Mesilla Workshops



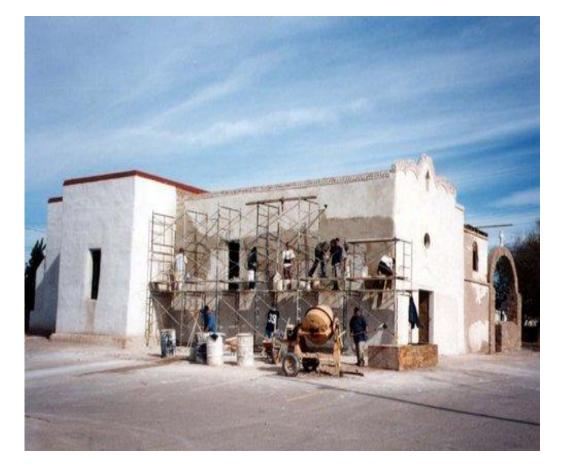




What?

Our mission is **preserve the traditional adobe** restoration techniques and at the same time giving home-owners the opportunity to share their history and to be able to keep their old houses in a good condition. Highlighting the earthen architecture that defines Mesilla and the region.

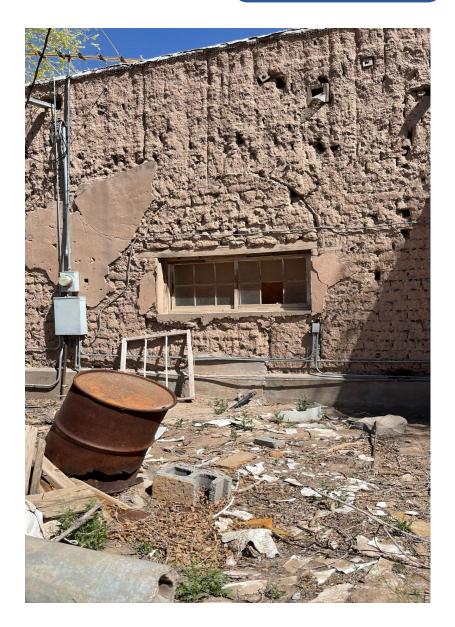
Adobe is our tangible connection to our past and future. In an ever pressing need for recycling and renewable energy, **adobe is the original green**.



Why? and How?

We are losing historic structures from neglect, salitre and cement based repairs. Modern adobe homeowners face a challenge. Contractors, carpenters and masons are familiar with the use of cement-based plaster products, cement collars and impermeable paint products. While the techniques used by preservationists to repair damage to adobe walls caused by trapped moisture and salts are not readily available to homeowners.

The **Mesilla Workshop Series** is designed to provide opportunities for homeowners, people in the construction industry, caretakers of adobe structures (National Parks Service, State Parks) and anyone with a love for adobe buildings to have hands-on training in the repair and maintenance of adobe structures. The workshops will focus on adobe homes in Mesilla which are in need of repair.



2-Day Workshop Schedule



Day 1

Historic Tour Adobe Dynamics 101 Adobe Making Adobe Repair

Day 2

Adobe Repair Mud Plaster Lime Plaster Reception



4-Day Workshop Schedule



Day 1

Day	2
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Historic Tour Adobe Dynamics 101 Adobe Making Adobe Repair	Adobe Repai Mud Plaster Lime Plaster
Day 3	Day 4
Adobe Repair Homeowner tour	Adobe Repai PPT Session Reception

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8-Day Workshop Schedule

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Historic Tour Adobe Dynamics 101 Adobe Making Adobe Repair	Adobe Repair Mud Plaster Lime Plaster	Adobe Repair Homeowner tour	Adobe Repair Upper wall repairs
Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Adobe Repair Adobe Making <i>Salitre</i> Talk MVP	Adobe Repair	Adobe Repair PPT Session	Adobe Repair Reception

The workshop day schedule is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The topic "Adobe Repair", mentioned in the schedule, consist in the main practical work into the restoration of the damaged adobe building which varies through the workshops seasons. The building will have open a bunch of sections with different steps of a restoration to give the participants the mains adobe preservation techniques:

- Assess and document damage
- Remove cement plaster and concrete collars
- Management of the water dynamics (moisture-salt damage)
- Moisture samples
- Stitch-in adobes to repair damage
- Mud plastering and lime plastering
- Anchor techniques "rajuelar" and lime-wash applications

Pat Taylor



Pat has spent 40+ years of his life literally working in the field as an adobe preservationist or as he likes to call it, "playing in mud". Over the years, Pat has worked on numerous adobe preservation projects in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, California, Mexico and Chile. He is a pioneer and passionate in historic building preservation, now putting his energy and knowledge in service of his old hometown Mesilla, teaching the traditional adobe restoration techniques.

