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2020 Statewide Preservation Awards

The statewide Preservation Awards are sponsored by the Office of the Governor, the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, and Preservation South Carolina. To see photographs and a list of the recipients for each award please visit https://preservesc.org/the-2020-historic-preservation-awards/.

Preservation Service Awards: Dorchester Heritage Center, Baxter-Patrick James Island Library, Summerton Community Action Group, Sally Reahard Visitor Center at Drayton Hall

Stewardship Awards: Holly Spring School, Clemson University, Hampton-Preston Mansion & Gardens

Heritage Tourism Award: Columbia 63: Our Story Matters

Preservation Honor Awards: Hotel Trundle, Columbia; Neville Hall at Presbyterian College, Clinton; Jackson Street Cottages, Charleston; Claussen’s Bakery, Columbia; and 127 West Main Street (Initial Q Restaurant/Under-Pin Lanes’N Lounge), Spartanburg

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State Board of Review Approves Nominations to the National Register

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met online Friday, July 24, 2020 and approved the following nine nominations:
- Means-Gage House, Beaufort, Beaufort County
- Host of America Motel, North Charleston, Charleston County
- Marine Barracks, Charleston Navy Yard, North Charleston, Charleston County
- Pee Dee River Rice Planters Historic District (Boundary Increase & Additional Documentation), Pawleys Island vicinity, Georgetown County
- Sandy Island School, Sandy Island, Georgetown County
- Ruth’s Beauty Parlor, Columbia, Richland County
- Stone Manufacturing Company, Columbia, Richland County
- Veterans Administration Regional Office, Columbia, Richland County
- Epps-McGill Farmhouse, Kingstree vicinity, Williamsburg County

The nominations will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service in Washington, DC who makes the final decision about listing the property in the National Register. For more information about the State Board of Review and the draft nominations, visit https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/national-register/state-review-board or contact Virginia Harness at vharness@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6179 or Edwin Breeden at ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6182.

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Tax Credit Spotlight

Businessman James S. Simmons constructed this 2-and-a-half story residence in 1893 as the first of a series of Queen Anne style houses in Charleston (see Before and After images below). The house features a slate shingle roof with a corner turret, an encircling piazza with fluted columns and a pedimented entry, paired one-over-one windows, and details like stained glass windows and fish-scale shingle siding. The new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Clawson Jr., recently completed a rehabilitation project that included repairs to the slate roof, siding, porch elements, and structural members. The project also included repairs to the original windows and doors, repointing of the masonry foundation, and upgrades to the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. The rehabilitation of this 19th-century home was completed in 2020 with the use of the state homeowner historic rehabilitation tax credits. For more information about tax incentives for historic properties visit https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/tax-incentives.

Figure 1: Before

Figure 2: After
SC African American Heritage Foundation Is Now WeGOJA Foundation

The South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation has recently re-branded itself as the WeGOJA Foundation. Under the new brand, the non-profit will collaborate with civic, government and business leaders to strengthen its advocacy for historic preservation and to raise money to support the efforts of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission. For more information about the Foundation and its current initiatives visit https://www.wegoja.org/.

Call for Proposals for Keeping History Above Water Conference

The Clemson/College of Charleston Graduate Program in Historic Preservation and the Clemson Master of Resilient Urban Design Program are partnering with the Newport Restoration Foundation to bring the Keeping History Above Water conference to Charleston in March 2021. The conference is currently accepting proposals for the 3-day event, which will include morning presentations, afternoon tours, site visits, and hands-on projects that allow attendees to experience how stakeholders are taking on water-related preservation challenges. More information about the call for proposals (due October 1, 2020) is available at http://historyabovewater.org/2021-charleston/.

IRS Issues Guidance on Rehabilitation Tax Credit Deadlines

The Internal Revenue Service recently issued Notice 2020-58 (PDF) that provides additional relief to taxpayers in satisfying the substantial rehabilitation test because of the burdens the COVID-19 pandemic may have placed on taxpayers claiming the rehabilitation credit. More information is available at https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-grants-additional-relief-for-rehabilitation-credit-deadlines.

American Association of State and Local History Annual Meeting Scholarships

The American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) is providing assistance for first time attendees from seven Southern states, including South Carolina, to participate in this year’s virtual annual meeting to be held online September 24-30, 2020. Individuals who would be attending the AASLH Annual Meeting for the first time are eligible for this special regional assistance. For details go to https://aaslh.org/2020annualmeeting/. AASLH’s usual Small Museums Scholarships and the Douglas Evelyn Scholarships for Diversity are also available. Each scholarship will cover a “Full conference” registration. All scholarship applications are due by August 26.

Conferences / Workshops / Events

Many organizations are now offering virtual workshops, seminars, tours, and training in lieu of in-person events.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has gathered an extensive set of resources to assist organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic, including recorded webinars and links to a wide range of information collections that can be accessed on the Preservation Leadership Forum website.
NEW SC African American Heritage Commission and WeGOJA Foundation present “Drumbeat: The Rhythm of African American History and Culture in South Carolina” each Sunday via livestreaming on Facebook. For more information https://twitter.com/SCAAHistory/status/1291578276281024514/photo/1.

NEW National Preservation Institute podcast series “Preservation Profiles” at https://preservationprofiles.org/. Hear from some of the inspiring individuals who are shaping the field of preservation in the United States. You can listen to episodes from the NPI website or in a podcast app.

NEW Adventures in Preservation is providing a list of virtual programming related to historic preservation.

NEW Preservation North Carolina is offering The Shelter Series, an online series of programs about historic places and landscapes. Visit https://spark.adobe.com/page/ImZlOqfSNydBR/.

NEW Drayton Hall is offering a webinars on a range of topics. For more information and to register visit https://www.draytonhall.org/visit/events-calendar/.

South Carolina Humanities is providing information about virtual programming at https://schumanities.org/.

SC Department of Natural Resources offers Virtual Archaeology Programs starting in August. Register for one of the 32 available Archaeology for Kids, Teens and Adults virtual programs taking place from Monday, August 3 through Friday, November 13, 2020. For additional information or to request a virtual program, please email SCDNR Heritage Trust historian Alyssa Jones (JonesA@dnr.sc.gov).

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is now offering digital classroom versions of their Section 106 training courses:

- **Section 106 Essentials** will be offered in two four-hour sessions on consecutive days: August 18-19; September 15-16, October 13-14, November 10-11, and December 8-9, 2020. The sessions will occur from 12:30 – 4:30 pm Eastern time on each day. The registration fee is $350.

- **Section 106 Agreements Seminar** will be offered as a four-hour session on: August 20, September 17, October 15, November 12, and December 10, 2020. The session will occur 12:30 – 4:30 pm Eastern time. The registration fee is $300.

To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom. Be sure to register soon, as each class is limited to 30 participants. Email training@achp.gov with any questions.

American Association of State and Local History Annual Meeting, September 24-30, 2020, online. The Annual Meeting will be held online, with conference registration now open. More information is available at https://aaslh.org/2020annualmeeting/.


NEW American Revolution Symposium. November 14, 2020. The SC Archives & History Foundation is hosting the American Revolution Symposium online. Registration is limited and information on how to register is available at https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/category/news-events/.

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Grant Application Deadlines

Online sources of grant information:

National Park Service State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division
National Trust for Historic Preservation Special Grant Funds
Preservation Directory Grants & Funding Resources
State Library Grants Research Assistance
SC Grantmakers Network
Federal grants Grants.gov
Foundation Center Foundation Directory Online

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