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## **BARTOW-PELL MANSION MUSEUM OFFERS SHUTTER SHOP ON SHORE ROAD RESTORATION WORKSHOP**

Bronx, NY, July 3, 2012—Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, in partnership with Adventures in Preservation and the Historic House Trust of New York City, will offer a one-week restoration workshop from Monday, July 30 through Friday, August 3, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. A National Historic Landmark located in New York City’s largest park, Bartow-Pell, an 1840s Greek Revival mansion, is the last of the country estates in the Pelham Bay area. For the second consecutive summer, the Shutter Shop on Shore Road Restoration Workshop will focus on restoring Bartow-Pell’s interior wooden shutters — this year from the mansion bedroom where its prized Charles-Honoré Lannuier bedstead is located.

Participants will learn the necessary steps for a historically sensitive restoration of architectural components with attention given to curatorial, preservation, and environmental considerations. Under the guidance of preservation/restoration specialists from Fifty Three Restorations, an award-winning, New York City-based restoration firm, Shutter Shop on Shore Road participants will learn how to safely handle lead paint removal; make appropriate carpentry repairs; prime, and paint. This year’s workshop is funded partly by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which awarded Bartow-Pell \$4,500 toward the cost of the workshop.

Volunteers from as far away as France, through an exchange program of Brooklyn-based Preservation Volunteers, will participate in the workshop. Foreign volunteers will be hosted by Bartow-Pell members in their homes.

“This is not only a wonderful way to teach restoration skills to volunteers who are

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interested in preservation, but also to get needed work done at our site,” says BPMM’s executive director Ellen Bruzelius. “Volunteers play a key role in Bartow-Pell Mansion’s continued preservation,” says Adventures in Preservation’s program director Judith Broeker, “focusing on small-scale projects that make a big difference.” Dexter Guerrieri, President of Preservation Volunteers, adds that “one of our missions is to form transatlantic friendships and understanding. The preservation of the historic Bartow-Pell Mansion provides a perfect working environment for learning and sharing.”

Cost is \$295 for the week and includes snacks, lunch, instruction and materials, and insurance. Guest speakers and mansion tours are scheduled during the lunch break. Participants must be 18 or over. Registration is required. Call 718-885-1461 or email [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org) to register or for more information.

Adventures in Preservation is a nonprofit organization committed to saving architectural heritage around the globe. Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum is owned by the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, operated by the Bartow-Pell Conservancy, and is a member of the Historic House Trust of New York City. The National Trust for Historic Preservation provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to a national network of people, organizations and local communities committed to saving places, connecting us to our history and collectively shaping the future of America’s stories.

For more information about Bartow-Pell, visit [www.bpmm.org](http://www.bpmm.org). For more information about Adventures in Preservation and Preservation Volunteers, visit [www.adventuresinpreservation.org](http://www.adventuresinpreservation.org) and [www.preservationvolunteers.org](http://www.preservationvolunteers.org). For more information about the National Trust for Historic Preservation, visit [www.preservationnation.org](http://www.preservationnation.org).



*Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum is located at 895 Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, New York. To reach us by public transportation, take the #6 Lexington Avenue Local subway to Pelham Bay Park station, followed by the Westchester Bee-Line #45 bus direct to the mansion gate. For driving directions, please visit [www.bpmm.org](http://www.bpmm.org). The mansion and carriage house are open to the public for guided tours on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The gardens and grounds are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to dusk. Mansion admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students; free for children under six. Visiting the garden and grounds is free.*