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Preservation Conference: April 22, 2014

There's still time to register for the Preservation Conference, which will be held April 22, 2014 at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia. See the schedule of events and registration information at <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx>. There are 2 ways to register:

- (1) Fill out and mail the registration form with your check.
- (2) Register and pay online with a credit card at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/historic-preservation-conference-registration-10742421873>.

Questions about registration: contact Nancy Brooks of the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, 803-422-7803 or nancy@palmettotrust.org.

3 New Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

Photographs from these recent listings are on the SCDAH [Facebook page](#).

The **Robert Smalls School**, located in Cheraw in Chesterfield County, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on March 4, 2014. Completed in 1953, the school is significant for its association with the South Carolina "Equalization School" building program, a state initiative in the early 1950s to make schools for black children

“separate but equal” to their white counterparts and in support of the practice of segregation. It housed grades one through six, and served as an African-American school until it was desegregated in 1971. It was used as a school until new elementary and primary schools were constructed in the 1990s. It is also significant as an example of the architectural vision of Cheraw, Incorporated, a group of local leaders who sought to maintain Cheraw’s historic architecture and ensure that new designs were compatible, in the “colonial” or “ante-bellum” style, and according to plans prepared by the architectural firm of Hopkins, Baker & Gill of Florence, South Carolina,.

The **Conestee Mill**, located in Conestee in Greenville County, was listed in the National Register on March 2, 2014. It is significant for its association with the textile industry in South Carolina during its most successful period of expansion and production, ca. 1880-1920, and then on a more limited basis from 1920 through ca. 1960. It also illustrates the growth and development of this mill in particular, and the textile industry in general, as reflected in additions and alterations between 1884 and ca. 1960. The historic resources in this mill complex are Conestee Mill, built by 1876, with significant additions in 1884, and by 1893, 1898, 1902, 1920, and the 1950s; the Company Store/Mill Office/Post Office, built in 1919; and Conestee Dam and Spillway and Conestee Lake, created and built prior to 1876 and enhanced in 1892. The Conestee Mill, originally known as the Reedy River Manufacturing Company, is the second textile mill on this property. The mill remained profitable from the Gilded Age through the Depression, but closed in 1939. Reopened in 1946, it continued operation with limited success through the 1950s and 1960s before closing finally in 1971.

The **Isaac Jenkins Mikell House**, located in Charleston, was listed in the National Register on March 11, 2014. Built ca. 1853-ca. 1857, the house is architecturally significant as a transitional design, perhaps the first of Charleston’s grand classically-inspired dwellings to display both the classical Roman temple form and the Italianate detailing of the mid-19th century. Planter and lawyer Isaac Jenkins Mikell (1809-1881) constructed this residence for his third wife, Mary Martha Pope, whom he married in 1854. Mikell made his fortune producing long staple sea island cotton at five plantations on Edisto Island.

SCDOT Offers Historic Bridge for Relocation

The SC Department of Transportation is offering for adaptive reuse the historic S-98-22 Bridge over the Enoree River at the Laurens/Union County Line. It is a steel Parker thru-truss designed by South Carolina’s Highway Department and built in 1926 by the Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works Company. The bridge is 531’ long structure with a 19’ wide concrete deck. The truss span is approximately 171’ long. In an effort to preserve this historic bridge, the Federal Highway Administration and the SCDOT are seeking to locate a city, county or state government, or historic preservation organization or individual interested in having this bridge moved to a new site in South Carolina for preservation and reuse. For more information please contact David P. Kelly, NEPA

Coordinator, SCDOT, 955 Park Street, Columbia, SC 29202, (803) 737-1645. **The deadline for proposals is May 2, 2014.**

SC Hall of Fame's Newest Members

The South Carolina Hall of Fame recently welcomed the 2014 inductees: the late Septima Poinsette Clark, an American educator and civil rights activist, and Marian Wright Edelman, an advocate for disadvantaged Americans and a civil rights activist. The honor, bestowed at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center on February 24, 2014, was, for the first time in history, granted to two African-American women. Read more here: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/02/24/4053745/2014-sc-hall-of-fame-inductees.html#storylink=cpy>. All of the inductees can also be viewed online at <http://www.theofficialschalloffame.com/> and at the SC Hall of Fame, located in the lobby of the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.

Preservation Green Lab

The Preservation Green Lab, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is a great source of information about historic buildings and sustainability. It has conducted several studies on historic buildings and energy, and also provides a weekly e-newsletter of related articles. See www.preservationnation.org/greenlab to access these reports and sign up for the newsletter.

Changes in Federal Historic Tax Applications

The National Park Service is rolling out a new tax application and fee payment system for the federal tax historic tax credit program. **Changes will go into effect May 16, 2014.** The forms will be available on-line only, no more printed forms will be provided. Applicants may download and complete the electronic version and print them out, or may print out a blank form and complete by hand. The fee payment will be on pay.gov, only after an invoice is provided to the applicant by email. There are a few changes to the forms that clarify items that were confusing on previous forms. If you have any questions, contact Dan Elswick at 803-896-6174, elswick@scdah.state.sc.us.

2013 Report on Federal Tax Incentives

The federal FY 2013 annual report for Federal Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings is now available [here](#). It reports that nationwide:

- 1,155 proposed projects and \$6.73 billion in rehabilitation work were approved
- 803 completed projects and \$3.39 billion in rehabilitation work were certified
- 62,923 jobs were created by completed projects

Diversity Scholarship Applications for National Preservation Conference in Savannah

May 1 is the deadline for applications for the 2014 National Preservation Conference's Diversity Scholarship Program (DSP), which will be held in Savannah, Georgia. Scholarship recipients will receive stipends in the form of complimentary registration and lodging. Additionally, DSP participants will have an opportunity to present their preservation work during the conference and take advantage of National Trust programs after the conference. Click [here](#) for more information about the program and [here](#) for the application.

Conferences / Workshops / Events

South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference, April 22, 2014, Columbia. The conference brochure and registration information is available at <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx>.

Cultural Heritage Tourism Exchange, April 24-25, 2014, Washington DC. For more information visit <http://www.chtexchange.com/>.

NEW 5th Annual Preservation Trades School, April 26, 2014, Edgecombe Community College, Tarboro, NC. A one-day event open to the public to learn about preservation trades in carpentry, masonry, roofing, windows, painting and other preservation crafts. Keynote speaker Michael Worthington of Oxford Tree Ring will talk about dating historic structures using dendrochronology. For more information see <http://www.edgecombe.edu/historic-preservation>.

2014 Savannah Preservation Festival, May 8 – 10, 2014, Savannah, GA. Sponsored by Historic Savannah Foundation, the Festival includes a lecture by Donovan Rypkema, a nationally recognized speaker on the economics of historic preservation and several tours. Details and tickets for all events are available online at www.myhsf.org.

2014 National Main Streets Conference, May 18-21, 2014, Detroit, MI. See <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2014-detroit/>.

Association for Gravestone Studies 2014 Annual Conference, June 17-22, 2014, Franklin, IN. **Conference registration is now open** at <https://www.gravestonestudies.org/>.

NEW Michigan Modern: Design that Shaped America Symposium, June 19-21, 2014 Kendall College of Art and Design, Grand Rapids, MI. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum, July 16-20, 2014, Philadelphia, PA. This biannual gathering of local historic preservation commissions and boards of architectural review members and staff is the largest of its kind in the country. **Registration is now open.** Session descriptions, speakers, lodging, and registration are available at <http://napc.uga.edu/forum2014>. Questions? Contact Paul Trudeau, NAPC Program Director, at ptrudeau@uga.edu.

NEW Historic Windows: Managing for Preservation, Maintenance and Energy Conservation, September 16-17, 2014, Madison, WI. In this National Preservation Institute seminar learn about the rich history and variety of wood, steel, and aluminum windows and construction methodology. Explore the maintenance and rehabilitation techniques that allow windows to have long and sustainable service lives. Review energy conservation and economic issues. For more information see <http://www.npi.org/sem-wdw.html>.

NEW American Association for State and Local History Annual Meeting and Online Conference, September 17-20, 2014, St. Paul, MN. Information will be available at <http://about.aaslh.org/conference/>.

Slave Dwelling Project 2014 Conference "Preserving Our Sacred Spaces", September 18-20, 2014, Savannah, GA. See <http://slavedwellingproject.org/slave-dwelling-conference/>.

Southern Studies Showcase, September 19-20, 2014, Edgefield. Sponsored by the Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society. For more information contact Dr. Constance T. McNeill at connie@wctel.net.

Preserving the Historic Road Conference, September 26-28, 2014, Savannah, GA. Information will be posted on <http://historicroads.org/>.

NEW Historic Property Management, October 7-9, 2014, Greensboro, NC. This National Preservation Institute seminar addresses how to read your historic structure, search for solutions, and then care for the building envelope. Topics include how to meet basic maintenance requirements; how to replace HVAC, fire, and security systems; and the role of pest management. Learn the fundamentals of hiring contractors, training custodial personnel, and understanding the role of other professionals who work in, on, and around the building. Review the significance of maintenance and disaster plans. For more information see <http://www.npi.org/sem-hpm.html>.

National Preservation Conference, November 11-14, 2014, Savannah, GA. See <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/>.

Grant Application Deadlines

May 1, 2014 National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions. Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions—such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities—improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials. For complete details see <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html>. Program questions should be directed to NEH's Division of Preservation and Access at 202-606-8570 or preservation@neh.gov.

May 1, 2014 Several **National Trust for Historic Preservation** grant applications are due May 1, 2014:

- [Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors](#), awarding grants for the planning phases of interior restoration projects. Grants range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar match.
- [Hart Family Fund for Small Towns](#), providing preservation planning and education grants to projects taking place in communities of fewer than 5,000 people. Grants range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar match.
- [Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation](#), providing funding to deserving organizations demonstrating commitment to the protection of natural and cultural resources in the Mid-Atlantic region. Grants typically fall in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 range and no match is required.

If you have any questions, please contact the grants office at grants@savingplaces.org or 202-588-6277.

NEW May 30, 2014 Fox Theatre Institute Preservation Grant. The Fox Theatre Institute is now accepting grant applications for its Preservation Grant Program, which is designed to encourage the preservation of historic theatres by providing grant funds for the maintenance, physical improvement, and preservation of theatres throughout the region, including South Carolina. For more information [click here](#).

Online sources of grant information:

- <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>
- <http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/grant-and-funding-sources>
- <http://www.achp.gov/funding.html>
- <http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx>

The U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and the Environmental Protection Agency have compiled a 44 page publication, *Federal Resources for Sustainable Rural Communities*, that lists programs, grants, and resources directed to rural communities. The publication is online at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/supportdocuments/RD_FedResourcesSustainableCommunities.pdf.

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