



Like windows, doors and their surrounding elements provide important clues to the style and history of a building and are considered significant historic elements. Entrances range from large doors surrounded by sidelights and transoms to simple “half glazed” doors with little or no trim. Entrances are part of the overall architectural style of a house and on simpler houses may be the only stylistic reference. Entrances often provide a focal point for stylistic elaboration, establish balance on the facade, provide light to windowless central halls, or promote cross ventilation.

- Maintain and preserve historic doors, screen doors, and surrounding elements. Repair damaged portions of historic doors rather than replacing the door in total.
- Replace historic doors and screen doors damaged beyond repair with doors that match in material and design.
- Maintain the historic door placement on the facades.
- New door openings may be considered on side and rear elevations provided they use traditional placement patterns.
- Doors for new openings or for replacing later, non-historic doors should relate to historic doors in the following ways: a) use matching materials, b) be of matching or similar size, and c) use matching or similar design.
- Use storm doors which match the color of the door frame and hide the door as little as possible.

*This house's Craftsman style door is important to the overall historic character of the structure. Changes to the primary entrance such as ...*



*replacement with a stock door, or ...*



*replacement with a decorative door and surround of another architectural style, or ...*



*adding a concealing storm door all negatively impact the historic integrity and value of the home.*

