How Sustainable is Your Historic House Museum?

Suggested Reading

In addition to the Technical Leaflet, How Sustainable is Your Historic House Museum?, the Historic House Affinity Group Committee offers this informative bibliography to help you locate resources to help your house museum be more sustainable.

This bibliography is not meant to be, nor could it be, exhaustive. There are many more wonderful resources available that are directed at other professions, but have applicability in the Museum Field. Please email Hawkins@aaslh.org if you have suggestions for additions to the bibliography.

1. A sustainable historic house museum serves its audience and is valued by its community.


2. Sustainable historic house museums are inspiring.


3. Sustainable historic house museum leaders adhere to a standard of excellence.


4. Sustainable historic house museum leaders embrace a culture of learning and a spirit of inquiry.


5. Successful historic house museums are connected to groups and individuals outside the organization who are leaders and decision-makers in their communities and in the professional field.

Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM). Annual meeting, publications, and professional interest groups especially for historic house museums that use living history or focus on agricultural topics, including food. [www.alhfam.org](http://www.alhfam.org)

American Association of Museums. Historic house museums will find the Museum Assessment Program (MAP), technical information service, and book catalogue especially useful. [www.aam-us.org](http://www.aam-us.org)


Institute of Museum & Library Services. Offers a wide range of federal grants, as well as occasional conferences and reports on special subjects. [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov)

Kiwanis International. Connects to Kiwanis Clubs throughout the world. [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)

Lions Clubs International. Connects to Lions Clubs throughout the world. [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

Museum Education Roundtable. Offers anthologies of articles from their *Journal of Museum Education*. [www.mer-online.org](http://www.mer-online.org)

Rotary International. Connects to Rotary Clubs all over the world. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

6. Sustainable historic house museum leaders are proactive governors and managers of their organizations.


7. Sustainable historic house museums’ leaders are proactive stewards of their buildings, collections, and landscapes.

Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI). www.cci-icc.gc.ca. Provides publications for sale as well as free brochures on the basic care of collections, offers annual conference and special workshops, and provides referrals to art conservators.


Heritage Preservation, Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel. www.heritagepreservation.org/PUBS/PUBSINDEX.HTM


Southeastern Museums Conference. Steal This Handbook! A Template for Creating a Museum’s Emergency Preparedness Plan. Atlanta, GA.

8. Sustainable historic house museums are interpreted in innovative and creative ways that extend well beyond the traditional house tour. Sustainable historic house museum programs are developed in conjunction with new sources of revenue.


9. Sustainable historic house museum leaders are strategic in their thinking and in their activities.


10. Sustainable historic house museums that are well prepared for the future adapt current technologies to enhance their understanding of their resources, expand public access, and improve efficiency and effectiveness.


11. **Sustainable historic house museums are branded, promoted, and marketed using consistent graphic languages.**


