



HISTORIC CHICAGO  
BUNGALOW ASSOCIATION

## **CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT**

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### **Spring Projects Subject of Expanded HCBA April Seminars**

*“Renovating your Garden with Naturalistic Design” and “Care & Maintenance of Your Historic Masonry Home” Help Bungalow Owners Retain Beauty, Value*

CHICAGO – As Spring returns to Chicago, so does the home improvement season. For owners of Historic Chicago Bungalows and others interested in home improvements, this month the HCBA is offering seminars that will give them a head start on spring home projects. The upcoming seminars are:

#### **“Renovating your Garden with Naturalistic Design”**

Tuesday, April 7, 6:30-7:30pm at the Hyde Park Art Center, 5020 S. Cornell Ave. and

Wednesday, April 8, 7:00-8:30pm at the West Belmont Public Library, 3104 N. Narragansett Ave.

#### **"The Care & Maintenance of Your Historic Masonry Home"**

Saturday, March 21, 10am-12pm at the Garfield Park Conservatory Jensen Room, 300 N. Central Park Ave. and

Saturday, April 25, 10am-12pm at the Avalon Public Library Community Room, 8148 S. Stony Island Ave.

The gardening seminar, lead by landscape designer Brian Shea of Voltaire’s Gardener, will offer tips on natural and sustainable home gardening, with a special focus on bungalow gardens. Placing an emphasis on natural beauty and biodiversity, Shea will discuss the importance of good design, sustainability principles, installation techniques, and plant selection for successful gardens.

From Greystones to Bungalows, Chicago’s residential neighborhoods are defined by brick and stone buildings. At the seminar on masonry, homeowners will learn how best to preserve, maintain, and repair their historic masonry homes. Presented by Mario Machnicki, president and founder of Marion Restoration, this workshop will cover common conditions and deterioration problems; identifying priority repairs; establishing a scope of work for masonry repair projects; best practices for cleaning and tuckpointing; and financial resources to fund rehab projects.

These seminars are part of the HCBA’s monthly series, which is sponsored by the HCBA, the City of Chicago, the Chicago Public Libraries, and Peoples Gas to provide Chicagoans with information on how to preserve and restore their homes to be more energy efficient. This year’s seminars have been expanded in both locations and topics. A complete listing of topics and sites can be found on the HCBA website: [www.chicagobungalow.org](http://www.chicagobungalow.org).

The Bungalow Initiative was launched in 2000 as an effort to preserve the City’s architecturally significant bungalows, which comprise nearly one-third of the single-family housing in Chicago. Since then, over 10,000 bungalows have been certified and more than 4,000 families have received grants and vouchers assisting them with restoration. Built more than 75 years ago, these historic homes can be preserved and modernized for today’s lifestyles and energy needs. The Bungalow Initiative ensures that bungalow owners have the tools and resources necessary to restore their historic homes.

If you have any questions or want to reserve a space at the seminars, please call the HCBA at 312-642-9900 or email [reservation@chicagobungalow.org](mailto:reservation@chicagobungalow.org).

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