



SC Historic Preservation Conference 2026



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are accepting proposals for Educational Sessions for the 2026 Historic Preservation Conference, scheduled for **Friday, April 24, 2026** at the **SC Archives & History Center** in Columbia. Sessions can cover a variety of historic preservation topics, and range in difficulty from "Historic Preservation 101" to discussions of emerging issues. Suggested topics include:

- Case studies of successful historic preservation or archaeology projects
- Historic preservation technology / how-tos
- Funding: grants, tax credits, fund-raising
- Historic preservation advocacy / communication
- Local government / local design review topics
- Legal protections for historic places: easements, ordinances
- Preservation of Revolutionary War sites
- Preservation of African American historic places
- Sustainability, adaptation and resiliency for historic places
- Cemeteries: protection, care, documentation
- Researching historic properties
- Economic and community revitalization programs
- South Carolina architectural history

Other topics may be considered, but should directly relate to the preservation of historic buildings, sites, places, and structures. A session should be interactive and include strategies or solutions that attendees can apply in their own communities or organizations. Plan on **40 - 45 minutes for your presentation and 5 - 10 minutes for questions and answers**. Session proposals may be combined with other proposed sessions when appropriate. Up to three (3) speakers per session will have their conference registration fees waived.

To propose a session: Email the following information to Elizabeth Johnson at ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov and Alethea Harrison at aharrison@scdah.sc.gov. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt. **Proposals are due by December 16, 2025 at 5:00 PM.**

Name
Title
Organizational affiliation
Address (city, state, zip)
Telephone
Email

Description of session (2 paragraphs)
Speaker(s): include contact information for all speakers
Optional: Speaker bios, presentation, digital images, web links, anticipated audio-visual needs, and/or handouts (limit to 35 MB or less)

Questions? Please contact us:
Elizabeth Johnson at 803-896-6168, ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov or
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The fine print:
No proposals will be accepted after December 16, 2025. You will be notified via email if the proposal is selected or not by mid-January 2026. If the proposal is selected, **you must send a finalized presentation no later than April 17, 2026.**