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2026 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference: Save the Date





Please remember to save the date for the 2026 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference: **Friday, April 24, 2026**, SC Archives & History Center in Columbia.

Look for details about the program and registration in next month's newsletter. The program and registration will also be posted on the [Preservation Conference webpage](#).

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 SCAAHC Annual Conference is officially open! Spaces fill quickly so reserve your spot sooner rather than later. The current schedule of session topics and speakers, along with the link to register are on the [conference webpage](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Ayanna Goines, agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

To keep up with the Commission and other activities and events around the state related to Black history and culture [subscribe to the SC African American Commission Newsletter](#).

Uplifting Voices Conference 2026

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 on the Foundation's [Events webpage](#).



SOUTH CAROLINA FOODWAYS:
the culture, the history, the taste

February 21, 2026

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
SC History Center
8301 Parklane Road, Columbia,
SC 29223



Register Today

Until Jan 10: \$65/person
Jan 11- Feb 7: \$90/person
Feb 8 - 15: \$100/person

Featured Presentations Include

- **Fowl Pleasures: A Historic Feast**—Amanda Dew Manning, president of Carolina FoodPros
- **Midlands & Middlins: The Secret Past and Future of Carolina Rice**—Glenn Roberts, founder of Anson Mills
- **Taste the State**—David Shields, author and professor, and Kevin Mitchell, former SC Chef Ambassador
- **Eating in Season: Black Foodways, Land, & Sustainability**—Amethyst Ganaway, award winning chef and food writer
- **A Love Brewed Over Time: Beer's Culture & My Beginning**—April Dove, Charleston brewer and founder of Tha CommUNITY

Space is limited. Pre-registration is highly recommended.
For more information, contact Donna Foster at dfoster@scdah.sc.gov

Summer 2026 SCDNR Archaeology Internship

Applications for the Summer 2026 SC Department of Natural Resources Archaeology Internship Program are now available [on the application portal](#). Applications close at 5 p.m. **ET on Friday, February 6, 2026**. This six-week internship will begin on Monday, June 1, 2026 and end on Friday, July 10, 2026. The internship is in-person and will take place at SCDNR's Parker Annex Archaeology Center



(2025 Barnwell Street, Columbia, SC 29201). Interns will gain a greater understanding of the field of archaeology and will include guest lectures, assistance with ongoing public engagement projects, archaeological investigations, processing artifacts and/or assisting with curation.

SCDNR Archaeology Interns visit SCDAH. Photo image from the SCDNR Instagram account.

Please email SCDNR archaeologist Meg Gaillard GaillardM@dnr.sc.gov with any questions or concerns.

2026 National Preservation Awards Nominations



The nomination process for the 2026 National Preservation Awards opens January 26, 2026 and nominations are due March 20, 2026.

Awards are presented in several categories to individuals, nonprofit organizations, public agencies and corporations. For more information visit the [awards website](#) or email awards@savingplaces.org.

Upcoming Conferences/Workshops & Training/Events

NEW National Preservation Institute Seminars and Webinars in April 2026:

- *Conservation Strategies for Archaeologists*, April 7-8, 2026, Newport News, VA.
- *Archaeological Curation and Collections Management*, April 9-11, Newport News, VA.
- *Conflict Management: Skill Development for Cultural and Natural Resource Managers*, April 14-16, 2026, online.
- *Section 106: An Introduction*, April 15-16, 2026, Montpelier, VT.
- *Tribal Cultural Monitors: An Introduction*, April 21, 2026, online.
- *Technology and Cultural Resources: Roundtable Conversation*, April 23, 2026, online.

For more information about these and other training opportunities in 2026 visit the [NPI website](#).

NEW Preservation Forum Webinar: Mapping Stories, Managing Places, Connecting Communities: GIS for Historic Preservation, January 28, 2026, 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET online. In this free webinar from the Preservation Leadership Forum Series participants will learn about several case studies that highlight the use of GIS by communities and preservation professionals to manage and visualize their unique histories. Register at [this link](#).

NEW Documenting Historic Cemeteries - Live Webinar, January 29, 2025. Offered by the American Association for State and Local History, the webinar will explore both digital and non-digital resources available through a variety of repositories such as topographical maps, Works Projects Administration surveys, and Eagle Scout projects to help researchers uncover information on previous documentation efforts while uncovering other potential avenues to further expand the breadth of documentary materials. Pulling from previous documentation projects, the webinar will help attendees develop a methodology to process information gleaned from all available resources. For information and to register [visit this link](#). Having issues registering? Please contact learn@aaslh.org.

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 are on the [Foundation's Events webpage](#).

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

NEW National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week, March 2-5, 2026. Hosted by Preservation Action and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, Advocacy Week will feature in-depth preservation policy trainings and briefings, member and partner meetings, tours, networking and congressional office visits. More information is on this [Preservation Action webpage](#).

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. More information is available on at [this link](#).

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. **Registration and program details will be available on the Conference webpage and announced in this newsletter.**

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 on the [VAF Conference webpage](#).

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. Join a [NAPC webinar](#) February 5, 2026 to learn about the Commission Excellence Awards and FORUM Scholars program.

NEW National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers 26th Annual Conference and Sacred Places Summit, August 24-26, 2026, Albuquerque, NM. This year's theme is "Living Cultures, Living Landscapes." Visit the [conference webpage](#) for more information.

NEW Historic Cemetery Workshop, September 9, 2026. Save the date for the Historic Cemetery Workshop sponsored by the SC Archives & History Foundation. More information will be posted on the Foundation's [Events webpage](#) and announced in this newsletter.

NEW Joint Conference of the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) and National Council on Public History (NCPH), September 16-19, 2026. For the first time these organizations are coming together for a joint conference of sessions, workshops, tours, and discussions focused on the theme "The Work of Revolution". More information is available on the [conference webpage](#).

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](#).

NEW Association for Preservation Technology (APT) Annual Conference, October 26-30, 2026, Indianapolis, IN. The conference theme is "The Crossroads of Preservation: Where Industry and Craft Come Together." The Call for Presentations is currently open with a deadline of February 4, 2026. For more information visit the [conference webpage](#).

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.

The Commission is also offering grant opportunities through May 2026 to support community engagement around [Carolina Days](#) from June 27 - July 5, 2026. Projects do not have to be limited to the traditional Revolutionary War era of 1770-1783 to be eligible, but must connect meaningfully to one of the established Carolina Days themes and help local communities celebrate the state's American Revolution history. Use the existing grant applications to apply, questions: email info@southcarolina250.com.

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 up to \$50,000 are available. For more information about eligible applicants, activities, and the application process visit [this link](#).

NEW February 6, 2026 African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund National Grant Program. The Action Fund's National Grant Program advances ongoing preservation activities for historic places such as sites, museums, and landscapes that represent African American cultural heritage. Grants support work in four primary areas: Capital Projects, Organizational Capacity Building, Project Planning, and Programming and Interpretation. For more information use this link for the [Guidelines and Application](#).

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. 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

[SC Grantmakers Network](#)

[Federal grants](#) Grants.gov

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