

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

The theme for Preservation Month is “This Place Matters”. Check out the SCDAH [Facebook page](#) throughout the month to learn more about architectural styles and buildings in South Carolina. Thanks to SHPO staff members Pam Kendrick and Virginia Harness for preparing the drawings and text for these posts. The complete set of drawings is available at <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Documents/Interactive%20PDF.pdf>.

[Click here](#) for more information about Preservation Month, including how to share photographs of places that matter through social media, a toolkit and signage, and merchandise, and [here](#) for information about scheduling preservation site visits with elected officials.

Preservation Conference Recap

Thank you to all our conference speakers, sponsors, and attendees for making the 2018 preservation conference a great success. Presentations from many sessions have been uploaded to our website at <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx>. Note: If the webpage asks for a username or password just click “cancel” and the page should load.

Tax Credit Spotlight

This month's spotlight is the Champion Pearson Funeral Home which was constructed ca. 1929 and is Columbia's oldest extant historic African American, purpose-built funeral home. The three-story brick commercial building features an arched opening to a recessed porch that is two-bays wide and a large Colonial Revival elliptical fanlight over three six-over-six windows on the first floor. Heavy, rough-cut or rock-faced granite blocks of various sizes and shapes give the first story a unique rusticated appearance while the second and third stories feature red brick walls with yellow brick window and door lintels. The rehabilitation of Champion Pearson Funeral Home was completed in 2017 and included repairs to existing historic windows, new windows to replace non-historic windows, a new roof, upgrades to the mechanical and electrical systems, and interior improvements. The project is seeking federal and state income-producing tax credits with a private investment cost of approximately \$2.8 million.



Preservation South Carolina Announces Places at Risk List

Preservation South Carolina (formerly the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation) recently announced their 2018 Places at Risk List. For more information visit <https://preservesc.org/places-at-risk-2018/>.

Recent Reports on Local Historic Districts

Check out a couple of recent reports on the value of local historic districts.

- [Making the Connections: A Study of the Impact of Historic Preservation in Indianapolis, 2018](#)
- [Local Historic Districts and Property Values in Michigan Neighborhoods, 2016](#)

Preservation Leadership Training (PLT) Opportunities

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is holding two Preservation Leadership Training opportunities this year specifically for professionals working at African American sites and museums.

PLT Intensive: Association of African American Museums, August 8, 2018, Hampton, VA. This workshop will explore best practices in preserving the material and natural heritage of black museums and/or historic sites. Hear from national experts on topics that include preservation business planning, preservation planning for buildings, landscapes, and collections and strategic planning with a heavy focus on fundraising and advocacy to strengthen preservation projects and nonprofits for success. Interested participants must register for the AAAM conference and complete an application **by May 31, 2018**.

PLT Targeted: Board Building and Preservation Planning Workshop, September 20–22, 2018. Designed to address the specific needs of executive directors, trustees, and boards managing African American historic sites and museums, this workshop will focus on non-profit management, preservation planning, board development, and fundraising strategies. Workshop facilitators will use highly interactive exercises, case studies, small group work, and assignments focused on the specific needs of participant organizations. **Letters of interest due June 11, 2018**.

Fall 2018 National Preservation Institute Seminars in the Southeast

The National Preservation Institute has scheduled several seminars in the Southeast this fall. The full schedule with links to course descriptions can be found by clicking [here](#).

- HSRs and Maintenance Plans: Tools for Preservation, September 25, 2018, Mount Vernon, VA
- Historic Property Management, September 26-28, 2018, Mount Vernon, VA
- Historic Windows: Managing for Preservation, Maintenance, and Energy Conservation, October 2-3, 2018, Atlanta, GA
- The Recent Past: Strategies for Evaluation, October 4-5, 2018, Atlanta, GA
- The Secretary of the Interior's Standards: Treatment Evaluations, December 5-6, 2018, Columbia, SC

Conferences / Workshops / Events

NEW The **National Alliance of Preservation Commissions** is offering free webinars on Wednesdays in May <https://napcommissions.org/preservation-month-webinar-series/>.

NEW Military Records at the South Carolina Archives, May 21, 2018, Columbia. This workshop will explore the records available for military research in the South Carolina Archives' collection, as well as methods of getting around or over seemingly insurmountable walls. From the Cherokee War of 1759-60 through the wars of the early Twentieth Century, the workshop will examine the types of materials that can prove military service. Space is limited and registration is required. To register, please call 803-896-0339 or email info@scdah.sc.gov.

Society for Industrial Archaeology's 47th Annual Conference, May 30-June 3, 2018, Richmond, VA. For more information visit <http://www.sia-web.org/sia-47th-annual-conference/>.

FORUM 2018: A Preservation Caucus, July 18-22, 2018, Des Moines, IA. The only national conference focused on the issues facing local historic preservation boards and commissions, FORUM 2018 will include dozens of educational sessions and discussion panels, mobile workshops and tours, and five days of non-stop networking for commission staff and volunteers representing local, state and national organizations and government agencies. Go to <https://napcommissions.org/forum/> for more information.

NEW State Board of Review Meeting for the National Register of Historic Places, July 27, 2018, Columbia, SC. Information about the upcoming agenda will be posted at <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/natreg/Pages/Board.aspx>.

Association of Preservation Technology (APT) Annual Conference, September 22-27, 2018, Buffalo, NY. For more information visit <http://www.apti.org/>.

American Association of State and Local History Annual Conference, September 26-29, 2018, Kansas City, MO. Details will be available at <http://about.aaslh.org/conference/>.

SE Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH) Annual Conference, October 3-6, 2018, Manhattan, KS. More information is available at <http://sesah.org/category/2018/>.

Urban History Association Conference, "Cities at the Crossroads", October 18-21, 2018, Columbia. For more information visit www.urbanhistory.org/Columbia2018.

Slave Dwelling Conference, October 24-28, 2018, at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN. More information will be available in late spring at <http://slavedwellingproject.org/2018-schedule/>.

PastForward National Preservation Conference, November 13-16, 2018, San Francisco, CA. For more information and to sign up for updates visit <https://www.pastforwardconference.org/pastforward2018/>.

Grant Application Deadlines

NEW June 1, 2018 National Trust Preservation Funds: Grants from the National Trust Preservation Funds are intended to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects. These grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for particular projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. For more information about the grants and the application process <https://savingplaces.org/grants#.WtUGTC7wbDA>.

NEW August 15, 2018 Humanities Council^{SC} Major Grants. Major Grants (\$2000 - \$8000) support public programs designed to be accessible by a broad audience, to serve citizens in urban, rural, and small-town settings, and to make possible humanities programs that illuminate and enrich the lives of both audiences and scholars. Drafts are strongly encouraged and will be accepted any time prior to the deadline. For more information see <http://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply> or contact the office at tjwallace@schumanities.org.

Online sources of grant information:

[A Guide to Historic Preservation, Arts & Cultural Institutions, & Tourism Funding Opportunities and Incentives How to Navigate the Funding Process](#)
[Preservation Directory Grants & Funding Resources](#)
[State Library Grants Research Assistance](#)
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