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Lisa Demarais has been selected for the Old Salem Museums & Gardens summer internship, underwritten by the NSCDA-NC. The internship is a full-time, temporary staff position for 10 weeks and is directed at graduate students in museum studies, American history, historic preservation, historic architecture and archaeology.

Activities focus on aspects of the Old Salem National Historic Landmark District in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where the NSCDA-NC owns the oldest surviving building, the 1768 Fourth House. Demarais will work on a local landmark designation of the St. Philips complex and related African American resources. During her tenure, Demarais will reside in the Scholar's Loft in Old Salem.

Demarais graduated from Georgia State University in 2015 and is currently a student in the Master of Historic Preservation Program at the University of Georgia. She is an intern with the Hargett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at UGA, was recently honored with the UGA Environment and Design Scholarship, and was appointed Vice President of the Student Historic Preservation Organization.

Her academic interests include preservation planning, cultural resource management, historic landscapes, sustainable urban development and diverse heritage. In her spare time, Demarais enjoys yoga, hiking with her husband and dog, video games and reading.

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