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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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Heritage Emergency National Task Force Resources

The Heritage Emergency National Task Force (HENTF), a public-private partnership between FEMA and the Smithsonian Institution, is supporting response and recovery efforts of South Carolina's arts & culture sector – and the public. They have provided the following information related to effects from Hurricane Helene.

A major disaster declaration has been made on **September 29th**. Information on **DR-4829** can be found at [4829 | FEMA.gov](#).

Public Assistance is currently only available for Category A (debris removal) and Category B (emergency protective measures, including direct technical assistance) in the following counties: **Aiken, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, and Spartanburg counties**. Learn more about **Public Assistance: Categories A and B**. Additional categories and counties may be added.

EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES may include, but are not limited to:

1. Temporary emergency repair (blue roofs and other work) or stabilization of an eligible

facility if it eliminates or lessens an immediate threat

2. Wet vacuuming, damp wiping, or vacuuming with High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) equipment of the interior space
3. Removal of contaminated gypsum board, plaster (or similar wall finishes), carpet or floor finishes, and ceilings or permanent light fixtures
4. Cleaning of contaminated heating and ventilation (including ductwork), plumbing, and air conditioning systems or other mechanical equipment
5. Removal or relocation of collections to prevent damage or loss

For more information, go to [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide Version 4 \(fema.gov\)](#).

Individual Assistance is available to individuals and households in the following counties: **Aiken, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Lexington, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, and Spartanburg counties**. For disasters declared on or after March 22^d, 2024, FEMA's Individual Assistance program was expanded to include quicker access to needed funds including simplifying assistance for self-employed individuals such as self-employed artists and entrepreneurs.

If cultural institutions or arts organizations were affected, they are encouraged to fill out one of the following Rapid Damage Assessment Forms:

[Cultural Institutions](#)

[Arts Organizations](#)

[Individual Artists and Performing Groups](#)

Members of the public and individual artists who have questions about saving family heirlooms and personal collections can email the National Heritage Responders at NHRpublichelpline@culturalheritage.org.

HENTF's Save Your Family Treasures guidance is available at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/recover/save-family-treasures>. Here you can find the downloadable FEMA fact sheets "After the Flood: Advice for Salvaging Damaged Family Treasures" and "Salvaging Water-Damaged Family Valuables and Heirlooms," available in multiple languages.

SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference



Call for Proposals

The SC African American Heritage Commission is seeking proposals for their annual conference on February 22, 2025 in Columbia. The Commission invites interested individuals/groups to submit proposals for thematic panels related to African Americans in South Carolina including: Food and Foodways in South Carolina, Reconstruction Era, Gender and Resistance, Student Research, and Place Making and Reclaiming Black Spaces. More details are in the [Call For Proposals](#). **The deadline for proposals is October 22, 2024.** For more information, email Ayanna Goines, agoines@scdah.sc.gov.



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.**

October Is South Carolina Archaeology Month



The theme for the 2024 South Carolina Archaeology Month is [Preserving African American Spaces](#). Across South Carolina, archaeologists and community groups are working together to identify and preserve archaeological sites, cemeteries, buildings, and stories created by African Americans. Click on the image above to access the Story Map link to learn more about these projects. And here are some of the events taking place during the month:

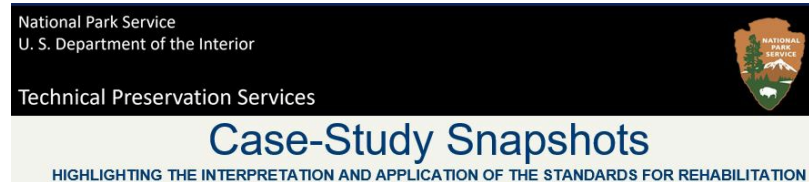
- Oct. 5 - Nov. 30, 2024, visit Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site and step inside the shelter at the Structure 2 excavation to discover what archaeologists have unearthed. Learn more about this event series [here](#).
 - Oct. 7 - 26, 2024 Jasper County 250's Jr. Archaeologist Program allows students to step back in time and help uncover the secrets of the Thomas Heyward, Jr./Old House Plantation (located just outside the Town of Ridgeland, SC) alongside real archaeologists from the [LAMAR Institute](#). More information about this event and how to register can be found on the Unearth History flyer [here](#).
 - Oct. 12, 2024 Archaeology Day at the Florence County Museum, 10 am - 3 pm.
 - Oct. 14 - 20, 2024, watch films in the [free virtual edition](#) of the 12th annual Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival. For more information about Arkhaios, visit their website [here](#).
 - Oct. 19, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., dig into history with "Piecing Together the Past with Archaeology" for a firsthand look at Charles Towne Landing's archaeological resources and discover the history revealed below the surface. Learn more about this event [here](#).
 - Join the Archaeological Society of South Carolina (ASSC) on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 12,000 Year History Park (1120 Fort Congaree Trail, Cayce, SC 29033) for their annual Fall Field Day. Please visit the ASSC [Facebook page](#) and [website](#) for more information about this event.
 - Nov. 9, 2024 Archaeology program at Rose Hill Plantation.
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Nominations for 11 Most Endangered List



Since 1988, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has published an annual list of **America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places** to raise awareness about the threats facing some of our nation's greatest treasures. The list, which has identified more than 350 sites to date, has proven so successful in galvanizing preservation efforts that only a handful of sites have been lost. Click on [this link for FAQs](#) about the list and how to nominate a property. **Deadline is October 8, 2024.**

Case-Study Snapshots of Tax Incentive Projects



Technical Preservation Services of the National Park Service has launched a new series of case studies of successful tax incentives projects. The new weekly e-newsletter highlights successful projects that adapt buildings to new uses, including creative and innovative reuses of difficult-to-adapt buildings and property types; projects that retrofit of historic buildings to be more sustainable, energy efficient, accessible, and resilient; and projects that foster economic development and community revitalization. Use this NPS link to subscribe <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/keep-in-touch-with-tps.htm>.

Upcoming Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events

NEW **Protecting Historic Cemeteries through Recordation, Regulation and Community Outreach**, October 9, 2024, online. This webinar is sponsored by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. To register visit this webpage <https://www.napcommissions.org/webinar-series>.

International Preservation Trades Workshop, October 10-12, 2024, Savannah, GA. The event features hands-on demonstrations in carpentry, timber framing, stone and brick masonry, plastering, roofing and more. Visit the [Preservation Trades Network website](#) for more information.

NEW **Meet the Funders Workshop/Webinar**, October 11, 2024, Columbia/online. Hosted by the

SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250), in partnership with the SC Department of Archives & History, this free event, open to the public, offers organizations and individuals interested in grant funding to meet and learn from grant administrators spanning state and national entities. Hear from grant administrators representing the SC250, SC Department of Archives & History, SC Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, SC Humanities and the SC Arts Commission, as well as the National Park Service and the Institute of Museum & Library Services. A link to register can be found on this page <https://southcarolina250.com/event/meet-the-funders-grant-opportunities-event/>.

Preservation North Carolina 2024 Annual Conference, October 16-18, 2024, Rocky Mount and Tarboro, NC. More details are available on the [conference webpage](#).

"Where Do We Go From Here?": Interpreting and Preserving the African American Civil Rights Movement, October 17-19, 2024, Columbia. In partnership with the National Park Service, the Center for Civil Rights History and Research at the University of South Carolina is hosting a new conference featuring panel discussions, a poster session, public events, tours, and networking opportunities for civil rights history and research practitioners and scholars. Use [this link](#) for more information.

PastForward National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference, October 28-30, 2024, New Orleans, LA. More details at <https://savingplaces.org/conference>.

Association for Preservation Technology Conference, November 12-16, 2024, Montreal, Canada. More information will be posted 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](#).

NEW 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 proposed nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. The public is welcome to attend the meeting. Draft nominations will be posted two weeks prior to the meeting 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.

6th 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](#).

South Carolina African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference, February 22, 2025, Columbia. The call for session proposals is on the [Commission's web page](#) and **proposals are due October 22, 2024**. Contact Ayanna Goines at 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.

NEW Society of Architectural Historians 78th 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. <https://www.sah.org/2025>.

NEW Vernacular Architecture Forum, May 14-17, 2025, Wilmington, DE. More information will be available on the [VAF website](#).

Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

NEW 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.

NEW 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.

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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