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SC Historic
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April 24, 2026



South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference 2025

Friday, April 25, 2025

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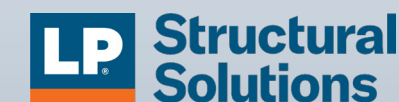
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

REGISTRATION 8:45–9:30 AM - LOBBY

SESSION 1: 9:30–10:20 AM

Timeless Treasures: Enhancing State Tourism with Historic Preservation AUDITORIUM

Discover how preserving our state’s rich historical heritage can drive tourism, boost local economies, and create unforgettable visitor experiences. This engaging panel discussion brings together passionate preservationists from SC Parks, Recreation and Tourism, moderated by Karen Quinn, architect for the Arsenal Hill Rehabilitation project. Together, they will explore innovative strategies and success stories that demonstrate how restoring and maintaining historic sites can attract travelers and foster community pride. This session will highlight practical approaches to integrating preservation for economic impact. Attendees will gain valuable insights into the collaboration between preservation experts, government agencies, and local communities, as well as actionable ideas for leveraging historic treasures to enrich visitor experiences.

Introduction to the Historic Preservation State Grant Fund * WACHOVIA ROOMS

The Historic Preservation State Grant Fund is a recent addition to the programs of the State Historic Preservation Office. The purpose of the State Grant Fund is to support historic preservation projects that benefit local communities through the physical repair and rehabilitation of South Carolina’s historic buildings. Staff will provide an overview of the grant program from application to project completion, share tips for successful applications, and highlight examples of completed and ongoing projects.

SESSION 2: 10:30–11:20 AM

Sustainable Preservation – Strategies and Tools * WACHOVIA ROOMS

Led by Julie Arnold, Director of Historic Preservation Design with Lord Aeck Sargent Planning and Design, this session will focus on sustainable preservation strategies for small scale historic buildings. The synergy between historic preservation and sustainability can be leveraged for higher performing and more durable historic sites using inherently sustainable features of historic building (such as site orientation, deep overhangs, cross ventilation, and materials reuse) and preservation-friendly treatments (such as LED lighting, materials, and mechanical system approaches). A case study will highlight the concepts and show how Building Performance Analysis can be applied to historic buildings.

Studying the State’s Historic Built Environment: Resources of the South Carolina Historical Society AUDITORIUM

Learn how the collections of the SC Historical Society can

be used in the study of historic places and properties in the state. The SCHS is the state’s oldest and largest private repository and houses a rich and extensive collection of historic maps and hand-drawn plats in addition to drawings from architecture, engineering, and landscape firms as well as thousands of legal records containing title abstracts and estate inventories. Spanning over three centuries, these records represent every region of the Palmetto State and provide a wealth of information on the physical spaces of generations past. Archivists from the Society will introduce attendees to the historic property records available to researchers and how to access collections, both in person, and digitally through the Lowcountry Digital Library. Speakers will also discuss a multi-year project to digitize 13,000+ records related to the lives of enslaved people, as well as current efforts to digitize records relating to the American Revolution.

SESSION 3: 11:30 AM–12:20 PM

Current Research in Historic Preservation * AUDITORIUM

Students in the Clemson University Graduate Program in Historic Preservation will share brief summaries of their research on a wide range of topics in a series of fast-paced presentations, from technical preservation to policy issues to historic research in the Lowcountry and beyond. Amalia Leifeste, Program Director, and Laurel Bartlett, Research Associate Professor, will serve as the moderator.

Munitions, Coal Tar, and Coffey Dams: Archaeology in the Congaree River WACHOVIA ROOMS

In February 1865 Civil War ordnance and other articles of war produced by the Confederacy were dumped into the Congaree River near the Gervais Street Bridge in Columbia. Over the ensuing years several sanctioned and unsanctioned archeological investigations resulted in the recovery of hundreds of Civil War related artifacts. Then in June 2010, a tar-like material within the Congaree River at this location was reported to the SC Department of Public Health (formerly DHEC). Removal of the contaminated sediment was the preferred option for making the river as safe as possible for humans and wildlife, but would result in an adverse effect on the archaeological site. In 2024, after years of planning and coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Office of the State Underwater Archaeologist, the removal of the sediment from the river finally took place. Join TRC Archaeologist, Sean Norris, as he discusses the history and recovery of one of the most interesting archaeological sites in Columbia.

Archives Tour LOBBY

Curious about the collections and how to do research at the Archives & History Center? Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the archives and get tips on how to conduct research in the collections.

LUNCH: 12:30–1:30 PM

Lunch will be served in the Proprietor’s Hall outside of the meeting rooms and auditorium. Seating will be available in the meeting rooms and lobby areas. Weather permitting, seating will also be available outside in the garden.

SESSION 4: 1:30–2:20 PM

Mapping Charleston’s Black Burial Grounds * WACHOVIA ROOMS

Learn about this two-year, community-led initiative that resulted in the first comprehensive map of burial grounds in the City of Charleston. Led by the Preservation Society of Charleston and the Anson Street Burial Ground Project, and funded by the National Park Service, the goal of the digital map is to increase public awareness of Black burial grounds and to strengthen protection for these sacred spaces. Staff from the Preservation Society will share the origins of the project, scope, partnerships, methodology, advocacy, and lessons learned to inspire and encourage others to undertake similar projects.

Bluffton Preserved: The Rehabilitation of the Squire Pope Carriage House * AUDITORIUM

The circa 1850 Squire Pope Carriage House recently underwent a nearly \$2 million rehabilitation to adapt the former residence into Bluffton’s new Welcome Center and town staff offices. In this session, Glen Umberger, the town’s historic preservationist, will provide an overview of the two-year rehabilitation process that transformed the vacant and dilapidated timber-framed structure for this new public use.

SESSION 5: 2:30–3:20 PM

Preservation South Carolina’s Dawkins House Project * AUDITORIUM

Join Preservation South Carolina, in collaboration with a panel of project partners from USC-Union and Bennett Engineering, PE, for an in-depth look at the Dawkins House Project in Union, SC. Learn about the acquisition of the circa 1845 home (with portions dating to 1790) using Preservation SC’s Revolving Fund, stabilization work completed to date, future plans by USC Union to use it for an Alumni Center, and preservation challenges encountered along the way.

Using the Bailey Bill: Columbia’s Success Story * WACHOVIA ROOMS

Local governments in South Carolina have the option to offer a property tax incentive for owners of historic properties undertaking rehabilitation projects. Learn how the City of Columbia and Richland County have successfully implemented the Bailey Bill and its positive economic impact for both individual property owners and local governments. (A recent study noted over \$200 million in investments from 200+ projects using the program.) Staff from the City of Columbia will share tips for how to develop and administer a successful program and how to assist property owners.

Historical Marker Exhibit LOBBY

Please visit our current exhibit, which traces the nearly ninety-year history of the SC Historical Marker Program. Established in 1936, the marker program is one of the oldest programs of its type in the United States and includes more than 2,000 officially state-certified markers found in every county of the state. The program has been overseen by SCDHA throughout its history and is today administered out of the State Historic Preservation Office. Learn more about how countless South Carolinians have used the marker program to illuminate the Palmetto State’s past through its historic places.

SAVE THE DATE

for these upcoming SC Archives & History Foundation events:

May 17, 2025: African American Genealogy Workshop

September 18, 2025: 4th Annual Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop

November 15, 2025: 7th Annual American Revolution Symposium

For more details visit:
<https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/category/news-events/>

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