Call for Proposals for the 2022 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference

We are currently accepting proposals for Educational Sessions for the South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference to be held on April 22, 2022 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. Educational Sessions can cover a variety of topics, and range in difficulty from “Preservation 101” to discussions of emerging issues. While we are planning to host the event in person, we are asking speakers to indicate if they would be able to present their session virtually if circumstances change. See the Call for Proposals for instructions to send a proposal. Deadline is December 15, 2021.

Research Room Holiday Schedule

The Research Room will be closed December 24th through December 28th for the Christmas holiday, and January 1st through 3rd for the New Year’s holiday.

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, November 19, 2021 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia and approved the following nominations:
The nominations are 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 Greenville’s Hampton-Pinckney National Register Historic District, this house was built in the mid-19th century for Frank Butler McBee, one of the grandchildren of Greenville founder, Vardry McBee, Sr. In 2020, the current owners rehabilitated the historic home with a scope of work that included interior plaster repairs; installation of insulation in the crawlspace; rehabilitation of the exterior, including repairing and replacing in-kind deteriorated siding and painting historic woodwork; window repairs; and structural porch repairs. Because the cumulative effect of this rehabilitation was consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, the SHPO evaluated it as a certified historic rehabilitation, earning the 25% State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit for the property owners. For more information about the homeowner tax credit program visit https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/tax-incentives/homeowner.
Check Out SCDAH Social Media and Blog

Check out the SC Department of Archives and History blog, the Silver Crescent, which has several new entries on research sources as well as Meet the Staff articles https://scdah.sc.gov/news. Follow along on Facebook and Twitter to learn more about the collections at the Archives, properties that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, historical markers (featured on Marker Mondays), and much more. The latest posts are always visible at the bottom of the agency home page https://scdah.sc.gov/.

National Trust for Historic Preservation Awards Recognize Clyburn, WeGOJA Foundation

Congratulations to the WeGOJA Foundation (formerly the South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation), recipient of an award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for organizational excellence. The WeGOJA Foundation provides support to further the mission of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission (SCAAHC) to identify and promote the preservation of African American sites, structures, and culture in South Carolina. For more information see this press release from WeGOJA.

The National Trust also presented Representative James E. Clyburn with the John H. Chafee Trustees’ Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Policy, which recognizes an individual or group of individuals who have done outstanding work in preservation advocacy, noting Clyburn’s support of funding for National Parks, National Heritage Areas, and the Historic Preservation Fund that includes funding for the African American Civil Rights Grant Program, Save America’s Treasures, underrepresented communities, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

To read more about these awards and others presented by the National Trust visit https://forum.savingplaces.org/blogs/forum-online/2021/11/04/the-2021-national-preservation-awards.

Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events
NEW 22nd Annual National Tribal Preservation Conference, January 25-28, 2022, online. Sponsored by the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO), this year’s conference theme is “Unity and Healing”. For more information visit the conference webpage. They are accepting presenter proposals through December 17, 2021.

National Council on Public History Conference, March 23-26, 2022, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. For more information visit https://ncph.org/conference/2022-annual-meeting/.

South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference, April 22, 2022, Columbia. Please hold the date for the return of the South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference. This one day event features a range of educational sessions on preservation, history, and research topics. The Call for Proposals for sessions is currently open, with a deadline of December 15, 2021.

Landmarks Conference, April 28-30, 2022, Lexington. The Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies is partnering with organizations in Lexington County to host the Landmarks Conference. If you have any questions, please contact the Confederation at sclocalhistory@gmail.com.

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.

Vernacular Architecture Forum 2022 Annual Meeting, May 18-21, 2022, San Antonio, TX. The event includes tours and papers sessions. For more information go to https://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/conference.

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/.

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. The call for abstracts is due January 13, 2022.

Grant Application Deadlines

NEW December 15, 2021 Telling the Full History Preservation Fund. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is accepting applications for this one-time grant program to interpret and preserve historic places of importance to underrepresented communities. The grant funding is made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and is subject to federal rules for award selection and reporting. For more information about eligible applicants, projects and to apply visit https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/tellingthefullhistoryfund.

January 11, 2022 Underrepresented Community Grants (URC). The National Park Service (NPS) Underrepresented Community Grant Program (URC) serves the mission of diversifying the sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places to include communities that are currently underrepresented. Projects
include surveys and nominations of historic sites associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register. Every application must produce a National Register nomination or an amendment. The funding opportunity announcement is **P22AS00047**. FY2021 Public Law 116-260 provides $1 million for the URC Grant Program.

**January 12, 2022 SC Humanities Major Grants.** Major Grants ($2,000 - $10,000) support public programs designed to be accessible by a broad audience, to serve citizens in urban, rural, and small-town settings, and to make possible humanities programs that illuminate and enrich the lives of both audiences and scholars. Drafts are strongly encouraged and will be accepted any time prior to the deadline. For more information visit [http://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply](http://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply) or contact tjwallace@schumanities.org.

**NEW January 12, 2022 SC Humanities Announces New Themed Grant Opportunity:** In honor of its upcoming 50th Anniversary (2022 – 2023), South Carolina Humanities has launched a new statewide Request for Proposals titled “SCH@50: Remembering the Past, Reimagining the Future.” Applications could address this theme from a variety of angles, including by exploring aspects of South Carolina’s history, considering how the state has changed over the last 50 years, looking at how to approach future challenges, or a combination of these.

**February 1, 2022 National Trust Preservation Funds.** Grants from the National Trust Preservation Funds encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects and are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies. The majority of funds are awarded to planning and education programs. Grants are awarded annually in three competitive rounds. For more information and to learn how to apply, visit [https://savingplaces.org/grants#XcBeJVVKjDA](https://savingplaces.org/grants#XcBeJVVKjDA).

**Online sources of grant information:**

- [National Park Service State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division](https://www.nps.gov/grants/)
- [National Trust for Historic Preservation Special Grant Funds](https://www.savingplaces.org/grants/)
- [Preservation Directory](https://www.savingplaces.org/grants/)
- [Grants & Funding Resources](https://www.savingplaces.org/grants/)
- [State Library Grants Research Assistance](https://www.savingplaces.org/grants/)
- [SC Grantmakers Network](https://www.savingplaces.org/grants/)
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