

Two Day Workshop on Architectural Finishes at Como

Through exploration of the stucco and external finishes at Como, you will learn about investigation and research into original finishes to historic buildings, the process of making and applying Victorian stucco and conservation of stucco, including paint removal methods and making and applying lime based finishes.

The workshop is based on presentations and practical sessions where you can try your hand at mixing and applying plain and decorative stucco and mixing, tinting and applying lime-based surface finishes.



Date: Friday 12 April & Saturday 13 April 2019, 8.30 am – 4 pm both days

Location: Como House & Gardens, Williams and Lechlade Avenue, South Yarra, VIC 3141

Cost: \$200 or \$160 Concession and National Trust Members (includes morning tea and lunch on both days)

Bookings: Express your interest asap by e-mail to Alyce McCue - alyce.mccue@nattrust.com.au
(Limited positions available)

Program

Day 1 – Friday 12 April – Commencing 8.30 am - Finishing at 4 pm

Activity	Details	Presenter
Morning – Research and Findings		
Research Process at Como Investigation of architectural finishes Historic evidence of paint finishes The pink wall finishes The wood grained joinery Condition of stucco Architectural stucco Historical evidence of process Preferred historical finishes Option for repairs Options for finishes	Illustrated discussion regarding the research and the findings of investigation of external finishes at Como Illustrated discussion regarding the history of finishing and conservation considerations and options	Donald Ellsmore, researcher, conservation specialist
Afternoon – Understanding stucco		
Practical session Stucco finishes – Victorian stuccoes Processes of making and using stuccoes Stucco finishing techniques	Demonstration of sand slaking and mixing mortar with putty Sands and grading of layers trowelling and floating plaster in layers, running casting/pressing mouldings	Ray Wiltshire, lime and plaster practitioner

Day 2 – Saturday 13 April – Commencing 8.30 am - Finishing at 4 pm

Activity	Details	Presenter
Morning – Conservation of stuccoes		
Practical session Practical conservation of stuccoes Paint removal processes	Review of Como finishes issues Demonstration of paint removal systems Thermotec superheated water Paint strippers, including Let's Clean Heritage #1, Soy Gel, Wonderstrip BluVac captive head washing	Donald Ellsmore, Ray Wiltshire and Simon Davies, heritage specialist contractor
Afternoon – Re-finishing techniques		
Lime-based finishes for stuccoes Making and applying lime-based finishes Alternative finishes Best practice solutions with stuccoes	Demonstration of application methods and finishes relevant to Stucco at Como Lime washes with traditional tints and additives Cement paint, duromat, mineral silicate	David Kahn, specialist painter