



## The Workshop

Experience has taught us that the character and content of historic mortar is critical when considering the long-term preservation of a masonry building. This workshop offers the opportunity for property owners, contractors, architects, and preservationists to learn from two recognized experts on historic masonry how to approach the stabilization and sustainable preservation of historic masonry structures.

## The Experts

**David Arbogast** offers experience from his long career with the National Park Service (NPS), both as a Historical Architect and as an authority on mortar issues. Now an independent consultant, he works extensively on contracts with the NPS on private projects across the nation. He brings together a historical approach to the development of mortar and his knowledge of modern analytical tools for the replication of specific historic formulas and applications. His presentations cover historic masonry, stucco, terra cotta, and chinking, as well as mortar, and case studies of historic masonry buildings.

**John Speweik**, of Speweik Preservation Consultants, is a historic masonry specialist widely recognized for

his work on landmark historic properties. He is a mason, an advisor, and a consultant on historic masonry, deeply involved in the training of masons on lime mortar installation. He is co-author of “Preservation Briefs #2: Repointing Mortar Joints in Historic Masonry Buildings” (U.S. Department of the Interior, NPS). Currently he is engaged with other members of the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) in developing new standards for restoration mortar. His workshop presentations center on the old problems of moisture damage—causes, solutions, and preparing mortar specifications—and on evaluating qualifications of masonry contractors.

## The Schedule

The experts will present the same seminars on two different days in two communities, Ames and Mount Vernon. Each all-day workshop includes two seminars by each expert with question-and-answer periods following, a walking audit of masonry buildings in the host community’s historic downtown, lunch, refreshment breaks, and a chance to network with the experts and other attendees.

### Brief Workshop Schedule

**Registration** 8:30-9:00

**Welcome** 9:00-9:15

**Session 1** 9:15-10:30 Historic Masonry & Mortar  
*Break 10:30-10:45 (Coffee)*

**Session 2** 10:45-12:00 Case Studies of Buildings  
*Walking Tour & Lunch 12-1:15*

**Session 3** 1:15-2:30 Moisture Damage & Mortar Preparation  
*Break 2:30-2:45 (Coffee)*

**Session 4** 2:45-4 Choosing a Qualified Contractor

**Mortar Matters: A Joint Masonry Workshop — Ames and Mount Vernon — March 26th and 27th, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**



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**The registration fee is \$35. This fee includes a box lunch for anyone registered by Friday, March 18th.**

The registration fee covers sessions, resource CDs, and lunch (if paid by March 18). To register for the workshop of your choice, complete the registration form at the bottom of this page, clip it, and mail it with a check made out to the appropriate sponsoring organization. Workshops will be held at the same street addresses as below.

**Ames Workshop, Friday, March 26th**

<http://www.cityofames.org/HousingWeb/Default.htm>

**Make checks out to:** City of Ames  
**Memo line:** "Masonry Matters"

**Send Ames registration to:**

Ms. Vanessa Baker-Latimer, Housing Director  
City of Ames  
Planning & Housing Department  
P.O. Box 811  
515 Clark Avenue  
Ames, IA 50010

**Mount Vernon Workshop, Saturday, March 27th**

<http://www.cityofmtvernon-a.gov/>

**Make checks out to:** City of Mount Vernon  
**Memo line:** "Masonry Matters"

**Send Mount Vernon registration to:**

Ms. Kay Johansen  
c/o City of Mount Vernon  
213 1st St. W.  
Mount Vernon, IA 52314

**Questions? For Mount Vernon:** Dick Thomas (319) 895-8348  
**For Ames:** Ames Planning & Housing Department (515) 239-5400

**Mortar Matters  
Registration**



**Registrant's**  
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**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Which workshop will you attend?**

- Ames Workshop, Friday, March 26th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Mount Vernon Workshop, Saturday, March 27th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**I am (check all that apply)**

- an architect
- a contractor
- a business/home owner
- a preservationist
- a member of Main Street Iowa
- a CLG/Historic Preservation Commission member
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your box lunch preference:**

- Regular lunch
- Vegetarian lunch