

New Summer Workshop at Historic Ithaca: *“Creating floor cloth murals”*

In July, **Historic Ithaca** is kicking off a new hands-on workshop series to introduce the new Conservation Lab program. One of the goals of the lab space is to offer classes to those who are interested in acquiring hands-on skills in preservation ~ such as plaster repair, re-pointing historic masonry, furniture restoration, wooden window repair, hardware restoration, and more.

The first workshop will teach participants how to create a usable canvas floor cloth mural, with instruction by local artist, **Mary Beth Ihnken**. Historically, painted canvas floor cloths were pre-linoleum rugs that were widely used during most of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries as a cheaper alternative to woven carpets.

Instructor: Mary Beth Ihnken

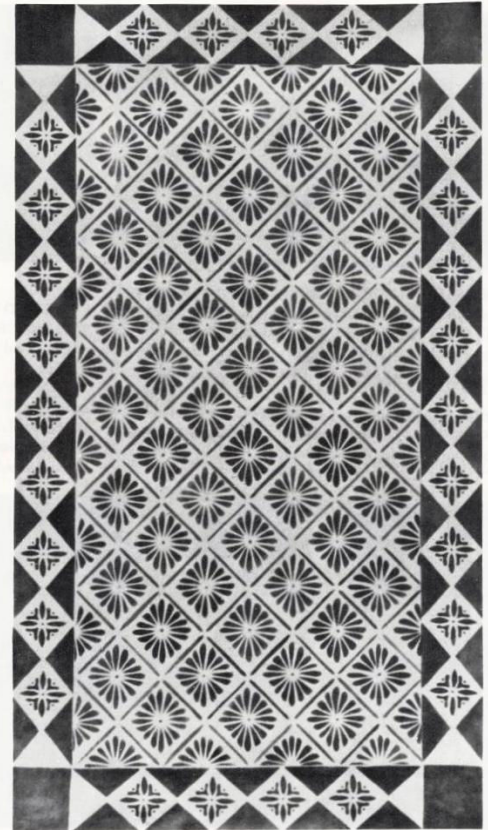
Date: Wednesday, July 22 and Wednesday, July 29.

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Where: Significant Elements architectural salvage warehouse, 212 Center Street, Ithaca

Cost: \$100, includes both sessions and all supplies to create your own 2' x 3' floor cloth mural.

Registration: Please call Historic Ithaca (607-273-6633) or email Anne Turcotte (aft26@cornell.edu) to register for this workshop.



*Above: Stenciled canvas floorcloth.
Blue and brick on cream.*

*Source: “Floor Coverings for
Historic Buildings” by Helene Von
Rosenstiel and Gail Caskey Winkler*

The deadline for registration is July 15th.

