Dig Deep into Durham’s History this Fall with Preservation Durham’s Cemetery Tours and Events:

**Old Maplewood Cemetery Tour, Saturday, October 19**

Maplewood is Durham’s oldest public cemetery. Here are laid millionaires and paupers, saints and scallywags. On the tour we will tell stories of triumph, tragedy, fame, and misfortune – all in one of Durham’s loveliest spaces. On Saturday, Preservation Durham will operate three tours at the same time. Each tour is a continuous loop that covers a different part of the cemetery. **Ticket-holders may come anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.** and join a tour in progress. Shift from tour to tour or do all three! Each tour takes about an hour and fifteen minutes. Look for the Preservation Durham canopy at the Kent Street entrance near Morehead Avenue.

**Historic Geer Cemetery Tour, Saturday, November 2**

Created in 1877, this historically segregated cemetery served as the final resting place of Durham's early emancipated African American’s into the early 20th century. Here learn about people who lifted themselves up from slavery and endured Jim Crow. Here are buried Durham’s earliest African-American leaders – businessmen and women, educators, and early civil rights activists. Geer Cemetery is an important artifact of the African-American experience in Durham. In recent years it has been the focus of a significant preservation campaign led by the Friends of Geer Cemetery. **Because the site is small and fragile, tours will begin at set times and be limited to a small number of people.**

*Cemetery Tour Tickets: Both the Maplewood and Geer tours are free for members of Preservation Durham and the Friends of Geer Cemetery, Tickets cost $15 for non-members. All proceeds from the Geer Cemetery tour will be split with that organization. More info and tickets for both tours available online here:* [*https://www.preservationdurham.org/tours*](https://www.preservationdurham.org/tours) *.*

**Geer Cemetery Talk, Saturday, November 14**

At 6 p.m. on November 14th, Duke University Professor Dr. Adam Rosenblatt will talk with Debra Taylor Garcia, President of the Friends of Geer Cemetery, about American cemeteries and his latest book, Cemetery Citizens: Reclaiming the Past and Working for Justice in American Burial Grounds. The talk is co-sponsored by Preservation Durham and the Museum of Durham History and will take place at the Chesterfield Building downtown. Professor Rosenblatt’s work focuses on the disparate treatment of White and Black Americans in death and the difficulties attendant to reclaiming African-American cemeteries. For more information visit [www.preservationdurham.org/events](http://www.preservationdurham.org/events). This talk is free.

We hope to see you at these upcoming events! Preservation Durham is your local historic preservation nonprofit and we're celebrating 50 years this year with a **"Preservation Party"** at the Fruit November 19th from 6-8pm. It's a free event (donations welcome) with food, drinks, awards and community partners to showcase highs and lows from the last 50 years in Durham's preservation story. If you're curious about how to get involved in historic preservation advocacy, reach out to me (Julianne Patterson, [jpatterson@preservationdurham.org](mailto:jpatterson@preservationdurham.org)) or come by the event to see what we're all about.