

HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS AND NOTES from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
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May is Preservation Month: [New Age of Preservation: Embark, Inspire, Engage](#)

Preservation Awards to Be Announced at State House: June 11, 2014

Governor Nikki Haley will present the 2014 Historic Preservation Awards at the State House on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 3:00 PM. A reception will follow at the First Citizens Cafe in the recently restored Brennan Building at 1210 Main Street. John Sherrer with Historic Columbia will be on hand to discuss the history of the Brennan Building. Please call or e-mail Nancy Brooks with the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation at 803-422-7803, nancy@palmettotrust.org to let her know you plan to attend. The Preservation Awards are sponsored by the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, the Office of the Governor, and the SC Department of Archives and History.

Newest Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

Port Royal School, located at 1214 Paris Avenue in Port Royal, Beaufort County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on April 21, 2014 for its significance in both architecture and education. Designed by the South Carolina architectural firm of Wilson and Sompayrac, the school was built in 1911. It is a two-story, Colonial Revival, solid concrete block, gable-on-hipped roof building with prominent exterior chimneys

and a four-sided replica cupola. In 1954, school authorities expanded the building to the north with the construction of a one-story, brick, Modern-style addition designed by William Harleston, an associate with the Charleston architecture firm of Halsey and Cummings. Originally built for white students, it remained segregated until 1965 when Beaufort County schools enrolled black students.

Lexington County Courthouse in the Town of Lexington was also listed in the National Register on April 21, 2014. Constructed in 1939 according to plans by the Columbia architectural firm of Wessinger & Johnson (J. Carroll Johnson, and Lexington County native Jesse W. Wessinger), the project was partially funded by the Public Works Administration (PWA) of the New Deal. The courthouse's design is typical of the PWA Moderne or Modern Classic style, with modern yet restrained classical architectural elements. This style is rare for courthouses in South Carolina, as only one other National Register-listed county courthouse in the state (Beaufort) has a similar Depression-era design.

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

Our Agency Recognizes Its Longest Serving Employee

On May 7, 2014, the SC Department of Archives and History recognized Marion C. Chandler as the longest serving staff member in the 109-year history of the organization, with more than 44 years of service. He recently surpassed Dr. A.S. Salley, the first director of the department who served from 1905 to 1949. See <http://scdah.sc.gov/aboutus/Pages/history.aspx> for more about the history of SCDAH, including a free digital copy of *The Palmetto State's Memory: A History of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, 1905-1960* by Dr. Charles H. Lesser.

Preservation Conference Survey

A big thank you to all of our conference speakers, attendees, staff, and volunteers who made April 22, 2014 an enjoyable and educational day! We are collecting presentations for posting on our website. We are also collecting feedback through an online survey, so if you attended we would appreciate your comments <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CYFDQ62>.

Revisions to Section 106 Programmatic Agreement with SCDOT and Federal Highway Administration

The South Carolina Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration are seeking comments on proposed revisions to the existing Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA) with the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office. A copy of revised PA is available for review at

http://www.scdot.org/inside/public_comment_programmaticAgreement.aspx.

Comments will be accepted through May 21, 2014. Questions? Contact Chad Long, SCDOT Archaeologist/NEPA Coordinator, 803-737-1396.

Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation Has Historic Properties for Sale

South Carolina's statewide nonprofit preservation organization has several historic buildings offered for sale. Check them out on their website under "Real Estate"

<https://palmettotrust.org/>.

Historic Bridge Offered for Relocation

The SC Department of Transportation is offering for adaptive reuse the historic metal truss section of the S-88 (Garrett Road) Bridge over Stevens Creek at the Edgefield/McCormick County Line. The bridge is a steel Parker thru-truss designed by South Carolina's Highway Department and built in 1927 by the Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works Company. The bridge is a 390' long structure with a 19' wide concrete deck. The truss span is approximately 150' 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 contact David P. Kelly, NEPA Coordinator, SCDOT, 955 Park Street, Columbia, SC 29202, (803) 737-1645. **The deadline for proposals is June 11, 2014.**

Digital Projects on SC History and Architecture

Researched and designed by 16 undergraduate and graduate students in a University of South Carolina class led by Dr. Lydia Brandt, *Digitizing Bull Street* features a history of Bull Street, and buildings on the campus, along with select digitized records. The students utilized the collections of the Department of Mental Health housed at the SC Archives and History Center as part of their project. See

<http://www.digitizingbullstreet.com/>

Keeper of the Gate: Philip Simmons Ironwork in Charleston, South Carolina

http://ldhi.library.cofc.edu/exhibits/show/philip_simmons presents the work of Philip Simmons (1912-2009), a master blacksmith in Charleston, South Carolina. An interactive map lets users view selected works. It is part of The Lowcountry Digital History Initiative (LDHI) (<http://ldhi.library.cofc.edu/>) an online exhibitions platform hosted by the Lowcountry Digital Library (<http://lcdl.library.cofc.edu/>) at the College of Charleston.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Moves

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is moving to the Pension Building, a National Historic Landmark and the home of the National Building Museum. As of Monday, June 2nd the ACHP will have a new address and phone number:

401 F Street NW, Suite 308
Washington DC 20001-2637
(202) 517-0200

Conferences / Workshops / Events

NEW Campbell Center Schedule for 2014, Mount Carroll, IL. The Campbell Center offers professional development coursework to meet the training needs of individuals who work in the fields of cultural resource management, including courses in collections care, historic preservation, and conservation. More details are available at <http://www.campbellcenter.org/>.

NEW SCANPO Calendar. Check out the variety of training events on the SC Association of Nonprofit Organizations calendar at <http://www.scanpo.org/events/month/>. Topics for May 2014 include grant writing, social media, building organizations, financial statements and more.

NEW Historic Tax Credits: The New Frontier, June 5-6, 2014, Chicago. For more information about how to register and the agenda visit this [link](#).

Association for Gravestone Studies 2014 Annual Conference, June 17-22, 2014, Franklin, IN. See <https://www.gravestonestudies.org/>.

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. 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.

Historic Windows: Managing for Preservation, Maintenance and Energy Conservation, September 16-17, 2014, Madison, WI. For more information go to <http://www.npi.org/sem-wdw.html>.

American Association for State and Local History Annual Meeting and Online Conference, September 17-20, 2014, St. Paul, MN. Information is 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. See <http://historicroads.org/>.

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 go to <http://www.npi.org/sem-hpm.html>.

“PastForward” National Preservation Conference, November 11-14, 2014, Savannah, GA. PastForward features in-depth Learning Labs, on the ground exploration through Field Studies, Intensive Workshops, and live demonstrations, films and exhibits in the Preservation Studio. Go to <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/> to sign up for updates.

Grant Application Deadlines

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](#).

NEW June 1, 2014 National Trust Preservation Funds: Grants from National Trust Preservation Funds (NTPF) are intended to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects. These grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for particular projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. Grants generally start at \$2,500 and range up to \$5,000. The selection process is very competitive. The review process is generally

completed within eight weeks of the application deadline, and applicants are notified via email once the review process is complete. For more information and the application go [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](#).

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Note: If a link is not working, copy the entire URL and paste it into the address bar of your web browser.

The SC Department of Archives and History is an independent state agency, caretaker to 325 years of government records and historic documents. Our mission is to preserve and promote the documentary and cultural heritage of the Palmetto State through archival care and preservation, records management, public access, preservation of historic sites, and education. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), a program SCDAH, encourages and facilitates the responsible stewardship of South Carolina's irreplaceable historic and prehistoric places.

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