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Join Us for the Preservation Conference on April 16

Registration is now open for the 2013 Historic Preservation Conference, which will be held at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia on Tuesday, April 16. Join us for a full day of sessions on a wide variety of topics. With 17 sessions, we’ve got something for everyone. Local government staff and board members may receive continuing education credits for attendance at conference sessions. See http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Documents/presconf2013.pdf for the agenda and registration information. Please contact Nancy Brooks if you have any questions about registration at 803-896-6439, nancy@palmettotrust.org. Sign up by April 1, 2013 to receive the early registration discount!

Last Call: Preservation Award Nominations Due Friday, March 15

Nominate a worthy preservation project, individual or organization for one of the statewide preservation awards. There are six categories: Honor Awards, Stewardship Awards, Preservation Service Awards, Heritage Tourism Award, Elected Official Honor Award, and Governor’s Award. The nomination form and directions are available at http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Documents/2013Awards_nomination.pdf. For more information contact Michael Bedenbaugh at 803-896-6234, oldhouse@palmettotrust.org. Nominations must be postmarked by this Friday, March 15, 2013. The awards are sponsored by the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, the Office of the Governor, and the SC Department of Archives and History.
State Board of Review to Meet March 22

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet on Friday, March 22, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the SC Archives and History Center. The Board will consider the following five nominations to the National Register:

- Lang Syne Plantation, Fort Motte vicinity, Calhoun County
- Oak Grove, Newberry, Newberry County
- Central Roller Mills, Central, Pickens County
- Owen Building, Columbia, Richland County
- Catawba Rosenwald School, Catawba vicinity, York County

The public is welcome to attend the meeting. For more information, see http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/natreg/Pages/Board.aspx or contact Andy Chandler at chandler@scdah.state.sc.us or 803-896-6179.

Landmark Conference to Be Held in Spartanburg, April 18-20

The Confederation of SC Local Historical Societies will hold its Landmark Conference in Spartanburg, April 18-20, 2013. The theme for this year’s event is “The Sparkle City: A Diverse Legacy.” The agenda and registration form can be found on the Confederation’s website http://www.palmettohistory.org/confederation/. For more information please contact Becky Slayton, Treasurer, at 864-431-1571 or reslayton@gmail.com.

Dan Elswick Receives Award

Check out the SCDAH Facebook page for a photograph of Dan Elswick receiving the Secretary of the Interior’s 2012 Historic Preservation Award recognizing the outstanding contributions of an employee in a State Historic Preservation Office https://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Carolina-Department-of-Archives-and-History/118232443651.

FY12 Reports on the Federal Historic Tax Credit Program

The National Park Service has just released the FY12 annual report and FY12 statistical report on the federal tax credit program usage. See http://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm. Highlights for FY12 (October 1, 2011 thru September 30, 2012) include:

- 1,020 proposed projects and $5.33 billion in rehabilitation work approved
- 744 completed projects and $3.15 billion in rehabilitation work certified
- 57,783 jobs created by completed projects
• 6,366 new low and moderate income housing units/17,991 new or renovated housing units overall

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Nine Good Reasons to Preserve

Why do we preserve buildings? Here are nine good reasons! Written in everyday language that anybody can relate to, this article will probably make you think of those places in your own community that time has not run out on. For anyone who wonders why some people fret over the future old buildings, this is a great summary!

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Streamlining Compliance with Section 106

State departments of transportation and their partner agencies have developed programs to more effectively, quickly, and efficiently deliver projects that could affect historic resources. These programs focus on streamlining compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Section 106) and improving historic resource stewardship early in the planning and project development processes. To read examples of innovative “best practices” please visit http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/strmlng/newsletters/fb13n1.pdf.

Conferences / Workshops / Events

NEW Johannes Kolb Archaeology & Education Project Public Day, March 16, 2013, Great Pee Dee River Heritage Preserve. There will be both prehistoric and historic demonstrators and interpreters. Demonstrations include friction fire materials, soapstone materials, pottery, flint knapping, stone axes, African American lifeways, woodworking, and leatherworking. For more information and directions go to http://38da75.com/.

Masters of the Building Arts Festival, March 17-23, 2013, Charleston. The main event is on Saturday, March 23 from 10am - 5pm and is free and open to the public. For more information http://www.buildingartscollege.us/About/events.html.

Advanced Section 106 Seminar, April 2, 2013, Charlotte, NC. This Advisory Council on Historic Preservation course is designed for advanced Section 106 practitioners, including federal agency representatives, project sponsors, and other Section 106 stakeholders. Contact Cindy Bienvenue, Meeting and Event Manager, at (202) 606-8521 or cbienvenue@achp.gov for more information and click here to read the seminar schedule.

Section 106: An Introduction, April 9-11, 2013, Atlanta, GA. Offered by the National Preservation Institute in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources,
Historic Preservation Division, and the Georgia Department of Transportation. For more information about the course and registration go to http://www.npi.org/.

NEW Vitruviana, April 12, 2013, Charleston. Vitruviana 2013 marks the second in a series of annual Charleston symposia (with related tours) on the development of American architecture and the prominent role which Charleston architects and their patrons have played in it. The agenda and registration information can be found at https://sites.google.com/site/vitruviana2013/home.

South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference, April 16, 2013, Columbia. Registration is now open! The early registration discount ends on April 1, so please register now. The conference features 17 sessions, with continuing education credits available for local government planning officials and board members. Check out the wide range of topics that will be presented: historic tax credits, ethnic tourism, Traditional Cultural Properties, midcentury modern, civil rights sites, cemeteries, energy efficiency for historic houses, historic railroads, local design guidelines, and much more. Session descriptions and registration information is online at http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Documents/presconf2013.pdf.

Cultural Economy: National Main Streets Conference, April 14-16, 2013, New Orleans, LA. The 2013 National Main Streets Conference is the ideal place to learn new skills, explore new ideas, discover innovative strategies, and share best practices. Find out how other communities have solved common problems on Main Street and get the latest how-to tactics from experts in the field. To learn more go to http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2013neworleans/.

National Council on Public History Conference, April 17-20, 2013, Ottawa, Canada. The conference theme is "Knowing your Public(s)—The Significance of Audiences in Public History." For more information and to register go to http://ncph.org/cms/conferences/2013-annual-meeting/.

Landmark Conference, April 18-20, 2013, Spartanburg. The annual gathering of the SC Confederation of Local Historical Societies is hosted this year by the Spartanburg County Historical Association. The theme for this year’s event is "The Sparkle City: A Diverse Legacy." The agenda and registration form can be found on the Confederation’s website http://www.palmettohistory.org/confederation/. For more information please contact Becky Slayton, Treasurer, at 864-431-1571 or reslayton@gmail.com.

16th Annual US/ICOMOS International Symposium, May 2-4, 2013, Savannah, GA. The theme is "The Historic Center and the Next City: Envisioning Urban Heritage Evolution." Sessions will provide planners, architects, educators, heritage managers and preservationists the opportunity to discuss the evolution of historic urban centers and how they may provide inspiration for the future. For more information, visit www.usicomos.org or email historicpreservation@scad.edu.

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Grant Application Deadlines

NEW April 15, 2013: The National Trust for Historic Preservation's Rosenwald School Centennial Fund is currently accepting applications for bricks and mortar preservation grants for Rosenwald Schools. Grants up to $20,000 will be awarded and require a cash match. Interested applicants should review the grant guidelines and eligibility criteria. The National Trust's Centennial Fund is made possible by a lead gift from the Righteous Persons Foundation. http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/rosenwald-grants/rosenwald-school-centennial.html#HowToApply.

NEW May 1, 2013: The application deadline for some of the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s most popular grant programs have changed. Applications for the following programs are now due May 1, 2013:

- Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors, awarding grants for the planning phases of interior restoration projects. Grants range from $2,500 to $10,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar match.
- Hart Family Fund for Small Towns, providing preservation planning and education grants to projects taking place in communities of fewer than 5,000 people. Grants range from $2,500 to $10,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar match.
- Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation, providing funding to deserving organizations demonstrating commitment to the protection of natural and cultural resources in the Mid-Atlantic region. Grants typically fall in the $1,000 to $2,000 range and no match is required.
- Henry A. Jordan, M.D. Preservation Excellence Fund, funding projects that foster an appreciation of our nation’s diverse cultural heritage and preserve and revitalize the livability of our nation’s communities. Preservation planning grants from this fund range from $2,500 to $10,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar match.

If you have any questions please contact the grants office at grants@savingplaces.org or 202-588-6277.

NEW May 1, 2013: National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions. Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions—such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities—improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials. For complete details see http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html. Program questions should be directed to NEH’s Division of Preservation and Access at 202-606-8570 or preservation@neh.gov.
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