



## State Historic Preservation Office

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### Historic Preservation News and Notes

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Please report damage to historic properties caused by Hurricane Helene by completing our Hurricane Damage Report form, available on our [Disaster Preparedness & Recovery Resources](#) page, to assist our office and FEMA in assessing the extent of damage to historic properties.

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### 2,000<sup>th</sup> Historical Marker Dedicated at Finley High School

The South Carolina Department of Archives & History is proud to announce the dedication of South Carolina's 2,000<sup>th</sup> state historical marker on Friday, October 18, 2024. The marker honors Finley High School in recognition of the school's long service as an African American public school in Chester during segregation. Governor Henry McMaster helped mark the occasion along with state and local elected officials and members of the S.L. Finley Restoration Association. "We need to do more of this," Gov. Henry McMaster said during Friday's ceremony. "That's why we need to cover this state, to remind us and teach these

young people that spectacular things happened here. There's no place that has as much, as deep, as consequential history as this place."

For more information about the marker program visit [this link](#).



## SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference - Save the Date



### SC African American Heritage Commission

Save the date for the SC African American Heritage Commission Conference to be held on Saturday, **February 22, 2025** at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The conference will feature thematic panels related to African Americans in South Carolina including: Food and Foodways, Reconstruction, Gender and Resistance, Student Research, Place Making and Reclaiming Black Spaces, and a keynote by Cecil Williams. For more information and to receive updates about the conference and registration, email Ayanna Goines, [agoines@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:agoines@scdah.sc.gov).

## 2025 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference: Call for Proposals



SC Historic Preservation  
Conference 2025



**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

We are accepting proposals for Educational Sessions for the 2025 conference to be held on April 25, 2025 at the SC Archives & History Center. Educational Sessions can cover a variety of historic preservation topics and range in difficulty from "Preservation 101" to discussions of emerging issues. See the [Call for Proposals](#) for instructions on how to submit a proposal. **The deadline is December 16, 2024.**

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## State Board of Review Meeting: November 15, 2024

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet on Friday, November 15, 2024 at 10:30 am at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The Board will consider the following nominations:

- Commercial Hotel, Aiken, Aiken County
- Finley High School, Chester, Chester County
- Ruffin High and Elementary School, Ruffin, Colleton County
- Green's Funeral Home and Ambulance Service, Lake City, Florence County
- Edgewood School, Ninety Six, Greenwood County
- Atlantic Beach Historic District, Atlantic Beach, Horry County
- Bellevue-Newman's Field-Gracelynn Terrace Historic District  
(Additional Documentation & Boundary Increase) Columbia, Richland County
- Bob Russell Realty Building, Columbia, Richland County

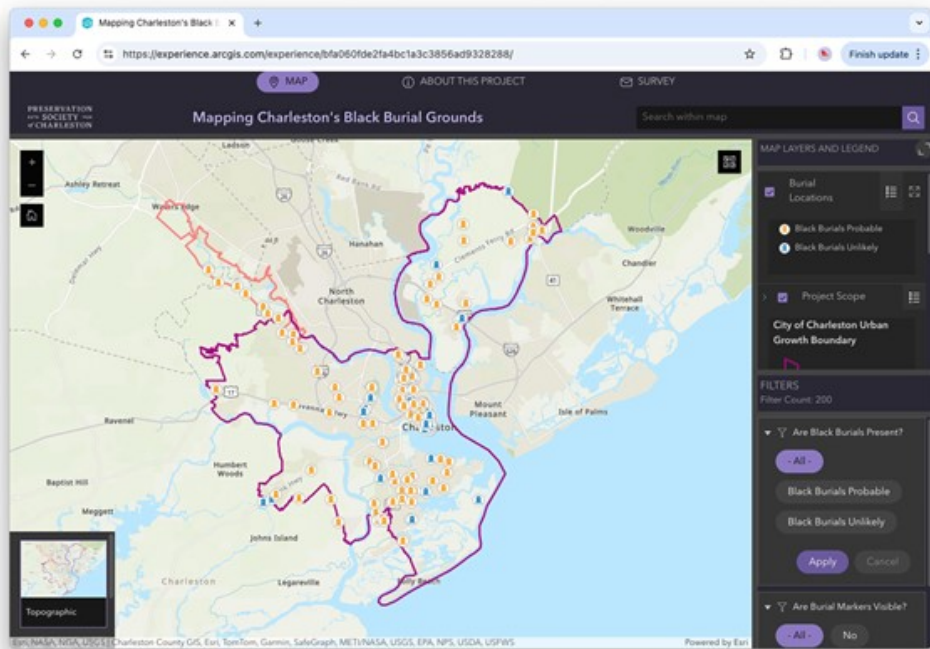
The public is welcome to attend the meeting. Draft nominations are posted at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Virginia Harness at [vharness@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:vharness@scdah.sc.gov), 803-896-6179 or Edwin Breden at [ebreden@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:ebreden@scdah.sc.gov), 803-896-6182.

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## Online Map of Charleston's Burial Grounds

The Preservation Society of Charleston (PSC) in partnership with the Anson Street African Burial Ground Project (ASABG) recently released the first [comprehensive map](#) of burial grounds in the City of Charleston, a project funded by a grant from the National Park Service. The map documents 200 burial grounds, 75% of which are likely the final resting places of Black Charlestonians. Content was created utilizing existing a variety of sources, including GIS data from the City of Charleston, Charleston County, and Berkeley County, the Chicora Foundation's 2010 report, *The Silence of the Dead: Giving Charleston Cemeteries a Voice*, as well as community input facilitated by PSC and ASABG from 2022-2024.

To offer additional information about a burial ground represented on the map, suggest a revision, or submit a new burial location, use the map [survey](#) or email Laurel Fay, Manager of Preservation & Research at [lfay@preservationsociety.org](mailto:lfay@preservationsociety.org).



## SC Preservation Toolkit

WeGOJA Foundation recently soft launched their "SC Preservation Toolkit" which aims to provide resources to individuals and organizations to help them meet their preservation goals for African American history. It includes entries for churches, cemeteries, genealogy, artifacts, oral history, and more. To explore the website, [click here](#).



## Historic Columbia Receives National Award

Congratulations to Historic Columbia on receiving the [Trustees' Award for Organizational Excellence](#) from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Historic Columbia is a private, non-profit preservation advocacy organization founded in 1961 that manages several historic sites in Columbia. In making the announcement the National Trust noted how the organization "has evolved into a community leader with world-class facilities and programming. Through strategic partnerships, they engage previously underrepresented people and communities in preservation initiatives that range from bricks-and-mortar



rehabilitation and restoration, to the recording of lost buildings and people.” Click on [this link](#) for information about all of this year’s award recipients.



*Historic Columbia Director of Preservation John Sherrer (center) accepts the Trustees' Award for Organizational Excellence from the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Board Chair Martha Nelson (left) and President and CEO Carol Quillen (right). October 28, 2024.*

## NEH Disaster Recovery Grants for Humanities Collections

The Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities has issued an open call for applications for the Chair’s Disaster Recovery Grants for Humanities Collections, to humanities organizations that steward collections affected by Hurricane and Tropical Storm Helene and Hurricane Milton. Emergency response and recovery activities may include salvaging humanities collections such as rare books, documents, photographs, artwork, sculptures, historical objects, audiovisual media, and digital collections.

**Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25, 2025**, [click here](#) to learn more.

## Upcoming Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events

**Association for Preservation Technology Conference**, November 12-16, 2024, Montreal, Canada. More information is on the [APT website](#).

**Southeastern Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting**, November 13-16, 2024, Williamsburg, VA. Meeting details and registration information is available at [this link](#).

**State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places**, November 15, 2024, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. The board will meet to consider 8 nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. The public is welcome to attend the meeting. Draft nominations are posted at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Virginia Harness at [vharness@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:vharness@scdah.sc.gov), 803-896-6179 or Edwin Breeden at [ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov), 803-896-6182.

**NEW Grant Writing Webinars**, online. The State Library is offering a webinar “Grant Writing: Creating a Winning Proposal, November 15, 2024 and December 11, 2024. The webinar is free but registration is required. Click [here](#) for more details and registration.

Questions? Contact Dawn Mullin at [dmullin@statelibrary.sc.gov](mailto:dmullin@statelibrary.sc.gov).

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual American Revolution Symposium**, November 16, 2024, Columbia. The program brochure and a link to registration can be found on the SC Archives & History Foundation's [Events webpage](#).

**NEW South Carolina Maritime History Conference**, February 1, 2025, Columbia. Save the date for this upcoming program sponsored by the SC Archives & History Foundation and the SC Department of Archives & History. Details & Registration will be available online in mid-November on the Foundation's Events webpage.

**South Carolina African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference**, February 22, 2025, Columbia. Contact Ayanna Goines at [agoines@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:agoines@scdah.sc.gov) for more information.

**Preserving the Recent Past 4**, March 19-21, 2025, Boston, MA. The conference will include sessions, plenary talks, workshops and tours focused on advocacy challenges and preservation strategies, history and context, and technical conservation issues and solutions for post-World War II resources. For additional information visit the [conference webpage](#).

**Landmark Conference 2025**, March 27-29, 2025, Sumter. The Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies will hold the next Landmark Conference in Sumter. **They are currently accepting session proposals**. For more information visit the [Landmark Conference](#) webpage or email [sclocalhistory@gmail.com](mailto:sclocalhistory@gmail.com).

**NEW South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference**, April 25, 2025, Columbia. This annual conference features educational sessions on a wide range of historic preservation related topics. Proposals for educational sessions will be accepted until December 16, 2024. See the [Call for Proposals](#) for more information and instructions on how to submit a proposal.

**Society of Architectural Historians 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**, April 30-May 4, 2025, Atlanta, GA. The conference features educational sessions, discussions, and architectural tours. Registration and travel information are available on the [conference webpage](#).

**Vernacular Architecture Forum**, May 14-17, 2025, Wilmington, DE. The Vernacular Architecture Forum invites paper and poster proposals for its 46th Annual Meeting: *From New Castle to Sussex: Big Stories from a Small State*. The **deadline is December 1, 2024**, click [here](#) for details.

**NEW American Association for State and Local History Conference**, September 10-13, 2024, Cincinnati, OH. The theme of the 2025 annual conference is "The American Experiment". **Proposals for conference sessions will be accepted until December 13, 2024**. Click on [this link](#) for additional information.

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## Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

**NEW December 12, 2024 Save America's Treasures Grants**. The National Park Service is accepting applications for the Save America's Treasures grant program. Grants are available to fund two types of projects: Collections and Preservation. Projects must support collections of national significance or preservation work on properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the National level of significance.

- More information and applications for SAT Preservation Grants via Grants.gov [SAT Preservation - P24AS00544](#).

- More information and applications for SAT Collection Grants via Grants.gov [SAT Collections - P24AS00545](#).

**December 13, 2024** The SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) is accepting applications for FY25 Major (\$15,001 - \$125,000) and Premier Project (\$125,001+) Grants. Information about specific grant programs and requirements can be found at <https://southcarolina250.com/sc250grants/> or email: [info@southcarolina250.com](mailto:info@southcarolina250.com).

**NEW February 1, 2025** The Richland County Conservation Commission (RCCC) Historic Preservation Grant: The RCCC is offering a grant to help non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, institutions, and commercial entities persevere and protect historic buildings in Richland County. The application will open December 1, 2024 and close February 1, 2025. For more information and eligibility criteria, visit this [webpage](#).

**February 28, 2025** Unity Cemetery Preservation Fund. The Fund supports preservation of historic African American cemeteries (dating from circa 1800 to 1942) in the southeastern United States. An annual award of up to \$50,000 will be made each year. For more information about eligible activities and the application please visit the Fund's website at <https://www.theunitycemeteryfund.org/>.

**Monthly**, The SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) is accepting applications for FY25 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](mailto:info@southcarolina250.com).

**Monthly**, SC Humanities Council Mini Grants. SC Humanities awards Mini Grants to support public humanities programs of modest cost, with awards of \$5,000 or less. Applications are reviewed monthly, with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information, please visit the [mini grant webpage](#).

**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 \$5,000 or less. Planning Grants are reviewed monthly, with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information, please visit [this webpage](#).

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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