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**Prairie Building History Is Featured Exhibit at
Upcoming First Friday Reception**



DHIC, Inc. will host a First Friday reception on Friday, December 4th, from 6 – 8 PM in the historic Prairie Building, at 113 S. Wilmington Street in downtown Raleigh's Moore Square historic district.

The reception will showcase a new historical exhibit in the storefront Prairie Building window celebrating the rich history of the building over the past 138 years. Through graphics, photographs and historic documents, the exhibit tells the story from the building's 1870's design by prominent architect

Joseph P. Prairie, to its many owners neighbors, and tenants, including Nowell's furniture company location. Research for this exhibit was completed by architectural historian Ruth Little.

DHIC purchased and renovated the Prairie Building in 2000 with financial assistance provided by the City of Raleigh and Progress Energy. The street level floor is home to the DHIC office and Homeownership Center, while the second and third floors feature eleven affordable apartments.

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