Historic Preservation News and Notes
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May is Preservation Month

Throughout the month of May the South Carolina Department of Archives and History invites you to follow along with our Preservation Primers as we navigate through select Preservation Briefs to highlight ways owners can better maintain and understand the historic character of their properties. We invite you to follow along with these posts on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/scdah/.

The City of Columbia also has several events scheduled to highlight Preservation Month, check out the calendar at Preservation Month 2022. Included is a MidModSC Modernist Walking Tour of approximately a dozen sites in downtown Columbia on May 29. To sign up for the walking tour visit https://tinyurl.com/midmodsctour.

Historical Marker Prices Increase

The costs of ordering a state historical marker have increased. Please see the historical marker web page for the updated costs that are in effect until May 1, 2023.
Preservation Conference Presentations and Save the Date for 2023

Thanks to all of the wonderful speakers and attendees who made the return of the Historic Preservation Conference on April 22 a success! Presentations from the sessions have been posted to the conference webpage. Please save the date for next year’s conference - April 28, 2023. A call for session proposals will be posted this fall and announced in this newsletter and online.

Welcome New SHPO Staff

The SHPO recently welcomed Robert Larsen to our staff in the Archaeologist II position. Rob most recently worked in cultural resources management as an archaeological field and lab director for an engineering firm in Pennsylvania, and previously worked for the US Forest Service in both Pennsylvania and California doing field surveys as an archaeological technician. He received a Master of Science in Archaeology from the University of Edinburgh and a Bachelor of Arts in History from San Francisco State University.

State Board of Review Approves 6 Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met Friday, March 25, 2022 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia and approved the following nominations:

- Abbeville County Training School, Abbeville, Abbeville County
- Allendale Training School, Allendale, Allendale County
- Clarendon County Health Center and Office Building, Manning, Clarendon County
- Greer Mill, Greer, Greenville County
- Horry County Courthouse, Conway, Horry County
- Ellen Dean Hotel, Lancaster, Lancaster County

The nominations have been 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 to read 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.

Tax Credit Spotlight

Located within the Hampton Park Terrace National Register historic district in Charleston, this month’s spotlight is a one-story Minimal Traditional house built around 1930. Between 2021 and 2022, the current owners applied for the 25% State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit. The SHPO approved proposed rehabilitation work which included masonry repairs; structural repairs; in-kind roof replacement; compatible dormer addition; repairs to windows and doors; restoration of historic plaster; alterations to secondary spaces; upgrades to MEP; and rehabilitation of a historic outbuilding. This rehabilitation balanced a project with a wide scope of work and met the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. In 2022, the SHPO certified the completed work, earning the current owners the state income tax credit equal to 25% of eligible rehabilitation
expenses. The property owner, Anne Kelley Russell, highlights the benefits of the historic rehabilitation tax credit: “We view the historic tax credit as a lovely way to recognize our commitment to preserving our home and our historic neighborhood. Chris Tenny and other members of the State Historic Preservation Office were incredibly helpful in guiding us through the process and gave us additional ideas of ways we could better preserve our home. We are proud of what we have accomplished and are thankful for the historic tax credit program.” For more information about the homeowner tax credit program visit https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/tax-incentives/homeowner.

Photograph after rehabilitation. Image courtesy of owner.

Before rehabilitation photograph, showing paint deterioration. Image courtesy of owner.

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State Constitutions Exhibit at the Department of Archives & History

“All Political Power is Vested in and Derived from the People” The Constitutions of South Carolina is an exhibit of the recently conserved South Carolina Constitutions of 1776, 1778, 1790, 1861, 1865, 1868, and 1895. This is a rare opportunity to view the Constitutions of South Carolina. It is the first time these foundational documents have been displayed together for public viewing. Also on display is South Carolina’s 1682 recorded
copy of the Fundamental Constitution of Carolina. The free exhibit is at the South Carolina Archives and History Center at 8301 Parklane Road in Columbia. It is open Monday – Saturday 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. (On Saturdays the building closes from Noon – 1:00 P.M. for lunch).

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Calls for Paper Proposals

The Clemson University/College of Charleston Graduate Program in Historic Preservation will be hosting the 9th Preservation Policy Forum: A Critical Examination of New Design in Historic Contexts in March 2023 in Charleston. The forum is currently accepting paper proposals with a deadline of July 15, 2022. More information about submitting a proposal is available here.

The Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians calls for paper and session proposals for its annual meeting, to be held November 2-5, 2022, in Memphis, TN. Proposals are due May 6, 2022. Travel grants are available for students and emerging preservation professionals. For more information visit https://sesah.org/2022/02/17/cfp-for-annual-sesah-conference-2022/.

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American Revolution 250th Anniversary Commission Grant Program & County 250 Committee Initiative

South Carolina played a major role in the birthing of America 250 years ago. The South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) was created by the Governor and State Legislature in 2019 to help SC prepare for the many anniversaries of the Revolutionary Era (1770-1783 | 2020-2033). The SC250 Commission is encouraging each county to have one official County 250 Committee to help celebrate the people, places, principles, and events from each community. Email info@SouthCarolina250.com to find out if your county already has a committee forming.

To help each county get started, SC250 has just launched the County 250 Organizing Grants. These non-competitive grants offer $3,000 per county to aid in creating an “official” County 250 Committee and kick-starting the group’s activities. Plus, eight more grant programs are yet to come, covering everything from County Asset Assessment & Tourism Planning to Site Acquisition to Museum Style Panels. Find out how to get involved with the 250th American Revolution Anniversaries and the County 250 Committees at SouthCarolina250.com.

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Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events

Keeping History Above Water, May 15-18, 2022, Norfolk, VA. The conference will focus on adaptation, resilience, and solutions to the impacts of sea-level-rise, recurrent flooding, and climate change on historic resources. The conference includes an opening plenary, two days of conference sessions, and optional tours, site visits, and networking opportunities. Click on this link for more information.


Docomomo 2022 National Symposium, June 1-4, 2022, Philadelphia, PA. The Docomomo US National Symposium is the primary event in the United States for professionals to discuss and share efforts to preserve modern architecture and meet leading practitioners and industry professionals.
National Alliance of Preservation Commission’s Forum 2022 “Bridging the Divide”, July 13-17, 2022, Cincinnati, OH. FORUM is the only national conference focused on the issues facing local historic preservation boards and commissions. For more information visit https://napcommissions.org/forum/. Registration is now open.

The Slave Dwelling Project Conference: The Stono Rebellion and the Atlantic World, September 8-10, 2022, Charleston. Held in conjunction with a month-long commemoration of the 1739 Stono Rebellion, the 7th national conference will offer a hybrid format, with in-person activities in and around Charleston and a number of live-streamed virtual events. Click here to see the full 2022 schedule of the Slave Dwelling Project.

Preserving the Historic Road International (PHRI) Conference, Portland, OR, September 22-24, 2022. The conference will consist of panel discussions, a working field session to two historic roads in the Portland area, breakout working groups, and facilitated large group discussions. For more information go to http://historicroads.org/2021/06/29/2022conference/. Early-bird registration ends on August 1, 2022, and full registration ends on September 10, 2022. Questions? Contact Mr. Terry H. Klein at tklein@srifoundation.org.


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Grant Application Deadlines

April 28, 2022 FY22 Historic Preservation Fund Grants. Applications and instructions for the FY22 Historic Preservation Grants are available at https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants. Administered by the SHPO, the matching grants can assist two types of projects: Survey and Planning and Stabilization. Any local government, non-profit, or institution in South Carolina may apply for a Survey and Planning Project. Local governments, non-profits and institutions located in a CLG community may also apply for a Stabilization Project. At least ten percent of the state’s annual allocation from the National Park Service must be awarded to CLGs. Grant awards generally range from $2,500 to $35,000. For more information contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or bsauls@scdah.sc.gov.

Monthly, SC Humanities Council Mini Grants. SC Humanities awards Mini Grants to support public humanities programs of modest cost, with awards of $2,000 or less. Mini Grants are reviewed monthly with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information visit https://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply/#minigrants.

Monthly, SC Humanities Council Planning Grants. SC Humanities awards Planning Grants to support preliminary work in designing a project that warrants detailed planning because of its length, scope, or cost. Awards are $2,000 or less. Planning Grants are reviewed monthly with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information visit https://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply/#planninggrants.

Open for Applications, USDA - Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grants. This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area. Learn more & apply here.

Online sources of grant information:
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