

# *News in Review*

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### **1. Survey Workshop**

There is still time to register for the Survey Workshop on September 15! The workshop is free, with lunch on your own. Light refreshments will be available during the workshop, which runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Archives & History Center in Columbia. Please contact Jennifer Satterthwaite by **September 10<sup>th</sup>** at (803) 896-6171 or [jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us)

### **2. SCDAH is Now on Twitter and Facebook**

You can now follow news and events from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History on Facebook and Twitter.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Columbia-SC/South-Carolina-Department-of-Archives-and-History/118232443651#/pages/Columbia-SC/South-Carolina-Department-of-Archives-and-History/118232443651>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/SCArchives>

### **3. Survey Location Data Guidelines**

In a continued effort to improve the accuracy of our cultural resource data, the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) would like to remind all consultants and entities submitting location data for GIS use to ensure that the location for each surveyed resource is accurate. The SHPO has found that in the majority of Section 106 surveys and in larger surveys that cover municipal areas the GIS information we receive is usually accurate. However, on larger-scale projects, such as countywide surveys, the points submitted for individual sites can be incorrectly plotted beyond an acceptable margin of error. To ensure that the points are plotted accurately the SHPO suggests:

- Double-check all points from field-work against both topographic maps and aerial photographs (ortho maps) to ensure that the points align with visible structures and are in the proper location
- All GIS data submitted to SHPO should be projected in UTM NAD 27 (Zone 17). Consult early with SHPO's GIS Coordinator Chuck Cantley [ccantley@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:ccantley@scdah.state.sc.us) to ensure that GIS data is being assembled in the correct fashion and can be easily integrated into our system.

- Do not rely on GPS plotting alone to provide location data on surveyed resources. If a GPS point is taken from the edge of public right-of-way for a structure that is hundreds of feet off of the road, the location data will not be within an acceptable margin of error. If a GPS-type technology that rectifies this problem is available and is planned for use, contact the SHPO Survey Coordinator David Kelly [kelly@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:kelly@scdah.state.sc.us) and GIS Coordinator (see above) to discuss the feasibility of using such technology for your survey work.

SHPO's goal is to have accurate data for all points in the system. The extra effort that is put into ensuring accurate location data can pay off down the road when that data is accessed for future Section 106 studies or planning work. SHPO is open to any developments in the evolving technology used to record cultural resources data and asks that consultants contact us to share information on worthwhile developments in the field and their applicability to recording cultural resource data in South Carolina.

For further information or questions, please contact SC SHPO Survey Coordinator David Kelly [kelly@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:kelly@scdah.state.sc.us) or (803) 896-6184.

#### **4. Upcoming Events**

**October 27 – 29, 2009:** Section 106: Agreement Documents, in Columbia, SC. This advanced seminar from the National Preservation Institute focuses on memoranda of agreement and programmatic agreements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Learn how to survive and thrive during the agreement process through careful analysis, clear writing, and good negotiation. Review the available tools, guidelines—alternatives and non-alternatives—to reach a favorable conclusion to the process. For registration and more information, visit [www.npi.org](http://www.npi.org).

**November 3, 2009:** Preservation 101: An Introduction to Programs and Tools in South Carolina at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History in Columbia, SC. This session will include hand-outs and lunch. Registration is \$20.00 and the deadline is October 30.