

HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS AND NOTES from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
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Make Plans to Attend the 2012 Preservation Conference March 29 - 30

Registration is now open for the 2012 Preservation Conference! The conference will be March 29 - 30 at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia and features a great lineup of speakers. Topics include:

- grant funding
- cemeteries
- urban archaeology
- historic windows
- forces that destroy historic structures (and how to stop them),
- historic railroad buildings
- mid-century modern architecture
- using technology in preservation, and
- connecting communities to history

Presentations from the American College of the Building Arts and the graduate program at Clemson University/College of Charleston will highlight some of the exciting work

being done by future preservationists and craftspeople. A State Review Board meeting will allow attendees to see the National Register nomination process in action.

The brochure and registration information is available at <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx>. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171, jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us. Please note: **Early registration ends March 16**. One day registrations are also available, as are student discounts. Online registration is now available!

SHPO Tax Credit Workshop in Charleston March 19

The State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to be part of the Preservation Society of Charleston's Continuing Heritage Studies program. On March 19 SHPO staff Rebekah Dobrasko and Dan Elswick will teach a three-hour workshop on the ins and outs of South Carolina historic preservation tax credit opportunities. The presentation will give homeowners, contractors, real estate and accounting professionals the opportunity to understand the tax credit programs that are available, as well as the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The workshop is free, and a box lunch will be available for \$10. To register go to <http://www.preservationsociety.org/CHS/schedule.asp> and scroll to the bottom of the page. For more information contact Paul Saylor at psaylor@preservationsociety.org.

SC Archives and History Foundation Spring Events

February 21: Lunch and Learn: Eddie Pattillo will speak about Carolina Planters on the Alabama Frontier

February 25: African American Genealogy Workshop with Steve Tuttle, Director of Archives Services for SCDAH

March 20: Lunch and Learn: Krissy Johnson of the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military museum will speak about Civil War Cemeteries

March 24: Revolutionary War Genealogy Workshop with Elaine Rohr, reference archivist with SCDAH [Note: rescheduled from January]

April 17: Lunch and Learn. Historic Columbia Foundation will present the organization's Garden Initiative

April 21: Tour of Edgefield

April 28: National History Day State Competition

May 15: Lunch and Learn: Tracy Power, historian with SCDAH, will speak about "Lee's Miserables"

For more information about Foundation events, visit the website at <http://www.palmettohistorysc.org/> or contact Mary Katherine Marshall at 803-896-6124, mmarshall@scdah.state.sc.us.

Newest Listing in the National Register of Historic Places

The **McLaurin-Roper-McColl House Farmstead**, in the Clio vicinity of Marlboro County, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on January 20, 2012. The Farmstead is significant in agriculture because it preserves a relatively intact 500-acre landscape that reflects the history of agriculture in Marlboro County from the antebellum period through the 1960s. The house, the early outbuilding, the African American cemetery, the farm roads, and the built landscape features such as the drainage ditches, as well as the census and family records, detail the history of this farm. The house is significant as an early house type that evolved over time, starting with a four-bay side-gable form of a Coastal Cottage from ca. 1826. The kitchen and dining room document 1850s construction, while the late Victorian-trimmed Triple-A I-House (1899) addition and its 1920s Craftsman style modifications reflect the changing tastes of a middle-class farming family. To see photographs and read the nomination form visit <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/marlboro/S10817735010/index.htm>.

Preserving Our Places in History Award Winners

The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission presented the Preserving Our Places in History Awards on Friday, January 27, 2012. The 2012 Award Recipients were:

Individual Award: Rev. Dr. M. Charmaine Ragin

Project Award: Historic Columbia Foundation for “Connecting Communities Through History”

Group or Organization Award: Fort Sumter National Monument

Lifetime Achievement Award: Jack Solomon Bass

Herbert A. DeCosta, Jr. Trailblazer Award: AT&T African American History Calendar & Website

The African American Civil War Lecture Series

A lecture series organized by the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission (SCAAHC) will explore the way African Americans lived during the Civil War and the roles they played in the war. The series, made possible by a grant from *The Humanities Council*^{SC} will include lectures by scholars, lay historians, and period re-enactors who will cover such subjects as the Causes of the Civil War, Slavery in South Carolina, The Ordinance of Secession, and Black Confederates. Upcoming locations and dates:

- Hartsville Memorial Library, 147 West College Avenue, Hartsville, SC. Thursday, May 17, 2012 from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.
- Spartanburg Regional History Museum, 200 E. St. John Street, Spartanburg, SC. Thursday, August 23, 2012 from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

- South Carolina Department of Archives and History, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC. Thursday, October 25, 2012 from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

All lectures supported by the Humanities Council grant are free and open to the public. See http://shpo.sc.gov/res/Documents/PR_%20CWlectureseries.pdf for a listing of speakers at each event. Anyone needing additional information on the lectures should contact Joseph McGill, the project coordinator and SCAAHC commissioner, at 843-408-7727, joseph_mcgill@nthp.org.

SC Hall of Fame Inducts Ernest Finney, Jr. and Thomas Lynch, Sr.

The official SC Hall of Fame inducted two new members on February 13, 2012 in a ceremony at the Convention Center in Myrtle Beach. Judge Ernest A. Finney Jr., the first African-American chief justice of the SC Supreme Court since Reconstruction, served on the Court from 1985 to 2000. He became chief justice in 1994. Finney, a graduate of Claflin College, and The SC State University School of Law, was involved in civil rights struggles, representing the Rock Hill Friendship 9 and chairing the SC Commission on Civil Rights. Finney also served in the SC House of Representatives, was the state's first African American circuit court judge, and served as interim president of SC State. The other inductee was Thomas Lynch, Sr., an indigo and rice planter who was a leading statesman in the colonial era. He served in the colonial legislature and represented the state at the Stamp Act Congress in 1765 and at the first and second Continental Congresses. The SC Hall of Fame was created in 1973 to recognize people who made outstanding contributions to the state's progress and heritage. Profiles of all members can be found at <http://theofficialschalloffame.com/>.

Research Corner: Resources on South Carolina for Students and Teachers

The SHPO's new **"For Teachers"** webpage features links to lesson plans about South Carolina history and historic places ranging from the colonial era to the 20th century. See <http://shpo.sc.gov/res/Pages/Teachers.aspx>. It also includes links to other sources of information for teachers. For example:

StudySC is a website (www.studysc.org) that provides online content to support South Carolina-specific curriculum standards, developed and maintained by the South Carolina State Library. StudySC is for K-12 students, educators, and parents and is designed to find material appropriate to each grade level and subject area. StudySC includes information on South Carolina culture, environment, geography, government, history, and people. The website links to photographs, videos, sound clips, and other high-quality resources, including many of the SC Department of Archives and History's resources.

Preservation Brief 3: Improving Energy Efficiency in Historic Buildings

This newly revised and updated Preservation Brief from the Technical Preservation Services of the National Park Service offers guidance on making informed decisions about energy efficiency improvements to historic buildings. See <http://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/03Preserve-Brief-Energy.pdf>.

The Greenest Building: Quantifying the Environmental Value of Building Reuse

This study by the Preservation Green Lab of the National Trust for Historic Preservation provides the most comprehensive analysis to date of the potential environmental benefit of building reuse. It found that “when comparing buildings of equivalent size and function, building reuse almost always offers environmental savings over demolition and new construction. Those findings include:

Reuse Matters. Building reuse typically offers greater environmental savings than demolition and new construction. It can take between 10 to 80 years for a new energy efficient building to overcome, through efficient operations, the climate change impacts created by its construction. The study finds that the majority of building types in different climates will take between 20-30 years to compensate for the initial carbon impacts from construction.

Scale Matters. Collectively, building reuse and retrofits substantially reduce climate change impacts. Retrofitting, rather than demolishing and replacing, just 1% of the city of Portland’s office buildings and single family homes over the next ten years would help to meet 15% of their county’s total CO2 reduction targets over the next decade.

Design Matters. The environmental benefits of reuse are maximized by minimizing the input of new construction materials. Renovation projects that require many new materials can reduce or even negate the benefits of reuse.

The Bottom Line: Reusing existing buildings is good for the economy, the community and the environment. At a time when our country’s foreclosure and unemployment rates remain high, communities would be wise to reinvest in their existing building stock. Historic rehabilitation has a **thirty-two year track record of creating 2 million jobs and generating \$90 billion in private investment.** Studies show residential rehabilitation **creates 50% more jobs** than new construction.”

See <http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/sustainability/green-lab/valuing-building-reuse.html> for more information and links to the study.

National Trust Seeks Conference Session Proposals, Awards Nominations

Conference Session Proposals: The National Trust for Historic Preservation is seeking education session proposals for the 2012 Preservation Conference in Spokane, WA,

October 31 – November 3. **Proposals are due March 1, 2012.** For more information see <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/> or contact the conference staff at 202-588-6100, conference@nthp.org. Note: Education session managers and speakers receive complimentary conference registration.

Awards Nominations: The National Trust for Historic Preservation is now accepting nominations for the Richard H. Driehaus National Preservation Awards. **The deadline is March 15, 2012.** Award descriptions, eligibility requirements and applications are at <http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/awards/>.

Conferences/Workshops/Events

NEW South Carolina and the Civil Rights Struggle Conference, February 23 - 24, 2012, Orangeburg. Sponsored by the National Council for History Education (NCHE), South Carolina State University and Richland School District Two, with special guests, Congressman James Clyburn and the remaining members of the Rock Hill "Friendship Nine". To register for the conference or for more information, please visit the NCHE website at <http://www.nche.net/page.aspx?pid=434>.

NEW Preservation South Conference, February 24 – 26, 2012, Athens, GA. The Student Historic Preservation Organization at The University of Georgia is hosting the first annual Preservation South Conference. It is the first preservation conference planned specifically for students, by students; however, all are invited to attend. Speakers include local, state, and national preservation figures. Conference events are free to attend with registration; however, attendees will be on their own for transportation, lodging, and meals. See the brochure at <http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1103380377669-547/Pres+South+brochure%5b1%5d.pdf>. To register go to <http://preservationsouth.eventbrite.com/>.

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

Identification and Evaluation of Mid-20th-Century Buildings seminar, March 5 - 6, 2012, Tallahassee, FL. For more information about this National Preservation Institute seminar visit www.npi.org.

SC Federation of Museums Annual Conference *Unlocking the Future: Keys for Success*, March 7 - 9, 2012, Georgetown. For more information go to <http://www.southcarolinamuseums.org/conference.html>.

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>.

Kolb Site Public Archaeology Day, March 10, 2012, Mechanicsville. Field work will be conducted March 5 -16. For more information go to <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.

2012 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, March 29 - 30, 2012, Columbia. The schedule and registration information are online at <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx>. Contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171, jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us.

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, meetings with vendors and service professionals, and networking opportunities. See <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2012baltimore/> or email msconference@nthp.org or call 202-588-6219.

NEW Annual Conference on South Carolina Archaeology, April 14, 2012, Columbia. The Archaeological Society of South Carolina invites submissions for the general session of the annual conference. Accepted posters and papers must incorporate South Carolina archaeology on a range of topics and perspectives. Avocational archaeologists, undergraduate students, graduate students and professional archaeologists interested in participating are encouraged to email a title and short abstract to James Stewart (stewartseneca@gmail.com) by **6 March 2012**. Paper presentations are limited to 20-minutes. Please specify whether submitting a poster or paper. For more information see <http://www.assc.net/events/annual-conference>.

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

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

Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation Annual Meeting, April 25 - 28, 2012, Victoria, British Columbia. See <http://ahlp.org/>.

NEW Cemetery Preservation (May 9 – 10, 2012) and **Cemetery Landscapes: A Practical Guide to Care and Maintenance** (May 11, 2012), Greensboro, NC.

Participants in these National Preservation Institute seminars will learn how to begin a cemetery project and make sound choices. Topics covered include documentation and recording, conservation techniques and issues, and preservation projects. To learn more about the seminars and registration go to <http://www.npi.org/>. Scholarships are available to attend both seminars.

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.

6th 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, 404-507-5830.

The Association for Gravestone Studies Annual Conference, June 19 – 24, 2012, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ. See <http://www.gravestonestudies.org/welcome.htm>.

National Alliance of Preservation Commission's Forum, July 19 – 22, 2012 in Norfolk, VA. Features a wide range of workshops and sessions specifically for local historic preservation commissions and boards of architectural review. See <http://napc.uga.edu/forum2012/>.

Grant Application Deadlines

NEW March 1, 2012 National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grants: Subject to the availability of funding, the National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of matching grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000, for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. *Our Town Grants* will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, seek to improve their quality of life; encourage creative activity; create community identity and a sense of place; and revitalize local economies. See <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html> for more details.

NEW Grant Funding Classes: The State Library is offering three classes that are free and open to state employees, library staff and the public. For more information, contact Dawn Mullin at 803-737-3762 or dmullin@statelibrary.sc.gov.

- **Finding a Funder for Your Nonprofit Organization** (February 23 and April 17) will help individuals locate information on grants available from private foundations and corporations using the State Library's electronic and print resources.
- **Introduction to the Foundation Directory Online** (March 14) will include basic and advanced search techniques for using the Foundation Center's grants database to find potential funders for your nonprofit.
- **Proposal Writing Basis** (May 3) will focus on what needs to be included in all your grant proposals.

For More Grants Information

- <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/Documents/hpfinancialincent.pdf>
- www.grants.gov
- <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>
- www.npguides.org
- <http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/grant-and-funding-sources>
- <http://www.achp.gov/funding.html>

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