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Historic Preservation News and Notes

December 2025

Happy Holidays!

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History will be closed December 24-26, 2025, and January 1, 2026.

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SC Historic Preservation Conference Session Proposals Due December 16, 2025



SC Historic Preservation Conference 2026



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are accepting Educational Session proposals for the 2026 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference. The conference will be held on April 24, 2026 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. Educational Sessions can cover a variety of historic preservation topics and range in difficulty from "Preservation 101" to discussions of emerging issues. Visit the [Call for Proposals](#) for instructions on how to submit a proposal. **The deadline is December 16, 2025.**

State Board of Review Approves 8 National Register Nominations

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met on November 21, 2025 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia and approved the following nominations:

- St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Charleston, Charleston County
- Wehaken, Charleston, Charleston County
- Fairfield County Memorial Hospital, Winnsboro, Fairfield County
- Church of the Heavenly Rest, Hampton County

- Bracknell's Store Complex, Plum Branch, McCormick County
- Eau Claire Municipal Complex, Columbia, Richland County
- Romer Building, Columbia, Richland County
- St. James Rosenwald School, York County

The nominations will be 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. More information about the State Board of Review and the draft nominations are available at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Virginia Harness at vharness@scdah.sc.gov 803-896-6179 or Edwin Breeden at ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6182.



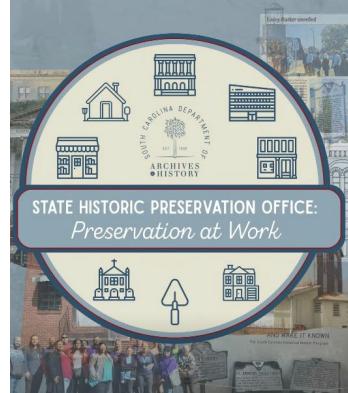
Top Left: St. Mark's Episcopal Church
 Top Right: Church of the Heavenly Rest
 Bottom Left: Romer Building
 Bottom Right: Bracknell's Store Complex

Preservation At Work Series

SHPO Program Videos

Check out the new short video series "Preservation at Work" to learn more about State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) staff and our programs. The short videos are released on the agency's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) sites.

The most recent video features the National Register of Historic Places and program co-coordinator Virginia Harness, a member of the SHPO staff.



Register Now: SC African American Heritage Commission 2026 Annual Conference

Annual Uplifting Voices 2026 Conference Registration Open!

February 28, 2026

SC Archives & History Center
Columbia, SC

Registration for the 2026 SCAAH Conference is officially open! Spaces fill quickly so reserve your spot sooner rather than later. The current schedule of events and registration link can be found on the [conference webpage](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Ayanna Goines, agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

South Carolina Foodways: The Culture, the History, the Taste



Saturday, February 21, 2026
Sponsored by the South Carolina Archives and History Foundation

If you are a lover of food, the South, and history, you will not want to miss this opportunity to explore the culinary history of our state while supporting the SCAHF mission to preserve and promote the documentary and cultural heritage of the Palmetto State. Join the SCAHF at the South Carolina Archives & History Center at 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC, for this event of enlightening information, entertaining anecdotes, and delicious food. Registration and the complete program are available at <https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/category/news-events/>.

Upcoming Conferences/Workshops & Training/Events

NEW Historic Preservation Leadership Course, January 21, 28, and February 4, 2026, online. The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation is offering this course over 3 virtual 2-hour sessions. It will include Georgia history, historic architectural styles, preservation law, and economic incentives for preservation. For more information visit [this link](#).

Accessing the Past: Accessibility in Historic Buildings and Facilities online. [This webinar](#) provides an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Architecture Barriers Act (ABA) accessibility requirements for historic buildings and facilities.

Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Conference, January 7-10, 2026, Detroit, MI. More information, including the preliminary program, is available at the [SHA conference website](#).

South Carolina Foodways: The Culture, The History, The Taste February 21, 2026, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. Join the SC Archives & History Foundation for a day of enlightening information, entertaining anecdotes, and delicious food. Details will be available in early December on the [Foundation's events webpage](#).

SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference, February 28, 2026, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. Contact [Ayanna Goines](mailto:Ayanna.Goines@scdah.sc.gov) for more information or visit the [conference webpage](#). Registration is now open.

SC Interpreters Mini-Conference, March 5-7, 2026, Columbia The SC Interpreters Mini-Conference welcomes interpreters from across the state to come together to learn through interactive sessions, Certified Interpreter led excursions, and networking events.

Landmark Conference 2026, March 19-21, 2026, York County. The Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies will hold the next Landmark Conference in York County. To receive more information about the Conference and other South Carolina history events send an email to sclocalhistory@gmail.com to be added to their e-group.

Southern Garden History Society Annual Meeting April 10-26, 2026, Williamsburg, VA. More information is available on the [conference webpage](#).

Main Street Now, April 13-15, 2026, Tulsa, OK. Sponsored by Main Street America, the conference offers education sessions, special events, mobile workshops, and networking. More information will be available on the [conference webpage](#).

SC Historic Preservation Conference, April 24, 2026, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. The annual conference features educational sessions on a wide range of historic preservation related topics. [Proposals for educational sessions](#) will be accepted thru **December 16, 2025**.

Vernacular Architecture Forum, May 27-30, 2026, Walla Walla, WA. The Vernacular Architecture Forum invites paper and poster proposals for its 47th Annual Meeting, "Columbia River Plateau: Atomic Space. Native Soil. Geologic Time." More information can be found in the [Call for Proposals](#).

FORUM 2026: Preservation Currents, July 22-26, 2026 Minneapolis, MN. FORUM is sponsored by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions and is the only national conference focused on local historic preservation district boards and commissions. Visit the [conference webpage](#) for more information.

9th Annual Slave Dwelling Project Conference, October 1-3, 2026, North Charleston. The theme of the conference is "250 Years and Counting: Reckoning, Resilience, and Remembrance." For more information visit [this link](#).

Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

Monthly, The SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) is accepting applications for FY26 Monthly Grants (up to \$15,000). Information about specific grant programs and requirements can be found at <https://southcarolina250.com/sc250grants/> or email: info@southcarolina250.com. SC250 also offers Major Grants (\$15,001 to \$125,000) and Premier Project Grants (\$125,001) with quarterly deadlines. Deadlines are posted on the [Grant Details](#) webpage.

NEW February 1, 2026 Richland County Conservation Commission Historic Preservation Grants. The historic preservation grants help landowners to preserve, restore, or rehabilitate historically significant buildings or sites in Richland County and to develop educational and research programs that promote historic preservation in Richland County. Grants are available up to \$50,000. For more information about eligible applicants, activities, and the application process visit [this link](#).

March 3, 2026 National Fund for Sacred Places. The National Fund for Sacred Places provides technical and final support for congregations to build capacity to use and preserve historic houses of worship. The National Fund administers monies through planning grants, wrap-around training and technical assistance, and matching capital grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000. **The 2026 application will open January 13, 2026**. For more information about eligibility, resources, past recipients, and how to apply visit the [fund website](#).

Partners for Sacred Places Intervention Fund, an emergency grant under the umbrella of the National Fund for Sacred Places that supports historic sacred places with building repair and recovery funds after an unanticipated emergency from extreme weather, property destruction, or urgent health and safety hazards. To learn more about the program and its grantees, please refer to the [Intervention Fund information flyer](#) or contact the Fund Director, Rachel Galton at rgalton@sacredplaces.org.

Online sources of grant information:

[Historicfunding database](#)

[National Park Service State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division](#)

[National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant Funds](#)

[State Library](#) Grants Research Assistance including online webinars

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