



SC African American Heritage Commission

August Newsletter

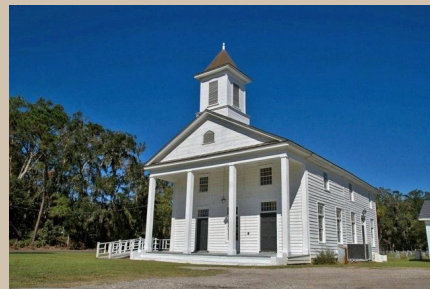
Welcome to the SC African American Heritage Commission newsletter. In it you will find updates about their activities and events pertaining to African American History in South Carolina!

Commission Activities

Commissioners have been busy participating in events. See below for a recap!

July 8, 2024

Thad Daise attended the lecture of Bill Davies at the New First Missionary Baptist Church in Edisto Island. The lecture title, "South Carolina's Lost Hundred Years - the Story of Santa Elena" discussed the activity of the French and Spanish in South Carolina between the arrival of Christopher Columbus in 1492 and the English Settlement in Jamestown in 1607. It also included a discussion on the interactions with the local tribes of indigenous Americans. The lecture was well-received by the public.



July 24, 2024

Dr. Vernon Burton was interviewed regarding the sudden and unprecedented changes to the upcoming election season.

[Watch the news story here!](#)

SCAAHC Speaker Series Event

Join the Commission and Dr. Frank Martin as he presents images of art work and discusses the historical context for the aesthetic choices represented by artists like William H. Johnson, Elise Forrest Harleston, and Marlene O'Bryant-Seabrook. The artists included in the presentation contributed, in varying ways, to local, regional, national, or international conversations pertaining to art, politics, social transformation, and cultural aesthetics.

A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF ARTS, ARTISTS, ACTIVISM, AND AESTHETICS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

PRESENTED BY FRANK C. MARTIN, PH.D



Dr. Frank Martin holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy, with a specialization in Axiology and the history of Aesthetics from UofSC. He has published several bodies of work and currently serves as Visiting Professor of Art History & Art Theory at SC State University.

Free Event

October 5th, 2024 @ 1:30pm
SC Dept. of Archives & History
8301 Parklane Rd. Columbia, SC
29223

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Questions? Contact Ayanna Goines,
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Recent African American Preservation News

2 SC Organizations Receive AACRN Funding

The African American Civil Rights Network recently released the awardees of their partnered grant with the Association of African American Museums. The grant allocated \$477,205 to projects, including 2 South Carolina organization. Congratulations to the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center and the All-Star Lanes Center for Creative Partnerships on receiving funds from this grant opportunity!



Brainerd Institute Receives

Funding From National Trust for Historic Preservation

The Brainerd Institute in Chester, SC received funds from the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund to protect and preserve the Black history of the site. The Brainerd Institute was founded in 1866 as an elite educational institution for Black students. Funding will support the hire of expert consultants to develop a master plan to offer cultural, arts, and literacy programs at the institute once more. Click the links to learn more about the [grant](#) and the [Brainerd Institute](#).



WeGOJA Launches Oral History Project with Taveau Church

In partnership with Preservation SC, WeGOJA has launched an oral history project to document the experiences and memories of individuals associated with [Taveau Church](#) in Cordesville, South Carolina. This project is supported by The Historic Charleston Foundation, The 1772 Foundation, and the South Carolina Humanities.



Goodwill Parochial School Homecoming

On August 10th, the [Goodwill Educational and Historical Society](#) (GEHS) held a homecoming at the Goodwill Cultural Center, formerly the Goodwill Parochial School for Black students in the Mayesville area. At this event, they reminisced on the importance of the school, described their current goals and activities, and detailed their future endeavors. GEHS received a state grant of \$132,000 from the SC SHPO to repair the second floor of the building. This grant called for a cash match that the society was able to raise. An earmark of \$594,000 was also awarded at the event from House representatives David Weeks and William Wheeler.

Grants!

- **FY24-25 Historic Preservation State Grant Fund**

The Historic Preservation State Grant Fund application is now available with a due date of September 19, 2024. The purpose of the State Grant Fund is to support historic preservation projects that benefit local communities through the physical repair and rehabilitation of South Carolina's historic buildings. This year applicants may apply for either a **Planning Grant** to develop "bid-ready" plans and specifications OR a **Stabilization Grant** to assist

with historic building stabilization and weatherization projects. The instructions and application, and Frequently Asked Questions are available at [this link](#). Questions? Please email Amanda Lee at alee2@scdah.sc.gov.

- **SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission**
Accepting applications for FY24 Patriot Grants (up to \$15,000). Information about specific grant programs and requirements can be found [here](#) or email info@southcarolina250.com

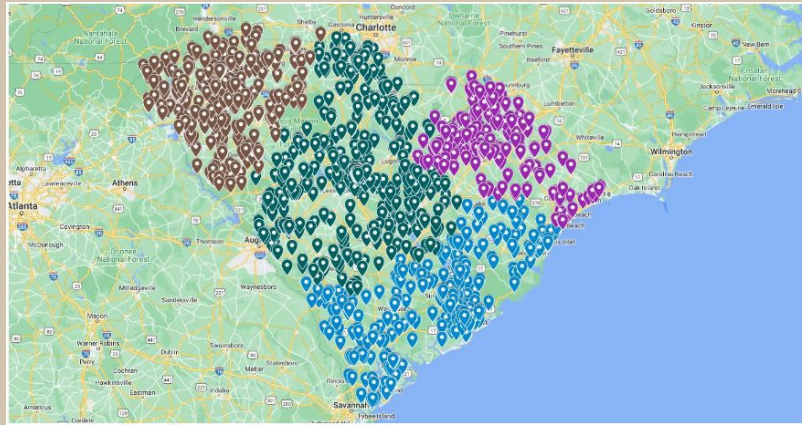
Upcoming Events & Conferences

- **Saturday August 17, 2024 6:30pm-8:30pm:** The SC State Museum is proud to host Harvesting Heritage, a culinary journey highlighting the past and future of creativity, innovation and artistry in black foodways throughout SC. In partnership with a rising star of Southern cuisine, Chef Amethyst Ganaway, this event will honor and explore six regions of SC. Find tickets and more info at [this link](#).
- **Thursday August 22, 2024 4:00pm-7:00pm:** Educators, join the [Center for Civil Rights History and Research](#) at the Columbia Museum of Art to visit the "Intersection on main Street" exhibit, color new coloring pages, learn about African American life in Columbia, and check out traveling trunk materials. Register for free [here](#) and bring you school ID to receive a drink ticket on the Center.
- **Thursday September 12, 2024:** The 3rd Annual Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop will be held at the SC Archives & History Center. Registration for the event can be found [here](#)
- **Friday September 13, 2024:** Join Preservation SC for an update on their initiatives and projects at the historic Curtiss-Wright Hangar in Columbia, now home to the Hunter Gatherer Brewery. Visit their website [here](#) for more info.
- **Saturday October 5th, 2024:** Join the Commission for a free, afternoon discussion with Dr. Frank Martin as he discusses the importance of art in activism in his presentation *A Brief Discussion of Arts, Artists, Activism, and Aesthetics in South Carolina*. Visit the [Commission's webpage](#) for more information and registration.
- **Thursday-Saturday October 17-19, 2024:** In partnership with the National Park Service, the Center for Civil Rights History and Research at UofSC is hosting an inaugural conference, "Where Do We Go From Here?": Interpreting and Preserving the African American Civil Rights Movement. Click [this link](#) for more info.
- **Saturday November 16, 2024:** The 6th Annual American Revolution Symposium will beheld at SCDAH. More information and registration can be found [here](#)
- **Saturday February 22, 2025:** The SCAAHC will be hosting it's second annual Commission Conference. Call for Proposals, registration, and more information coming soon! Check the [Commission's webpage](#) for updates!
- **March 27-29, 2025:** The Confederation of SC Local Historical Societies' Landmark Conference. Held in Sumter, you can find more info [here](#)
- **Friday April 25th, 2025:** SCDAH will host the Statewide Historic Preservation Conference. More information coming soon and can be found [here](#)

Ongoing Events

- Free Admission to the Columbia Museum of Art where visitors can see the **"Our Story Matters"** Gallery that discusses Columbia's vibrant Washington Street Black Business District. This gallery will end August 31, 2024.
- SC State Museum **"Shared Sacrifice: South Carolina in World War II"** exhibit that details the stories of SC men and women who contributed to the war effort, as well as Black South Carolinians' pursuit of "Double Victory" over fascism abroad and segregation at home.

Interactive Map of All Approved South Carolina Historical Markers



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