



Atlas Preservation

# **48STATETOUR SAVING AMERICA'S GRAVEYARDS**

ALL 56 EVENTS IN 2024 ARE:  
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
9AM - 3PM LOCAL TIME

## **Morning (9-10am): Introductions + Walk & Talk Tour**

Interactive tour w/ questions and discussion encouraged. Overview of historic preservation, cemetery safety, stone identification, carvings, and damage present

## **Late Morning (10am-12pm): Gravestone Cleaning**

Safe & effective techniques for cleaning gravestones. A demonstration is followed by a **hands-on session** where you can pick a stone to clean!

## **Lunch Break (around noon)**

## **Afternoon (12-3pm): Monument Repair Work**

Common gravestone & monument repairs will be discussed and demonstrated. Attendees are encouraged to participate! Types of repairs may include joining a fractured tablet, resetting a multi-piece monument, raising and re-leveling a leaning monument & more.

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# A TYPICAL WORKSHOP

## Overview + Discussion

Discussion on historic preservation with a focus on masonry, cemeteries, and gravestones.

A short walk and talk tour, visually surveying the existing conditions of the terrain and some of the most gravestone, and monuments on site. This is an interactive tour in which questions and discussion is encouraged.

## Hands On!

After the cleaning demonstration, workshop participants are encouraged to adopt a gravestone and perform the cleaning process. Materials are supplied and available for use.

Veteran stones are a priority & will be cleaned at each event!

## Gravestone Cleaning Demonstration

Cleaning demonstrations will include:

-Safe and effective removal of biological activity with approved stone cleaners is discussed, demonstrated, and performed. Gravestones can be fragile and easily damaged when cleaned with the wrong chemicals, aggressively brushed, and/or pressure washed. Safe cleaning techniques are explained with options outlined for product selection.

-Graffiti removal and graffiti prevention discussion (if time allows)

-Overview for rust and lime / calcium removal from irrigation staining (if time allows)

## Repair Work

Some of the most common repairs will be discussed and demonstrated. Participants are encouraged to join in & help!

-Join a fractured tablet

-Raise and/or level a badly leaning, sunken or fallen tablet stone

-Reset and join elements of a multiple piece monument

-Problems associated with Portland cement

-Historic pointing mortars, formulations, applications, curing

\*If time allows\* A lifting tripod will be constructed and demonstrated

## What to Bring

We recommend bringing some essentials to make the day comfortable: chair, cooler, water, snacks, etc.

We recommend wearing old clothing and closed toe footwear that you do not mind getting dirty, especially if you will be participating in the hands on segments. Depending on weather, you may also want to bring a hat and sunscreen.

There will be a brief pause during the day for lunch! (lunch is not typically provided)

## Most Importantly - Enjoy & Have Fun!