

# ARCHITECTURAL TERMS

## Handout 4 - Self-Guided Tour

1. **BALUSTER – TURNED / SAWN** – small posts that support the upper rail of a Railing – either turned or flat /sawn.
2. **BAY** – a protruding section of a building's wall.
3. **BOARD AND BATTEN** – exterior siding made of wide boards with narrow strips installed over the seams.
4. **CLAPBOARD SIDING** – exterior siding made of narrow boards that slightly overlap each other, with the lower edge of the board thicker than the top edge.
5. **CORNICE** – uppermost section of mouldings along the top of a wall or below the roof.
6. **DORMER** – an attic window that is set vertically into a sloped roof.
7. **DOUBLE HUNG WINDOW** - a window which operates by means of two sashes that slide vertically past each other.
8. **EAVES** – the underside portion of a roof that overhangs the walls of a building.
9. **FANLIGHT** - semicircular or semi-elliptical window over a doorway / other window.
10. **FENESTRATION** – the stylistic arrangement of windows in a building.
11. **GABLE ROOF** – a two-sided roof that forms a top peak.
12. **GAMBREL** – a roof with two slopes – a steeper lower and a flatter upper.
13. **GLAZED** – glass in windows.
14. **HIP ROOF** – a four-sided roof that slopes to the eaves on all sides.
15. **MANSARD** – two slopes on each of four sides of a roof.
16. **MULLION** – a decorative divider that separates sections of a window or door.
17. **PEDIMENT** – low-pitched triangular gable.
18. **PIER** – a supporting column.
19. **PORTICO** – a large porch usually with a pediment roof supported by classical columns or pillars.
20. **REGISTER** – the vertical sections of a building / part of a building.
21. **SIDELIGHTS** – framed window on either side of a door or window.
22. **STUCCO** – an exterior material made primarily of plaster.
23. **TRANSOM** – horizontal glazed opening above a door or window.
24. **TURRET** – a cylindrical section of a building that projects outward from the main structure.
25. **VERANDA** – a living space open to the outside.
26. **VERNACULAR** – methods of construction that rely on locally available resources and traditions to address local needs.
27. **WINDOW BAND** – a horizontal span of three or more windows