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**SAVE the DATE: Preservation Grants Workshop October 6**

Join us on Thursday, October 6 from 10 am to 12 noon at the Archives and History Center in Columbia to learn more about historic preservation grants. Topics will include types of projects funded by the federal Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), tips for successful grant applications, tips for successful grant administration, and examples of recent grant projects. Though the amount of fiscal year 2012 HPF funding is unknown at this time, the SHPO anticipates the possibility of money being available for grants in both Certified Local Governments (CLGs) and non-CLGs. The workshop is free, but registration is requested so that we can prepare handouts. To register, contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171, [jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us). Please register by October 3.

**September's Lunch and Learn Will Feature Archaeology of Gullah People**

On Tuesday, September 20, SHPO Archaeologist Dr. Jodi Barnes will present "An Archaeology of Gullah People: Interpreting South Carolina's Lowcountry" for the S.C. Archives and History Foundation's Lunch and Learn Series. The presentation will include a case study and primary sources to illustrate how archeology can shed light on the how African and African American peoples created a cultural identity, a Gullah identity. The free talk starts at noon, please bring your own lunch. For more information please contact Mary Katherine Marshall, the Foundation's Executive

Director, 803-896-6124, [mmarshall@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:mmarshall@scdah.state.sc.us), or visit [www.palmettohistorysc.org](http://www.palmettohistorysc.org).

### **SCDAH's Facebook Features Interesting Links, Photos and Updates**

We invite you to check out the S.C. Department of Archives and History on Facebook. We post a variety of events, photographs, and links to interesting articles and videos, such as this one about "Building Community Through Historic Preservation" by Rhonda Sincavage of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Carolina-Department-of-Archives-and-History/118232443651>.

### **State Board of Review Approves Three Nominations**

The South Carolina State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places met on July 22, 2011 and approved the following nominations to the National Register:

- Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemetery (Blacksburg vicinity, Cherokee County; and Grover vicinity, Cleveland County, North Carolina)
- Southern Railway Depot (Ninety Six, Greenwood County)
- Retreat Rosenwald School (Westminster vicinity, Oconee County)

The Depot and Rosenwald School 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. Because the Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemetery is located in both North Carolina and South Carolina, that nomination must also be approved by North Carolina's review board before it is sent to the Keeper. For more information about the National Register program contact Andy Chandler at [chandler@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:chandler@scdah.state.sc.us) or 803-896-6179.

### **National Archaeology Month Poster Features Two South Carolina Sites**

The National Register of Historic Places is featuring two South Carolina archaeological sites on its 2011 Archaeology Month poster: the Pottersville Kiln Site in Edgefield County and the Sams Tabby Complex in Beaufort County. To see the poster visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/feature/archeology/index.htm>.

### **Research Corner: Online Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Reveal Building Histories**

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps are a terrific source of information about older buildings and towns. These maps, created from the 1880s into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, are useful for dating construction and documenting alterations. The maps include the footprint of

each building present, color codes for building materials, for example yellow for frame construction and pink for brick, and numbers indicating the number of stories. Other notes may indicate uses – for example “D” for dwelling or “auto” for a garage. For commercial buildings specific uses are noted ranging from “hotel”, “bank” and “D.G” for dry goods to “Chinese laundry” and “candy kitchen”. Large manufacturing facilities are also included, helping date changes to properties such as textile mills. The South Caroliniana Library has digitized its collection of these maps, which cover dozens of South Carolina’s towns from Abbeville to Yorkville. Visit <http://library.sc.edu/digital/collections/sanborn.html> and type the name of the town you wish to view in the Search box. Often a town may have several maps from different years, allowing you to trace the construction and changes to a specific building, as well as the overall development of a neighborhood or downtown.

### **“The Best Old House Neighborhoods” Seeks Nominations**

*This Old House* magazine and PreservationDirectory.com are seeking nominations for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual “Best Old House Neighborhoods”. According to *This Old House* Associate Editor, Keith Pandolfi, "The point of this contest is - as it has always been - to familiarize *TOH* readers with outstanding, sometimes overlooked neighborhoods or towns that have exceptional older houses, and residents working hard to both restore them, and maintain them-for future generations." *TOH* is looking for 64 (one in each state, one in Puerto Rico, and one in each of Canada's 10 provinces and three territories) to add to its list of Best Old House Neighborhoods. "As always," says Pandolfi, "we're especially interested in overlooked places known for affordable houses that are heavy on architectural details."

To suggest a historic district, town or city, please send the following information to Mr. Pandolfi at [kpandolfi1970@gmail.com](mailto:kpandolfi1970@gmail.com). **The deadline is September 15, 2011.**

- The name of the neighborhood, town or district you wish to nominate
- A brief history of the area
- A brief description of the types of houses available, including architectural styles, the period in which they were built; and the average price range.
- A short paragraph on why you think the area deserves to be included on the list.
- At least five high-resolution digital photographs (300 DPI, at about 8.5 by 6.5) of houses, streetscapes and, if possible, neighborhood events.

### **Main Street Magazine Features Sustainability**

The National Main Street Center has made its recent issue on Sustainability available for free online at <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/main-street-now/2011/may-june/>. It includes real-life case studies from Main Street programs in Franklin, TN and Georgetown, TX. It also includes a discussion on incorporating

sustainability into downtown master plans and codes, tips on financing a green project, and a report on the Main Street Green Summit.

## **Tax Credit Legislation for Historic Buildings Introduced in Congress**

The **Creating American Prosperity through Preservation (CAPP) Act** and the **Historic Homeownership Revitalization Act of 2011 (HHRA)** were recently introduced in the House of Representatives.

- CAPP (H.R. 2479) would amend the current federal historic tax credit to make it more accessible to historic rehabilitation projects located in “Main Street” commercial districts.
- HHRA (H.R. 2555) creates a new federal tax incentive for owners of historic homes that would defray the cost of maintaining and retaining their home’s historic character.

Both bills can be found on the Library of Congress website <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>.

## **Strategies to Protect Archeological Sites on Private Lands**

The National Park Service, along with several partners developed a website offering strategies to protect archaeological sites on private lands. It has recently been updated, check it out at <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/pad/strategies.html>. The site contains information on strategies being used throughout the U.S., case studies, keys to success, contact information, and links to other sources of useful information. Key strategies include -- Land Ownership, Financial Strategies, Development Regulation, Laws Specific to Archeology, Voluntary Strategies, and Site Management.

## **Preservation Task Force Releases Report**

The Federal Historic Preservation Program Task Force has released its official report: *Aligned for Success: Recommendations for increasing the Effectiveness of the Federal Historic Preservation Program*. The report’s four key recommendations are:

1. Make historic preservation visible and accountable by realigning responsibilities for Preservation and Heritage Partnership Programs within the National Park Service under a Deputy Director for Historic Preservation and Heritage who reports to the Director of the National Park Service.
2. Designate a Senior Policy Officer for Historic Preservation and Heritage in the Department of the Interior to serve as a Special Advisor for Heritage to the Secretary of the Interior.
3. Make the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Chairman a full-time position.

4. Designate a senior staff position for historic and cultural resources on the President's Council on Environmental Quality ("CEQ").

A copy of the full report can be found at [www.preservationaction.org](http://www.preservationaction.org).

### Conferences/Workshops/Events

**National Preservation Institute Seminars** offers seminars on a wide range of preservation related topics throughout the year, including cemetery preservation, historic property maintenance and management, Native American cultural property law, and archaeological conservation and curation. **NPI offers tuition scholarships** to attend its seminars....for more information go to <http://www.npi.org/scholarships>.

**Genealogy 101**, August 27, 2011 and **Civil War Period Genealogy**, September 17, 2011 at the S.C. Archives and History Center, Columbia. The registration form is online at [www.palmettohistorysc.org](http://www.palmettohistorysc.org). Future sessions will feature Revolutionary War Period Genealogy (January 2012), and African American Genealogy (February 2012). Pre-registration is requested. For more information call Mary Katherine Marshall, the S.C. Archives and History Foundation's Executive Director at 803-896-6124 or email [mmarshall@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:mmarshall@scdah.state.sc.us).

**Commemoration: The Promise of Remembrance and New Beginnings: American Association for State and Local History 2011 Annual Meeting**, September 14 -17, 2011, Richmond, VA. The Civil War Sesquicentennial and the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 serve as the back-drop to this conversation of commemoration and how we experience our past. For information, see [www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org).

**NEW Preservation Workshops for Owners of Older and Historic Homes**, September 17, 2011 and October 15, 2011, Columbia. Hosted by the City of Columbia's Preservation Office, these free Saturday workshops are designed to educate homeowners about historic preservation and how they can best conserve the historic fabric of their homes. Topics for the September 17<sup>th</sup> workshop include historic wood window and door conservation, preventative maintenance, and proper prepping and painting techniques. Dan Elswick, senior historic architectural consultant with the SHPO will be one of the speakers. The October 15<sup>th</sup> workshop will be a full day hands-on window repair workshop led by David Hoggard of Double Hung Window Restoration. For more information and registration call Staci Richey at 803-545-3328 or email [slrichey@columbiasc.net](mailto:slrichey@columbiasc.net).

**South Carolina Humanities Festival**, October 1 - 9, 2011, Sumter. Hosted by the Sumter County Cultural Commission, the 18th Annual Humanities Festival will include exhibits, historic tours, an essay contest and more. More information, including a detailed schedule of events, will be posted on The Humanities Council<sup>SC</sup> website in the coming months [www.schumanities.org](http://www.schumanities.org).

**National Preservation Conference**, October 12 – 22, 2011, Buffalo, NY. The theme of this year's conference is "Alternating Currents." The conference will feature educational sessions, tours, networking events, and more. More information will be available at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/>.

**NEW Historic Tax Credits for Developers**, October 13 – 14, 2011, Philadelphia, PA. Through case studies and panel discussions, developers seasoned in the use of the federal Historic Tax Credit will share their experiences with for-profit and nonprofit building owners and developers from across the country who are interested in using these credits to finance their projects. For more information visit this webpage [http://www.ipedinc.net/Conferences/Historic Tax Credits Developers Conference Philadelphia October 2011.aspx](http://www.ipedinc.net/Conferences/Historic_Tax_Credits_Developers_Conference_Philadelphia_October_2011.aspx).

**NEW Archaeological Association of South Carolina Fall Field Day**, October 29, 2011, Lynches River State Park in Florence County, SC, from 10 AM to 4 PM. The 24th Annual Archaeology Field Day will focus on various aspect of archaeological research being conducted in South Carolina, particularly the Johannes Kolb site located on the Great Pee Dee River in Darlington County, SC. It is free and open to all. Offered will be living history demonstrations, exhibits, educational hands-on activities, and Artifact ID Tent, and poster presentations and lectures that span the entire prehistoric and historic occupations throughout time in South Carolina. For more information, please see <http://www.assc.net/events/fall-field-day>.

**The Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**, October 26 – 29, 2011, Charleston. The meeting includes paper sessions, plenary session, walking tour and study tour, as well as a reception and business lunch and awards ceremony. For more information go to <http://www.sesah.org/>.

**Heritage Development Summit: "Mission: Possible – Generating Partnerships to Spark Rural Communities"**, November 14 – 16, 2011, Clemson. Sponsored by the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, this event includes sessions on the economics of being "green" in preservation, creating wealth in rural communities, making your city newcomer and visitor friendly, and leveraging partnerships to increase rural competitiveness. For more information see <http://www.2011heritagesummit.com/about-hds.html>.

**NEW 2012 Governor's Conference on Tourism and Travel**, February, 20-22, Greenville. Visit [www.SCGovCon.com](http://www.SCGovCon.com) for updates on speakers, agenda and other conference events.

**NEW 2012 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference**, March 29-30, Columbia. We are accepting proposals for educational sessions. Educational sessions will cover a variety of topics ranging from "Preservation 101" to advanced discussions of exceptional, cutting-edge issues. For more information on submitting a session proposal and the requirements, see our website at <http://www.shpo.sc.gov/conf/landpconference/preservationconference.htm>.

Proposals are due November 10, 2011. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171, [jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us).

## Grant Application Deadlines

**October 1, 2011, 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](mailto:soro@nthp.org) and visit the National Trust website at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>.

**Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants:** Applications are now being accepted for nearly \$9 million in grants to help states and local communities acquire and preserve **threatened Civil War battlefield land**. Private nonprofit organizations can apply in partnership with a state or local government agency. Each grant requires a dollar for dollar non-federal match. The grants are administered by the American Battlefield Protection Program. For more information see <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp/grants/LWCF/LWCFAcquisitionGrants.htm> or contact Kristen McMasters at 202-354-2037 or [kristen\\_mcmasters@nps.gov](mailto:kristen_mcmasters@nps.gov).

**NEW September 15, 2011, Fitch Mid-Career Research Grants:** The James Marston Fitch Charitable Foundation will award Fitch Mid-Career research grants of up to \$15,000 to mid-career professionals who have an academic background, professional experience, and an established identity in historic preservation or related fields including, architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, environmental planning, architectural history, and the decorative arts. To learn more go to [www.fitchfoundation.org](http://www.fitchfoundation.org). Applications must be submitted in PDF format to [info@fitchfoundation.org](mailto:info@fitchfoundation.org).

## For More Grants Information

- <http://shpo.sc.gov/grants/otherincentives/>
- [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- <http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx>
- [www.npguides.org](http://www.npguides.org)

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