

HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS AND NOTES from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
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Governor Proclaims May 2010 Historic Preservation Month

Each year in May organizations and individuals around the nation celebrate Historic Preservation Month. With the growing interest in energy efficiency and sustainability, this year's theme is "Old is the New Green", in recognition of the fact that saving historic buildings and places plays an important part in conserving resources and developing a sustainable economy. Governor Mark Sanford has declared May 2010 as Historic Preservation Month in South Carolina. To see the proclamation go to <http://shpo.sc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/9B79F423-2F2B-4D2F-A59B-3180757C2845/0/HPmonth2010.pdf>.

Old is the New Green: SC Preservation Month Workshop May 14

The State Historic Preservation Office will be hosting a workshop on Friday, May 14 at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia on the topic of "Old is the New Green". It will feature speakers from the National Brick Research Center at Clemson University, the Sustainability Institute SC, the SC Energy Office, and the SHPO. The cost is \$20 for the general public/\$15 for CLG staff and board members and includes lunch. For more information and the registration form go to <http://shpo.sc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/5AC12601-418C-4C46-BE65-FC396BC34EF2/0/presmthwkshpflyer.pdf>. For more information contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171, jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us.

Energy Efficiency and Historic Buildings

Discussions on several preservation email list serves, blogs and websites in the past few weeks have featured links and articles related to historic buildings, sustainability, and energy efficiency. Here are some links:

- From Governing.com is this article “Greening Historic Buildings” <http://www.governing.com/article/greening-historic-buildings>.
- From a Scientific American.com blog about solar at home came this posting “Are Old Houses Doomed?” <http://www.scientificamerican.com/blog/post.cfm?id=are-old-houses-doomed-the-conflict-2010-03-26>.
- From a National Trust for Historic Preservation blog <http://blogs.nationaltrust.org/preservationnation/?p=9352>.

2010 Historic Preservation Fund Grants Awarded

We are pleased to announce the 2010 Federal Historic Preservation Grant projects that will receive funding from the Federal Historic Preservation Fund and be matched dollar-for-dollar by local funds. The SHPO receives funds annually from the National Park Service to be allocated for sub-grant projects.

Abbeville Opera House Roof Replacement (\$30,000): The Opera House (1908) is a significant feature of historic downtown Abbeville. Home to City Hall offices and the Official State Rural Drama Theater of South Carolina, the Opera House requires replacement of the deteriorated roof which has several leaks.

Cheraw Town Hall Stabilization (\$22,500): Cheraw’s Town Hall is an antebellum (ca. 1858) gem and an anchor in the historic downtown. While its Classical lines are still intact, there are several areas in need of repair, including the roof, deteriorated exterior siding and decorative elements, and site drainage.

Rock Hill Old Town Historic Walking Tour Publication (\$6,500): The City of Rock Hill will revise and expand an existing walking tour for Rock Hill’s downtown historic district. The revised tours will almost double the number of sites featured (from 16 to 30). The grant will help cover the cost of designing and printing a new tour brochure. Outside of the grant-funded activity, a new audio program will be created as well as new tour signage.

York Senior Center (Ware's Supermarket) Roof Replacement (\$21,000): The City of York owns 14 North Congress Street (originally Ware's Supermarket, 1890) that serves as the "Senior Center" operated by York County Council on Aging. This contributing property in York's Historic District will receive a new roof to replace the current leaky roof.

Newest National Register of Historic Places Listings

On March 31, 2010, the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service approved a boundary increase for the **Conway Downtown Historic District** to include additional historic properties along portions of Main Street, 3rd Avenue, 4th Avenue, and Laurel Street. The District is significant as the focal public, commercial and social center of the city of Conway; as a collection of buildings associated with the commercial and governmental growth and development of Conway from ca. 1824 to ca. 1950; and as a typical example of architectural and commercial development and evolution in a small southern coastal town in the first half of the twentieth century. To see the original nomination from 1994 and the boundary increase, along with photographs go to <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/horry/S10817726009/index.htm>.

The **Conway Residential Historic District** was listed in the National Register on April 7, 2010. It is architecturally significant as an excellent and varied collection of nineteenth and twentieth-century residential buildings, and illustrates the residential development of Conway from the mid-nineteenth century until ca. 1955. The District includes residential architectural styles from the mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival and Carpenter Gothic Revival, Queen Anne and Italianate houses of the Victorian era, Neo-Classical of the turn of the twentieth century, Craftsman bungalows of the 1920s, Tudor and Colonial Revival of the 1920s and 1930s, post-World War II Minimal Traditional forms, and late Colonial Revival and Neo-Classical Revival houses of the 1950s. Ancient live oak trees and other landscape features in and along its streets give definition and character to Conway's oldest neighborhood. To see photographs and the nomination form go to <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/horry/S10817726031/index.htm>.

The **Hopkins Family Cemetery** in Richland County was listed in the National Register on April 8, 2010. Established ca. 1775, it is significant as an early plantation cemetery in what later became the Hopkins community of Richland District (later Richland County) and for its association with several prominent members of the Hopkins, Brevard, and Goodwyn families from the late eighteenth through the mid-nineteenth century. It is also significant in landscape architecture for its sandstone wall and stile (ca. 1835-1837), quite rare in South Carolina. The cemetery contains 69 marked graves, with headstones and footstones of granite, marble, fieldstone, or sandstone. Marble or granite ledgers, box tombs, table-top tombs, and obelisks are prominently featured, while other graves are marked by marble or granite tablets. To see photographs and the nomination form go to <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/richland/S10817740150/index.htm>.

State Board of Review Approves Four Nominations

The South Carolina State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met on Friday, March 26 at the Archives and History Center in Columbia and approved the following nominations to the National Register of Historic Places:

- Ashley River Historic District (Additional Information and Boundary Increase), Charleston and Dorchester counties
- James M. Davis House, Greer, Spartanburg County
- Union Church, Port Royal, Beaufort County
- Robert Quillen Office/Library, Fountain Inn, Greenville County

These nominations will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service in Washington DC who makes the final decision about listing the property. For more information about the National Register program contact Andy Chandler at chandler@scdah.state.sc.us or 803-896-6179.

ArchSite Update

ArchSite is a geographic information system (GIS) made available on the Internet to provide information about South Carolina's cultural resources for public and professional use. It is jointly maintained by the S.C. Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology and the SHPO. Additional information on ArchSite is available at <http://archsite.cas.sc.edu/ArchSite/>. Access to the public information is available at no cost and can be accessed via the Internet. Additionally, access to the restricted, sensitive information available for professional use is also available at no cost on computers at SCIAA and SCDAH.

As a reminder to ArchSite subscribers, annual subscription fees for off-site access to the restricted information are due for renewal in July. Invoices will be mailed in May. The fee schedule is available online at http://archsite.cas.sc.edu/sciaainfo/subscription_overview.htm#fee. Questions regarding user accounts and subscriptions should be directed to Carmen Beard, 803-777-9720 or cbeard@sc.edu.

National Heritage Corridor Seeks Award Nominations

The South Carolina National Heritage Corridor seeks to recognize the best efforts in the Corridor's seventeen county region to preserve, protect and promote South Carolina. To nominate a company, organization or individual for The Heritage Tourism Advancement Award, visit http://www.sc-heritagecorridor.org/heritage_tourism_advancement_award for the downloadable forms

and instructions. The winner will be announced at the closing luncheon of the 2010 International Heritage Development Conference in Charleston, SC on July 1. (For information on the IHDC, visit www.ihdc2010.com.) **Submit nominations by May 31.** For more information contact Devon Harris at DHarris@scprt.com.

Nominations Sought for Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Award

The National Park Service is accepting nominations for the 2010 Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Award. Four awards will be presented in recognition of the outstanding contributions of employees in Federal, Tribal, state, and local historic preservation offices to the stewardship of historic resources. Authorized in Section 110(h) of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Secretary's Historic Preservation Award highlights the accomplishments of individual public servants at multiple levels of our government. Nominations must be postmarked on or before June 30 to receive full consideration. For additional information, contact Jon C. Smith at 202-354-2095 or Jon_Smith@nps.gov.

Conferences/Workshops/Events

NEW Historic Preservation Courses at the Campbell Center. The Campbell Center offers continuing education to meet the training needs of individuals who work to preserve historic landscapes and cultural, historic, and artistic properties. The Center offers courses in Historic Preservation -- architectural conservation and landscape preservation and Collections Care -- archives, books, furniture, paintings, photographs, and textiles, as well as issues such as digitization, collections software, disaster preparedness, and legal issues. Courses are offered May through mid-October on the campus in Mount Carroll, Illinois. Scholarships are available. For more information, see <http://www.campbellcenter.org/>.

National Main Street Conference, May 2-5, 2010 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. For more information go to <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/>.

Vernacular Architecture Forum Annual Meeting, May 19-22, 2010 in Washington, DC. For more information go to <http://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/conferences/2010/index.html>.

Section 106: An Introduction, June 8-10, 2010 in Atlanta, GA, offered by the National Preservation Institute. For more information go to www.npi.org.

International Heritage Development Conference, June 27-July 1, 2010 in Charleston, SC. The South Carolina National Heritage Corridor is hosting the International Heritage Development Conference "Advancing Beyond Borders" which includes a diversity forum; pre-conference tours on Gullah Geechee Culture & Traditions and the Carolina Barbados Connection; educational sessions focusing on heritage areas and heritage

tourism including interpretation, marketing, social media, funding, building partnerships, and non-profit how-tos; and day-long tours highlighting the interpretation of sensitive stories, southern foodways, natural areas and wildlife, and military heritage. The full agenda with descriptions of events and registration information (early registration ends May 21) is at http://www.sc-heritagecorridor.org/i hdc_2010/.

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum, July 28-August 1, 2010 in Grand Rapids, MI. For more information go to www.uga.edu/napc/programs/napc/forum.htm.

Grant Application Deadlines

April 30, 2010 Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation Preservation Fund:

This pilot grant program focuses on **historic school buildings** that are being stabilized or restored, and when completed will be open to the public and serve the community. The grants will fund construction expenses (for example roof repair window restoration, fire prevention, and building stabilization), with up to 20% available for professional service fees. Work should conform to the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The maximum grant award is \$50,000. Eligible applicants are 501 (c)(3) nonprofits, school boards/districts, and government agencies. To read the complete guidelines and eligibility requirements, and to download an application form, visit the National Trust's web site at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/nonprofit-public-funding.html> and scroll down to the section titled "Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation Preservation Fund."

May 5, 2010 NEH Challenge Grants: These matching grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities are intended to help organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds (that is, funds that are invested, with both the income and the principal being expended over a defined period of years) to support ongoing program activities. Funds may also be used for one-time capital expenditures (such as construction and renovation, purchase of equipment, and acquisitions) that bring long-term benefits to the institution and to the humanities more broadly. Applications are welcome from colleges and universities, museums, public libraries, research institutions, historical societies and historic sites, scholarly associations, state humanities councils, and other nonprofit entities. Activities supported by Challenge grant funds (both federal and nonfederal together) must provide long-term benefits to the humanities. For more information go to <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/challenge.html>.

NEW May 18, 2010 Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions from the National Endowment for the Humanities help small and mid-sized institutions, such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, town and county records offices, and colleges, improve their ability to preserve and care for their

humanities collections. Awards of up to \$6,000 support preservation-related collection assessments, consultations, training and workshops, and institutional and collaborative disaster and emergency planning. Grants cover consultant fees, workshop registration fees, related travel and per diem expenses, and the costs of purchasing and shipping preservation supplies and equipment. For more information go to <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/paq.html>.

May 21, 2010 Save America's Treasures Grants: Grants are available for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and historic structures and sites. Intellectual and cultural artifacts include artifacts, collections, documents, sculpture, and works of art. Historic structures and sites include historic districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects. Grants are awarded to Federal, state, local, and tribal government entities, and non-profit organizations through a competitive matching-grant program. For more information and to apply go to www.nps.gov/history/hps/treasures/index.htm.

June 1, 2010 Preservation Services Fund Grants: Administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, these grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for preservation planning and education efforts. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. For more information, contact the Southern Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at 843-722-8552 or soro@nthp.org and the National Trust website at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>.

June 1, 2010 Diversity Scholarship Program: The National Trust for Historic Preservation is accepting applications for its Diversity Scholarship Program to attend the National Preservation Conference scheduled for Austin, TX October 27-30, 2010. The program will provide financial assistance to approximately 60 community leaders from diverse backgrounds to attend the conference. For program and application information, please visit <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/diversity-scholarship-program/> or email scholarship@nthp.org.

Information about other grants is available on the Archives and History website at <http://shpo.sc.gov/grants/otherincentives/>.

The Preservation Directory.com also offers a guide to grants and funding sources <http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx>.

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

NOTE: Old issues of *Preservation News and Notes* going back to January 2009 are available at <http://www.shpo.sc.gov/newsnotes/default.htm>.

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