repair, how to strip and paint wood windows, how to cut and install glass, and more.

The seminars are being offered as part of The Landmark Society’s initiative to support skilled trades. “To rehabilitate a historic building correctly, you need a professional trained in the appropriate skills, such as carpentry, masonry, stained/decorative glass, painting, roof repair, metalwork, and window restoration,” said Mitch Rowe, Landmark Society Preservation Services Coordinator. “While there are veteran practitioners of the traditional trades in our region, many of them are approaching retirement. We are encouraging a new generation of craftspeople to cultivate the knowledge to care for our historic resources.”

A four-day intensive seminar will take place June 12-15 and a one-day introductory seminar will be offered on June 16 at the Cobblestone Museum in Childs, New York. For costs, times, and to register, visit www.landmarksociety.org/windows. The project is funded in part by the Historic

Preservation Education Fund and Rochester Area Community Foundation and sponsored by Bero Architecture.

“The Cobblestone Museum is pleased to partner with Landmark Society of WNY to host the Historic Wood Window Seminar during the week of June 12-16,” said Doug Farley, Cobblestone Museum Director. “It’s a great honor to have been selected by Steve Jordan to have our 1849 Cobblestone Schoolhouse as ground-zero for this educational, hands-on workshop. Whatever your skill level, I believe taking part in one of the seminars will cover all the bases you need, either for your own personal use or for taking your preservation business to the next level.”

Homeowners as well as contractors and craftspeople interested in expanding their services are encouraged to attend. Rehabilitation of historic buildings has increased exponentially during the past several decades, providing ample employment opportunities for craftspeople who are trained in these specific skills.

About The Landmark Society: *The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc. is one of the oldest and most active preservation organizations in America, serving nine Western New York counties. Formed in 1937, The Landmark Society continues to protect the unique architectural heritage of our region and promote preservation and planning principles that foster healthy and sustainable communities. For additional information about The Landmark Society, visit www.landmarksociety.org. The Landmark Society is supported in part by New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.*

About the Cobblestone Museum: *The Cobblestone Museum is an open-air museum that promotes the study and exploration of cobblestone construction methods from 1825 to 1860, offering visitors the opportunity to explore three period cobblestone structures set in Victorian*

appearance and four wood structures highlighting 19th century agricultural implements and skilled trades.