

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS AND NOTES** from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)  
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**Grant Applications for Federal Historic Preservation Grants: Due February 3, 2012**

In 2012 any local government, non-profit, or institution in South Carolina may apply for a Federal Historic Preservation Grant for a Survey and Planning Project. These 50:50 matching grants are administered by the State Historic Preservation Office at the SC Department of Archives and History. Local governments, non-profits and institutions located in one of the 32 Certified Local Government (CLG) communities may also apply for a Stabilization Project grant. For a list of CLGs, go to <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/locgov/Pages/CLG.aspx>.

- **Survey and Planning Projects**—eligible projects include surveys of historic properties, National Register nominations, preservation education, and preservation planning
- **Stabilization Projects**—eligible projects include stabilizing historic buildings or protecting historic buildings from the adverse effects of the weather

Information and the applications are at <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/Pages/Grants.aspx>. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM, February 3, 2012. Please contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or [sauls@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:sauls@scdah.state.sc.us) to discuss a project before applying.

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## Historic Preservation Awards Nominations

Nominate a project, organization, or individual for one of the 2012 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards. This year there are **two new award categories, Stewardship Awards and Preservation Service Awards.**

- **Honor Awards** celebrate successful and exemplary historic preservation projects around the Palmetto State.
- **Stewardship Awards** recognize those who have ensured the ongoing preservation of historic buildings, structures or sites through long-term care, planning, management, protection, or continuous ownership.
- **Preservation Service Awards** recognize projects and activities that make exemplary contributions to the advancement of historic preservation. Eligible projects can include research, publications, education, advocacy, public policy initiatives, promotional activities, events, and funding programs.
- **Heritage Tourism Award** recognizes those who best use South Carolina's cultural and historic resources in the promotion and development of tourism or use tourism to directly benefit the preservation of our heritage.
- The **Elected Official Honor Award** may be presented each year to an individual elected official in recognition of significant achievements or landmark efforts in the support of historic preservation in South Carolina.
- The **Governor's Award** may be presented each year in recognition of an individual's significant achievements or landmark efforts in the support of historic preservation in South Carolina.

The nomination form and directions are available at [http://www.palmettotrust.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=299&Itemid=106](http://www.palmettotrust.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=299&Itemid=106). For more information contact Michael Bedenbaugh at 803-896-6234, [oldhouse@palmettotrust.org](mailto:oldhouse@palmettotrust.org). **Nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2012.** The awards are sponsored by the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, the Office of the Governor, and the SC Department of Archives and History.

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## Preservation Conference: Poster Sessions

Posters are a great opportunity for organizations and students to showcase a successful program or historic research in South Carolina at the Preservation Conference, to be held March 29 – 30, 2012 at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia. For more information see the 2012 conference page <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx> or contact Rebekah Dobrasko at 803-896-6183, [dobrasko@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:dobrasko@scdah.state.sc.us). Proposals are due January 31, 2012.

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## SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon: January 27, 2012

The theme of this year's meeting is "Preserving More than Places in History" and will celebrate South Carolina's African American Jazz Heritage. It also features a keynote address by Mr. Robert Stanton, Senior Advisor to the US Secretary of the Department of the Interior. An evening reception and concert will feature the Skipp Pearson Jazz Ensemble and The Bhakti Project. The events will be held at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia.

A brochure with the full agenda and registration information is on the Commission's website <http://shpo.sc.gov/res/Pages/SCAAHC.aspx>. Please register by January 20, 2012. For more information call 843-917-3350.

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### **January 2012 Events at the SC Archives and History Center**

**Tuesday, January 17:** Lunch and Learn at noon featuring Dr. W. Eric Emerson on the Secession Convention. Free, bring a lunch.

**Saturday, January 28:** Genealogy Workshop focusing on Revolutionary War research with Elaine Rohr from 9 am to 12 noon. Registration required.

For more information about these SC Archives and History Foundation events see <http://www.palmettohistorysc.org/> or contact Mary Katherine Marshall at 803-896-6124, [mmarshall@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:mmarshall@scdah.state.sc.us).

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### **Scholarships Available for 2012 Preservation Seminars**

The National Preservation Institute (NPI) regularly offers tuition scholarships to attend any scheduled NPI seminar. It is offering scholarships (funded by a National Endowment for the Arts grant) for the following seminars in 2012.

Of particular note for those in South Carolina are the cemetery preservation and cemetery landscape seminars that will be held in Greensboro in May 2012. Please pass this information along to others who might be interested!

- Cemetery Preservation (May 9-10, 2012, Greensboro, NC)
- Cemetery Landscapes: A Practical Guide to Care and Maintenance (May 11, 2012, Greensboro, NC)
- Archaeological Curation and Collections Management (April 18-20, 2012, Richmond, VA)
- Conservation Strategies for Archaeologists (April 16-17, 2012, Richmond, VA)
- Consultation and Protection of Native American Sacred Lands (March 29-30, 2012, Anchorage, AK)
- Historic Structures Reports: A Management Tool for Historic Properties (March 20, 2012, Mount Vernon, VA)

- Preservation Maintenance: Understanding and Preserving Historic Buildings (March 21-22, 2012, Mount Vernon, VA)

NPI must receive scholarship applications at least six weeks prior to the seminar date. To learn more and to access the application form visit <http://www.npi.org/scholarships>. For more information, contact NPI at 703-765-0100 or [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org).

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### **National New Deal Association Draws Attention to Post Office Closings**

As the U.S. Postal Service struggles with budget shortfalls, historic post offices have been scheduled for closure and sale, including many built during the New Deal. See the National New Deal Association website for more information [http://www.newdeallegacy.org/latest\\_news.html](http://www.newdeallegacy.org/latest_news.html).

In South Carolina, the State Newspaper ran a series highlighting the importance of the postal service, and has featured articles about the historic Cheraw Post Office <http://www.thestate.com/2011/11/26/2059276/in-cheraw-post-office-keeps-the.html> and the Batesburg Post Office <http://www.thestate.com/2011/12/17/2083244/mural-over-postmasters-door-one.html>.

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### **Research Corner: Online Plan Books and Building Materials Catalogs**

Check out the Association for Preservation Technology's (APT) [Building Technology Heritage Library](http://www.archive.org/details/buildingtechnologyheritagelibrary), an amazing digitized collection of out-of-copyright architectural publications, construction trade catalogs and related publications dating from the early nineteenth century through 1963. Over 1,100 items are currently available. There are hundreds of house plans books, as well as more unusual documents such as the Home Garage of Concrete Masonry (1928) and Paul Bunyan's Log Cabin book (1932), and catalogs of kitchen appliances from the 1920s, 30s and 40s. See <http://www.archive.org/details/buildingtechnologyheritagelibrary>.

Digital copies of Atlanta architect Leila Ross Wilburn's house plan books from the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century are online at <http://www.mak-decatur.org/lrwbooks.shtml>.

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### **USGS Historical Topographic Map Collection Now Online**

The US Geological Survey has produced topographic maps for more than 125 years. They are currently converting their historical printed topographic quadrangles to an electronic format (GeoPDF). Over 90,000 of the more than 200,000 maps in the collection now available for download. See <http://nationalmap.gov/historical/>. The agency will continue to add maps to the collection through the next year, until their entire map library is online and available for public use.

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## Technical Preservation Services New Website

Technical Preservation Services of the National Park Service has redesigned and expanded its website [www.nps.gov/tps](http://www.nps.gov/tps). It includes:

- Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines; information about the historic preservation tax incentives; all publications, including the Preservation Briefs and Tech Notes;
- Guidance on meeting the Standards in rehabilitation projects;
- Information on the Historic Surplus Property Program and the Historic Preservation Internship Training program; online training; and much more
- Expanded information on Sustainability and Historic Preservation, including the *Illustrated Guidelines on Sustainability for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*, links to research and studies on energy efficiency and historic buildings and to sustainability resources for home owners, historic districts and communities, and Federal agencies.

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## Conferences/Workshops/Events

**NEW Webinars on National Historic Landmarks**, Spring 2012. The National Historic Landmarks program of the National Park Service is offering several webinars on the NHL program this spring. Check out the schedule at <http://www.nps.gov/history/nhl/webinars.htm>.

**SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Meeting and Awards**, January 27, 2012, Columbia. A brochure with full agenda and registration information is on the Commission's website <http://shpo.sc.gov/res/Pages/SCAAHC.aspx>. Please register by January 20, 2012. For more information call 843-917-3350.

**SC Historical Association Annual Meeting**, March 3, 2012, Columbia. For more information see <http://www.palmettohistory.org/scha/scha.htm>.

**NEW Identification and Evaluation of Mid-20th-Century Buildings seminar**, March 5-6, Tallahassee, FL. For more information about this National Preservation Institute seminar visit [www.npi.org](http://www.npi.org).

**NEW SC Federation of Museums Annual Conference *Unlocking the Future: Keys for Success***, March 7-9, 2012, Georgetown. This year's conference will focus on providing "keys for success" to museums of all different sizes, styles and focuses. Come and share experiences and ideas for what will help guide museums successfully into the future. Discuss ideas on staying motivated, continuing to adapt, and engaging visitors in this fast paced, quickly changing world. See <http://www.southcarolinamuseums.org/conference.html>.

**NEW Preservation Advocacy Day**, March 7-8, 2012, Washington DC. Hosted by Preservation Action, in conjunction with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, Advocacy Day includes annual meetings, legislative briefings, training, and visits to legislative offices. For more information see the Preservation Action website at <http://www.preservationaction.org/lobbyday.htm>.

**NEW Kolb Site Public Archaeology Day**, March 10, 2012, Mechanicsville, SC. Field work will be conducted March 5 -16. For more information <http://38da75.com/>.

**Landscape Preservation: An Introduction**, March 20 - 21, 2012, Atlanta, GA. Participants in this National Preservation Institute seminar will learn about the basics of cultural landscapes including designed, vernacular, ethnographic and historic sites. Topics also include relevant laws and regulations, how to document and evaluate, and case studies in preservation. For more information go to [www.npi.org](http://www.npi.org).

**2012 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference**, March 29 - 30, 2012, Columbia. Information will be posted online <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx> later this month. To sign up for registration information contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171, [jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us).

**NEW National Main Street Conference**, April 1-4, 2012, Baltimore, MD. The conference includes 50 + classroom and mobile sessions, two general sessions and an urban Main Street Summit, meeting with vendors and service professionals, and networking opportunities. Visit the website to learn more <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2012baltimore/> or email [msconference@nthp.org](mailto:msconference@nthp.org) or call 202-588-6219.

**NEW Landmark Conference: "Railroads, Resorts and Rogues Along the River"**, April 12-14, 2012, North Augusta. Sponsored by the Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies. For more information, call Brenda, 803-642-2015.

**NEW National Council on Public History/Organization of American Historians Joint Conference**, April 18-22, Milwaukee, WI. Online registration is now open <http://annualmeeting.oah.org/registration/>.

**NEW Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation Annual Meeting**, April 25-28, 2012, Victoria, British Columbia. The program Committee invites proposals for presentations that will encourage lively discussions about cultural landscapes. The deadline for submissions is February 3. For more information, see <http://ahlp.org/>.

**National Rosenwald Schools Conference: 100 Years of Pride, Progress, and Preservation**, June 14 – 16, 2012, Tuskegee, AL. Organized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, along with state and local partners. More information is at [www.preservationnation.org/rosenwald](http://www.preservationnation.org/rosenwald).

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Underground Railroad Conference**, June 20 – 23, 2012, St. Augustine, FL. For more Information about the Network to Freedom Program and Underground Railroad conferences, see <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/ugrr/community/annual-conference.html> or contact Turkiya L. Lowe, Ph.D., at [turkiya\\_lowe@nps.gov](mailto:turkiya_lowe@nps.gov), 404-507-5830.

**NEW The Association for Gravestone Studies Annual Conference**, June 19 – 24, 2012, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ. Proposals are solicited for scholarly papers, 20 minutes in length; and for Participation/Class Sessions, 50 minutes in length. The deadline for submissions is **February 1**. See <http://www.gravestonestudies.org/welcome.htm>.

**National Alliance of Preservation Commission's Forum**, July 19 – 22, 2012 in Norfolk, VA. See <http://www.uga.edu/napc/programs/napc/forum.htm>.

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## **Grant Application Deadlines**

**February 1, 2012 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. Applications are now being accepted for grants from the National Trust Preservation Fund, the Hart Family Fund for Small Towns, the Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation, and the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors. For more information see <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/nonprofit-public-funding.html>. If you have questions about the grant programs, staff in the grants office can assist. Send questions to [grants@nthp.org](mailto:grants@nthp.org).

**February 3, 2012 Federal Historic Preservation Grants:** Administered by the SHPO, these matching grants can assist two types of projects: (1) Survey and Planning Projects—eligible projects include surveys of historic properties, National Register nominations, preservation education, and preservation planning; (2) Stabilization Projects—eligible projects include stabilizing historic buildings or protecting historic buildings from the adverse effects of the weather. Any local government, non-profit, or institution in South Carolina may apply for Survey and Planning Grant, only those in a Certified Local Government Community may apply for a Stabilization Project. Grant awards generally range from \$1,500 to \$25,000. The 2012 application is online at <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/Pages/Grants.aspx>. Please contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or [sauls@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:sauls@scdah.state.sc.us) to discuss a project before applying.

## **For More Grants Information**

- <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/Documents/hpfinancialincent.pdf>
- [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>
- [www.npguides.org](http://www.npguides.org)

- <http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/grant-and-funding-sources>
- <http://www.achp.gov/funding.html>

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