



SC African American Heritage Commission

November 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!

SCAAHC Events and Announcements!



SCAAHC Green Book Call for Proposals/Writers

The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission (SCAAHC) is calling for proposals from interested authors for their publication on the Green Book, edited by Dr. Vernon Burton and Harris Bailey Jr. There are studies of the Green Book, but the SCAAHC's proposed scholarly analysis represents the first state study of the influence of the Green book. This study focuses on South Carolina.

The SCAAHC proposes a series of essays that explore how *The Negro Travelers' Green Book* influenced South Carolina and its citizens. Essays will consider the historical, political, social, cultural, and economic contexts as well as the shifting demographics in South Carolina. Writers are not limited to the following topics, but the publication hopes to cover these areas:

- A biographical sketch of Victor Hugo Green, the founder of the Green Book and his wife, Alma Duke Green, who served as publisher of the Green Book in the 1960s
- How travel for African Americans was impacted by various modes of transportation, like trains, buses, and commercial airlines
- Distinguishing between de jure and de facto segregation and examples of both in South Carolina, maybe a comparison across regions
- A discussion on the articles included in the Green Book and how they change over time
- A comparison of legal jurisdictions by region in South Carolina and how Black travelers navigated the various interpretations. Compare regional differences with sites in the travel guide and how they change over time
- The creation of a Black Middle class. Compare and contrast across regions of the state. Expand beyond businesses listed in Green Book by looking at Black newspaper ads and city directories
- Observing the Black communities and their physical location to Green Book sites, if there were any. Determine why sites are more prevalent in certain cities than others
- A case study on Esso and Amoco, national oil companies, who crossed the color line in the South and extended franchise agreements to Black businesspeople
- Looking at women as business owners, operators, and entrepreneurs. Can be a statistical breakdown of how many women were involved in running a business
- The relationship between the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Black travel. Can also look at the Voting Rights Act of 1965

Writers interested in contributing to the publication will send a 1-2 page proposal, detailing a topic pertaining to the Green Book and South Carolina. Must include the relevancy and importance of the proposed essay to the discussion of the travel guide and suggested methods for research. Accepted essays will vary in length, depending on topics and evidence from somewhere between 5 to 30 pages, with citations. Essays will be reviewed by outside peer reviewers.

Proposals should be sent to Ayanna Goines, agoines@scdah.sc.gov with "Green Book Publication Proposal" in the subject line. The deadline for proposals is **January 15th, 2025**.

Commission Activities

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

June 15, 2024

Commissioner Terry James attended the 2024 Southeast Emmy Awards in Georgia earlier this year. "The Story of Jamestown" a news feature about the Florence community founded in 1870 by former enslaved people won an Emmy in the Nostalgia category. Learn more about the Jamestown Foundation and their efforts [here](#).



October 15, 2024

Commissioners Vivian Glover, Jennifer Curtis, Secretary Deacon Wilfred Pace, and Vice-Chair Thad Daise attended the unveiling of the Finley High School state historical marker. This equalization school in Chester, SC is the 2,000th marker to come from the SHPO. Guests in attendance included Dr. Eric Emerson, Dr. Edwin Breeden, Gov. Henry McMaster, and Chester Mayor Carlos Williams.



October 23, 2024

Chair Charmaine Clowney and Commissioners Vivian Glover and Dr. Vernon Burton attended the SC Humanities Award luncheon. This was a fantastic event where people across disciplines but passionate about the humanities were able to come together and celebrate the honorees and their work.



Recent African American Preservation News

Penn Center and IAAM Listed to UNESCO's Network of Places of History and Memory

Penn Center and the International African American Museum have been included on the UNESCO's Network of Places of History and Memory linked to Enslavement and the Slave Trade. UNESCO Director-General Azoulay states "Preserving and visiting these places will help us honor the memory of its millions of victims, advance scientific



knowledge and educate new generations." To see the full list, [click here](#).

Plans for Darlington African American Museum Announced

On October 15, the Darlington County African American Museum Board of Directors announced plans for a project they hope will share the county's history in a new light. The plan is to restore a building that was once part of the historic African American community in Darlington as a place to tell the story of the Black community in Darlington. A check for \$500,000 was presented to the board by State Senator Gerald Malloy on behalf of the state to assist with these efforts.



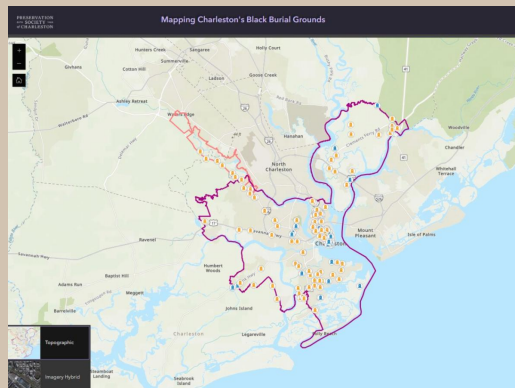
Finley High School State Marker

The S.L. Finley Restoration Association unveiled the state historical marker for Finley High School, located in Chester, SC on October 15. This was an African American public school during segregation. This is the 2,000th marker that has come from SC Historical Marker Program since its creation in 1936. Congratulations to the S.L. Finley Restoration Association!



Mapping Charleston's Black Burial Grounds Project

The Preservation Society of Charleston, Anson Street African Burial Ground Project, and the City of Charleston Dept. of Planning & Preservation partnered together to identify and map Black burial grounds in Charleston. The project, with funds from the NPS African American Civil Rights Grant, aims to increase awareness about these sacred spaces and strengthen the protection of them as Charleston grows and develops. Click [this link](#) to view the digital map.



SC Preservation Toolkit

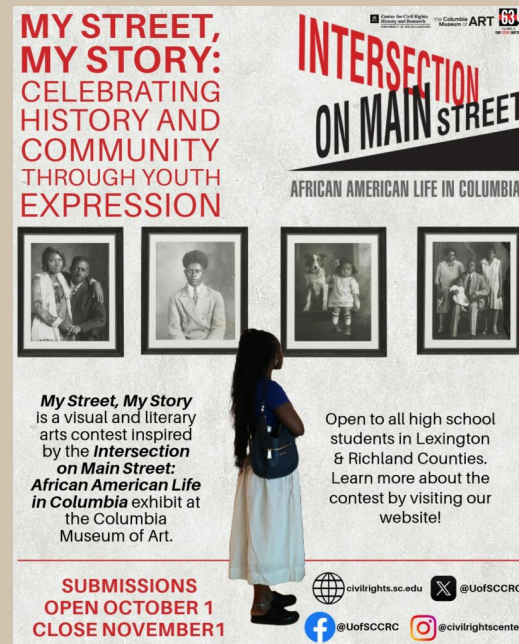
WeGOJA soft launched their "SC Preservation Toolkit" which aims to provide

resources to individuals and organizations across SC as they begin their preservation journey. They include entries for churches, cemeteries, genealogy, artifacts, oral history, and more. To explore the website, [click here](#).



My Street, My Story: Celebrating History and Community through Youth Expression

The USC Center for Civil Rights History and Research is holding a contest for Columbia-area high school students to create a body of work that draws connections from the stories of community and resilience of the Historic Black Business District in Columbia to their own present-day experiences in their community. The deadline for submissions has been extended to **November 10, 2024**. For more information, visit [this webpage](#).



Grants!

- Richland County Conservation Commission 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](#).
- The Unity Cemetery Preservation Fund:** The Unity Cemetery Preservation fund provides support for the preservation of historic (dating from ~1800 to ~1900) African American cemeteries. Funds can be used for a variety of projects including: mapping, site assessment, and other data collection; conservation treatments for grave markers and other funerary features; landscape stabilization; and public outreach. **The deadline is February 28, 2025** and more information can be found on [their webpage](#).
- National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions:** The NEH is offering a grant to help small and mid-sized organizations preserve and manage humanities collections, ensuring their significance for a variety of users. The deadline to submit applications is **January 9, 2025** and more information can be found [here](#).
- NEH Chair's Grants, 160th Anniversary of Juneteenth:** In celebration of the 160th anniversary of Juneteenth, the NEH Chair invites proposals with request up to \$30,000 to support free Juneteenth Open House events exploring African American history and culture. Funding must explore the theme of freedom and can be used for docent-led tours, lecture series, literary discussion, community archiving, living history, etc. **The application will open November 15, 2024 and will close January 15, 2025.** For more information, [click here](#).
- Save America's Treasures Grants:** The National Park Service is

accepting application 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 nationally significant properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places. **The deadlines is December 12, 2024.** For more information, [click here](#).

Statewide Historic Preservation Call for Proposals

Proposals for the 2025 Statewide Preservation Conference are being accepted from now until **December 16, 2024**. Please see the flyer below or [click this link](#) for more information on topics and how to propose a session. To keep up to date on events and news from the SHPO, [subscribe to the "News and Notes" newsletter here](#).



SC Historic Preservation
Conference 2025

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are accepting proposals for Speaker Sessions for the 2025 historic preservation conference, scheduled for **Friday, April 25, 2025** at the **SC Archives & History Center** in Columbia. Speaker Sessions can cover a variety of historic preservation topics, and range in difficulty from "Historic Preservation 101" to discussions of emerging issues. Top interests include:

- Case studies of successful historic preservation projects
- Historic preservation technology / how-tos
- Preservation funding: grants, tax credits, easements
- Historic preservation advocacy
- Local government / local design review topics
- Preservation of African American historic places
- Sustainability, adaptation and climate resiliency for historic places
- Cemeteries: protection, care, or documentation
- How to research historic properties
- Economic and community revitalization programs
- Programs to preserve historic places and sites
- South Carolina architectural history and archaeology

Other topics may be considered, but should directly relate to the preservation of historic buildings, sites, places, and structures. A session should be interactive and include strategies or solutions that attendees can apply in their own communities or organizations. Plan on **40 - 45 minutes for your presentation and 5 - 10 minutes for questions and answers**. Session proposals may be combined with other proposed sessions when appropriate. Up to three (3) speakers per session will have their conference registration fees waived.

To propose a session: Email the following information to Elizabeth Johnson at ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov and Alethea Harrison at aharrison@scdah.sc.gov. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt. **Proposals are due by December 16, 2024.**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>
<i>Organizational affiliation</i>	<i>Description of session (2 paragraphs)</i>
<i>Address (city, state, zip)</i>	<i>Speaker(s)</i> include contact information for all speakers
<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Optional:</i> Speaker bios, presentation, digital images, web links, anticipated audio-visual needs, and/or handouts (limit to 35 MB or less)
<i>Email</i>	

Questions?
Elizabeth Johnson at 803-896-6168,
ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov or
Donna Foster at 803-896-0339, dfoster@scdah.sc.gov

The fine print:
No proposals will be accepted after December 16, 2024. You will be notified via email if the proposal is selected or not by mid January 2025. If the proposal is selected, **you must send a finalized presentation no later than April 18, 2025**

Upcoming Events & Conferences

- **Wednesday November 7, 2024:** WeGOJA is hosting a "Preservation of African American History Culture Preservation Toolkit Training" where they will discuss historical markers, National Register of Historic Places, preservation grants and more. See the flyer below for more information or contact Jannie Harriot (jmharriot@gmail.com or 843-332-3589)
- **November 7-9, 2024:** Penn Center's Heritage Days Celebration is a three-day cultural event celebrating Penn School/Penn Center, and the Gullah Geechee history, folk arts, food, music, crafts, and West and Central African cultural legacy of the region. For more information [click here](#).

- **November 8-9, 2024:** Preservation SC is holding two Community Open House events for Taveau Church. This is a chance for community residents to tour the church and receive project updates as well as voice recommendations for preserving local history and stories. There will be a final meeting on November 16th, that will compile all of the recommendations. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Friday November 15, 2024:** The SCDAH will have the South Carolina State Board of Review to determine if properties within SC should be submitted to the Keeper of the National Register. This meeting is open to the public and you will be able to find the nominated properties [here](#).
- **Friday November 15, 2024:** The SC State Library is offering a webinar "Grant Writing: Creating a Winning Proposal." The webinar is free but registration is required. For more information and the registration link, [visit this webpage](#).
- **Saturday November 16, 2024:** Join the South Carolina State Museum for the last "Harvesting Heritage" event of the year and experience a showcase of Black foodways, music, and cultural traditions of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Learn about canning and preserving farmed ingredients grown in the Blue Ridge mountains and more. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Saturday November 16, 2024:** The 6th Annual American Revolution Symposium will be held at SCDAH. More information and registration can be found [here](#).
- **Saturday November 16, 2024:** The Epps-McGill Farmhouse is hosting an inaugural preservation gala. There will be a dinner, dancing, and a silent auction. Dr. Walter Curry will be the speaker at the event. All proceeds benefit the Epps-McGill Farmhouse in Kingstree, SC. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Saturday November 16, 2024:** Join the Town of Latta and the Latimer Historic School Committee with their "Listen, Learn, Preserve and Celebrate Latimer School History Project." This event will be a celebration of the school's recent listing on the National Register of Historic Places and a chance to gather and safeguard historical information and artifacts about the school and black residents in the Latta community. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Wednesday November 20, 2024:** The Richland County Conservation Commission invites the public to attend "The Future of the Past: A Historic Preservation Community Meeting." Participants will learn more about RCCC's Preservation Plan process. Feedback from the meeting will be used to help form the recommendations of the Plan. See the flyer below for more information or visit [this link](#).
- **Saturday February 8, 2025:** Join the South Carolina State Museum and Penn Center for a "Harvesting Heritage: Lowcountry Legacy" event. This event will take place at Penn Center on St. Helena Island and will explore a celebration of Gullah Geechee cuisine, art, and storytelling. Click [this link](#) for more information and tickets.
- **Saturday February 22, 2025:** The SCAAHC will be hosting its second Annual Conference. Call for proposals is available now. Registration will open later this year. 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

- The McKissick Museum has opened a new exhibit called *Layers of Legacy: Exploring Daily Life and Colonialism in Cameroon*. This exhibit investigates the art and culture of the Grassfields of northwestern Cameroon, a country of rich resources exploited by European agents of the transatlantic slave trade and colonizers from the late 1400s until the 1960s. For more information, visit [this website](#).

- 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.
- 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.
- Tours of the exhibits **The Language of Clay: Catawba Indian Pottery & Oral Traditions** and **Sandy Islanders: A People of the Land** at the Morris Center for Lowcountry Heritage. These guided tours discuss the history and culture of the Catawba nation and Gullah people of Sandy Island. Find more info at this link.



WeGOJA Foundation
Presents

**Preservation of African American History Culture
Preservation Toolkit Training**


Learn about Historical Markers, National Register of Historic
Places Designation, Preservation Grants & More

Thursday, November 7, 2024
Butler Community Center
1103 S. Sixth Street, Hartsville, SC


Speaker - Dr. Bobby Donaldson
Registration is Free

For more information: Jannie Harriot
843-332-3589, jmharriot@gmail.com


Richland County Conservation Commission



**Future of the Past:
Historic Preservation
Community Meeting**


**BE A PART OF THE FIRST EVER
PRESERVATION PLAN FOR
UNINCORPORATED RICHLAND
COUNTY**



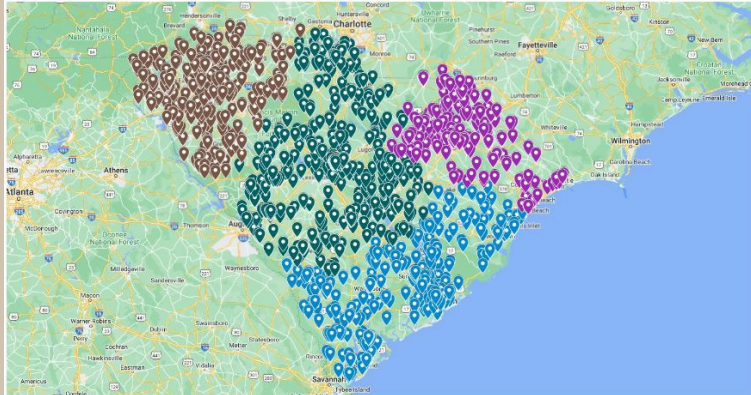
Hosted by Richland County
Conservation Commission +
Ethos Preservation

6:00 PM Wednesday
November 20, 2024

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2020 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29204

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Interactive Map of All Approved South Carolina Historical Markers



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