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2021 Historic Preservation Awards Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2021 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards. Sponsored by Preservation South Carolina, the SC Department of Archives and History, and the Office of the Governor, the Historic Preservation Awards recognize exceptional accomplishments in the preservation, rehabilitation, and interpretation of South Carolina's architectural and cultural heritage. The six award categories are: Honor Awards, Stewardship Awards, Preservation Service Awards, Heritage Tourism Award, Elected Official Honor Award, and Governor's Award. The nomination form is available at <https://preservesc.org/nominations-historic-preservation-awards/>. A PDF list of all previous recipients is available <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/resources/preservation-awards>. Questions? Contact Amy Fluette, 803-944-9425 or info@preservesc.org. **The submission deadline is March 26, 2021.**

Guidebook to South Carolina Historical Markers

The latest edition of *A Guidebook to South Carolina Historical Markers* is available in the SCDAH Gift Shop (and other bookstores). Compiled by Edwin Breeden, Ph. D., Coordinator of the Historical Marker Program at the SC Department of Archives and History (SCDAH), this guide includes all markers that SCDAH has approved since the program's establishment in 1936.

State Board of Review to Hold Online Meeting March 19, 2021

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet online Friday, March 19, 2021. The Board will consider the following nominations:

- Fort Fremont Battery (Boundary Increase and Additional Documentation), St. Helena Island, Beaufort County
- James Stocker Simmons House, Charleston, Charleston County
- US Highway 25, Edgefield, Greenville and Travelers Rest vicinities, Edgefield and Greenville Counties
- Poe Hardware and Supply Company, Greenville, Greenville County
- Beverly Apartments, Columbia, Richland County

Visit <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/national-register/state-review-board> for more information about the meeting. Nomination drafts will be posted online by March 5, 2021. Questions? Contact Virginia Harness at vharness@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6179 or Edwin Breedon at ebreedon@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6182.

FY21 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Applications Available

Applications and instructions for the FY 2021 federal Historic Preservation Fund subgrants are available at <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants>. Administered by the SHPO, these matching grants can assist two types of projects:

- **Survey and Planning Projects**—eligible projects include surveys of historic properties, National Register nominations, preservation education, and preservation planning.
- **Stabilization Projects**—eligible projects include stabilizing historic buildings or protecting historic buildings from the adverse effects of the weather. Stabilization Projects are limited to projects located in South Carolina's [Certified Local Government \(CLG\) communities](#).

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. **Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM, on Thursday, April 29, 2021.** Please contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or bsauls@scdah.sc.gov to discuss your project before you apply.

New Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

The **Ebony Guest House** at 712 and 714 Wilson Street in Florence was listed in the National Register on January 14, 2021. The tourist home is located at 712 Wilson Street and was operated by the local Holmes family, who lived in the adjacent property to the north at 714 Wilson Street. It is significant for its role as a Jim Crow-era tourist home for African Americans. Opened in 1950 and in operation until 1972, the Ebony Guest House exemplifies the sort of alternative spaces that African Americans created and maintained for their communities in a society defined by segregation. Knowledge of the Ebony Guest House circulated by word of mouth and its listing in the Negro Travelers' Green Book, the publication and widespread use of which testified

to the deep social value of the services offered by the businesses listed on its pages. To view photographs and read the nomination click on this link for the [Ebony Guest House](#).

Leevy's Funeral Home at 1831 Taylor Street in Columbia was listed in the National Register on January 14, 2021. Leevy's Funeral Home was built in 1951 and is significant for its association with African American community-building during segregation and with Isaac Samuel (I. S.) Leevy. Efforts to design and construct the building were led by Leevy's son, Isaac Kirkland Leevy. The two-story, Mid-century Modern building features a notable slate-stone façade on its southeast corner and has a high degree of historic integrity. The business's history is representative of the broader role black-owned funeral homes played for African Americans during segregation and provided vital services in caring for the dead with skill and respect. The property is also listed for its association with I. S. Leevy (1876-1968), a prominent local political activist and community leader. A founder of the Columbia NAACP and a prominent figure in state Republican Party politics, Leevy was one of the city's leading advocates for black political empowerment and educational equality in the early and mid-twentieth century. To view photographs and read the nomination click on this link to [Leevy's Funeral Home](#).

The **Citadel Shirt Corporation** at 1215 Shop Road in Columbia was listed in the National Register on January 15, 2021. The Citadel Shirt Corporation building is a single-story brick building with a modified rectangular plan and barrel-vaulted ceilings originally constructed in 1950 with additions made c.1954 and between 1955 and 1959. The building is significant in the area of Industry for its association with apparel manufacturing, a subsector of South Carolina's historically important textile manufacturing industry. The Citadel Shirt Corporation building is also significant in the area of Military for its connection to Fort Jackson through its employment by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES). The building is the only extant resource in Columbia associated with AAFES' Carolina Area Support Center (CASC), one of only fifteen Area Support Centers in the nation. To view photographs and read the nomination click on this link for the [Citadel Shirt Corporation](#).

The **Charleston Naval Hospital** at 3600 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on January 25, 2021. The Charleston Naval Hospital is an eleven-story pre-cast concrete former Navy hospital designed in the Brutalist style with New Formalist elements. It is locally significant under Criterion C in the area of Architecture as an excellent example of Modernism in North Charleston. The building was designed by the noted South Carolina-based architectural firm of Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolff. The property contains a total of nine resources, including: the Charleston Naval Hospital, the L. Mendel Rivers Plaza, and a mechanical outbuilding (all contributing); the Naval Hospital Residential Building, the residential building's basketball and tennis courts, a storage shed, and two guardhouses (all noncontributing). To view photographs and read the nomination click on this link for the [Charleston Naval Hospital](#).

In addition to these new listings, a boundary increase and additional documentation were approved for the **Columbia Commercial Historic District** on January 25, 2021. To access, follow this link to the [Columbia Commercial Historic District Boundary Increase II and Additional Documentation II](#).

African American Genealogy Resources at the SC Department of Archives and History

Check out the updated guide for conducting African American genealogy research at the SC Department of Archives and History. The online guide provides an overview of how to begin genealogy research, and describes the government records and finding aids that are available to help researchers. Check out the guide at <https://scdah.sc.gov/research-and-genealogy/resources/african-american-genealogy>.

National Trust Releases New Report on Preserving African American Places

The National Trust for Historic Preservation recently published a report titled "Preserving African American Places: Growing Preservation's Potential as a Path for Equity". The report seeks to elevate emerging ideas, research, observations, and questions on the critically important issues of equitable development, social justice, and the practice of preservation. To learn more about the report, and its companion piece, "Perspectives of Neighborhood Change: Case Studies", and the National Trust's African American Cultural Heritage Fund, visit [this webpage](#).

Conferences / Workshops / Events

Organizations continue to offer virtual programming on history and historic preservation topics including:

NEW The SC Archives & History Foundation Virtual Spring Speakers Series 2021 will host the following programs from noon to 1:00 pm.

- **March 16: The Excavation of Castle Pinckney** *Speaker:* John Fisher, USC SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology. This small masonry fortification constructed by the United States government by 1810, in the harbor of Charleston, served as a prisoner-of-war camp and artillery position and in 1970 was named to the National Register of Historic Places. Learn the latest on what has been discovered through excavation.
- **April 20: The Green Book** *Speaker:* Dawn Dawson House, SC African American Heritage Commission. The original Green Book was an African American travel guide to safe harbors and welcoming establishments across the United States, printed until the mid-1960s. And now the first mobile travel guide to African American cultural sites across South Carolina. Created by the [SC African American Heritage Commission](#), it provides residents and visitors from around the world a user-friendly guide to discovering and celebrating enriching cultural experiences across the state of South Carolina. It is enhancing other programs like Black Carolinians Speak and the South Carolina Family Reunion Toolkit.

The programs are free for SCAHF Members and \$5 for non members. Register at <https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/2021/01/25/virtual-spring-speaker-series-2021//>.

Professional Development Webinars for South Carolina Educators. The WeGOJA Foundation and the SC African American Heritage Commission are hosting a series of free professional development webinars for educators to help enhance their classroom instruction. The webinars provide easy-to-follow, curriculum based lesson plans, activities and resources for 3rd and 8th grade art and social studies. The material incorporates African American history and heritage into lesson plans and, through modeling, demonstrates how to address complex historical subjects in the classroom, like slavery and Civil Rights. To register visit <https://www.wegoja.org/teachers-webinars>.

National Preservation Institute Online Training Courses. The National Preservation Institute has launched a series of online training courses on a wide range of topics ranging from Section 106 to GIS to Historic Wood Windows to Streetscape Designs. Visit <https://training.npi.org/> for more information and listings, including several free offerings.

National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, March 8-27, 2021, online. For more information visit <https://ncph.org/conference/2021-annual-meeting/>.

Vernacular Architecture Forum, May 21-22, 2021, online. The Vernacular Architecture Forum focuses on the appreciation and study of ordinary buildings and landscapes in North America. More information about the virtual conference will be posted at <http://vernaculararchitectureforum.org/event-4046405>.

2021 Keeping History Above Water: Charleston Communities in Action, Charleston. Originally scheduled for March 2021, the organizing committee plans to reschedule the conference to the Summer or Fall of 2021. For more information visit <http://historyabovewater.org/2021-charleston/>.

Past Forward National Preservation Conference, November 2-6, 2021. Visit <https://savingplaces.org/conference#.YANAAuhKiF4> for more information and to sign up for conference updates.

Grant Application Deadlines

NEW March 9, 2021 Backing Historic Small Restaurant Grants. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and American Express are offering grants to help small restaurants in historic buildings survive the COVID pandemic. The application deadline is Tuesday, March 9 and grants will be for \$40,000. Twenty-five grants will be awarded nationwide for a total of \$1 million. For more information on the program visit [Backing Historic Small Restaurants](#). For answers to frequently asked questions visit [Backing Historic Small Restaurants FAQ](#).

NEW March 15, 2021 National Fund for Sacred Places. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has joined Partners for Sacred Places and the Lilly Endowment to establish the National Fund for Sacred Places. Through the National Fund, Partners for Sacred Places provides planning grants, technical assistance, and capacity-building support, while the National Trust provides preservation expertise and capital grants up to \$250,000 to help congregations restore and preserve historic places of worship. **Letters of Intent are due March 15, 2021.** For more information visit <https://fundforsacredplaces.org/>.

NEW March 31, 2021 Underrepresented Community Grant Program. The National Park Service's Underrepresented Community Grant Program (URC) is now accepting applications for projects that contribute to diversifying the nominations submitted to the National Register of Historic Places. URC grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), and are administered by the NPS. Projects include surveys and inventories of historic properties associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register, as well as the development of nominations to the National Register for specific sites. Congress has appropriated \$750,000 in URC funding for FY2020. For more information on the application process, read the [funding notice](#) for P21AS00262 at Grants.Gov.

NEW March 31, 2021 Historically Black Colleges and Universities Grant Program. The National Park Service's Historically Black Colleges and Universities Grant Program (HBCU) is now accepting applications for projects to fund physical preservation of National Register listed historic sites on accredited HBCU campuses. HBCU grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), and are administered by the NPS. Projects include pre-preservation studies, architectural plans and specifications, historic structure reports, and the repair and rehabilitation of historic properties according the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for

Archeology and Historic Preservation. Congress has appropriated \$10 million in HBCU funding for FY2020. For more information on the application process, read the [funding notice](#) for P21AS00241 at Grants.gov.

April 29, 2021 FY21 Historic Preservation Fund Grants. Applications and instructions for the FY21 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.

NEW May 5, 2021 Battlefield Interpretation Grants. The National Park Service invites applications for the new Battlefield Interpretation Grant program, created to fund "projects and programs that deploy technology to modernize battlefield interpretation and education" at eligible Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites ([54 USC §3081](#)). For more information about eligible applicants, eligible projects, and the application process visit <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/battlefields/battlefield-interpretation-grants.htm>.

Online sources of grant information:

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

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

[Preservation Directory Grants & Funding Resources](#)

[State Library Grants Research Assistance](#)

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