**Topic Specific Resources:**

**Window and Door Hardware -Cleaning and Proper Function**

*How to Remove Paint and Polish from Antique Doorknobs*

*How to Restore Old Hardware*

*(Video) How to Restore Antique Hardware with Megan Czop*

**Assessing and Weatherproofing your Historic Windows**

*NPS: Weatherization of Windows and Doors*

*Old House Online: How to Weatherize your Windows*

*(Video) This Old House: How to Stop Cold-Air Leaks in the Winter*

*(Video): UCD Preservation: Beginners Guide to Insulating Old Windows*

**Opening Front Doors that Never get Opened-Assessing their Condition**

*How to Fix an Exterior Door that Won’t Open*

*How to Fix Stuck Exterior Door*

**Tips for Brick Masonry**

*NPS Brief 1: Cleaning Water Repellent Treatments for Historic Masonry Buildings*

*NPS Brief 6: Dangers of Abrasive Cleaning*

*NPS Brief 2: Repointing Mortar Joints*

*(Video) Preservation for Living: Historic Denver Presents a Look at Historic Masonry Repair*

**Flat and Ornamental Plaster Repair**

*NPS Brief 23: Ornamental Plaster*

*(Video) This Old House: How to Fix a Plaster and Lathe Ceiling*

*(Video) This Old House: How to Repair Plaster Walls*

**Repairing Hardwood Floors**

*(Video) This Old House: Repair a Tongue-and-Groove Wood Floor*

*Wisconsin Historical Society: Preserving Wood Floors in your Historic Building*

*Old House Online: Repairing and Refinishing Old Hardwood Floors*

**Dealing with Lead Paint**

*NPS Brief 37: Appropriate Methods of Reducing Lead-Paint Hazards in Historic Housing*

*EPA: Renovation, Repair and Painting Program Contractors*

*HUD: Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting*

*Maine DEP: Lead Training Courses*

*Maine Housing: Lead in Maine*

**Checking Clapboards for Signs of Deterioration**

*International Association of Certified Home Inspectors: Wood Siding Inspection*

*Wisconsin Historical Society: Common Problems with Wood Siding on your Historic Building*

*(Video) John Leeke: Exterior Woodwork- Repair Split Clapboard*

**Pretty Vines that Damage your Historic Home**

*Architectural Trust: Preservation by Prevention: Vines and Other Vegetation*
What to Look for in a Preservation Contractor or Craftsperson
Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office: How to Choose a Qualified Contractor
Georgia Department of Natural Resources: How to Select a Preservation Consultant or Contractor
Maine Preservation’s Preservation Professionals Database
National Trust for Historic Preservation: Should you DIY or Hire a Professional

Books for Do-it-Yourselfers:
The Investigation of Buildings, Donald Friedman
The Old House Doctor: The Essential Guide to Repairing, Restoring and Rejuvenating your Old Home
Saving America's Windows: Caring for Older and Historic Wood Windows
Window Preservation Standards
John Leek's Historic HomeWorks

Resources for Further Exploration:
Maine Preservation’s Field Service Program
Illustrated Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Structures
National Park Services: Preservation Tech Notes
Secretary of Interior’s Standards
Historic New England: Tips for Historic Homeowners