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May is Preservation Month

Check out the web resources from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to help celebrate [Preservation Month 2024](#), with the theme "People Saving Places." Local communities and organizations have been hosting Preservation Month events including [City of Columbia](#), [Preservation Society of Charleston](#), [Historic Charleston](#), and [Middleton Place Foundation](#).

State Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony: June 20, 2024

The 2024 Historic Preservation Awards will be presented by Governor Henry McMaster on June 20, 2024 at 3:30 pm at the South Carolina State House. For more information about the even, contact Joanna Rothell with Preservation South Carolina at joanna@preservesc.org, 803-729-7782.

Historical Markers Price Increases

Sewah Studios, which manufactures the South Carolina Historical Markers, recently announced price increases. The new prices are effective May 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

- **City-Size:** Same text both sides with 7' post \$2,480.00; Different text each side with 7' post \$2,740.00

- Country-Size: Same text both sides with 7' post \$2,640.00; Different text each side with 7' post \$2,860.00

More information about the historical marker program is on [the Historical Markers webpage](#).

2024 Historic Preservation Conference Presentations Online

Presentations from the 2024 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference are now available online at [this link](#). Thank you again to our presenters for sharing their expertise and insights with the conference attendees. And please mark your calendar for the 2025 conference to be held Friday, April 25, 2025 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia.

Tax Credit Spotlight

This month’s spotlight features a mid-19th century, two-story wood-frame house located in the Charleston Historic District. Beginning in 2019, the current owners undertook a sensitive rehabilitation that included: repairs and replacement of terracotta, slate, and copper roofing; repointing historic mortar; stabilizing the foundation with additional piers and sistered joists; repairs and replacement of the piazza decking and structure; and increasing energy efficiency of the residence with crawlspace insulation and a new HVAC system in a secondary space of the property. During the rehabilitation, the interior floor plan was preserved and no significant alterations were made. This rehabilitation earned the homeowners a state income tax credit equal to 25% of eligible expenses. For more information about the homeowner tax credit program, please visit this [link](#). Images courtesy of the applicant.



After photograph of the house’s façade.



After photograph of the repaired terracotta hip caps and slate roof and replacement copper roof.



After photograph of the crawlspace, showing sistered joists and historic joists supporting the residence.

NPS Awards South Carolina Projects African American Civil Rights Grants

The National Park Service has awarded [\\$23.4 million to 39 projects in 16 states](#) (including 4 in South Carolina) as part of the Historic Preservation Fund’s African American Civil Rights grant program, which focuses on the preservation of sites and stories directly associated with the struggle of African Americans to gain equal rights. Congratulations to the South Carolina projects:

- Clemson University: \$55,625 for the Clemson University African American History Video Project
- University of South Carolina: \$4,250,000 for the Preservation of the Florence C. Benson Elementary School, an equalization school and a resource associated with segregation in Columbia
- South Carolina Rural Education Grassroots Group: \$750,000 for the Stabilization and Preservation of the former Edgewood School, an equalization school now serving as Edgewood Community Center in Ninety-Six
- Center for Creative Partnerships: \$750,000 for the Preservation of All Star Bowling Lanes in Orangeburg

Preservation Society of Charleston Interactive Map

Since the 1950s the Preservation Society of Charleston (PSC) has had a program to mark and interpret historic places in Charleston. Information about these signs is now online and can be accessed through this [interactive map](#) created by PSC.

Guidance on Energy Efficiency, Resilience and Historic Buildings

The National Park Service has compiled resources on how to make historic buildings more energy efficient and resilient while retaining their historic character.

- New Website: [Sustainability, Energy Efficiency, Resilience & Historic Buildings – Technical Preservation Services \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)
- New Guidance: [Resilience to Natural Hazards and Historic Buildings – Technical Preservation Services \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places

The National Trust for Historic Preservation recently released its annual list of endangered historic places. To read more about the list visit [this webpage](#).

Conferences / Workshops & Training / Events

NEW The SC Department of Natural Resources Heritage Trust program is offering archaeology programs for kids this summer and fall. For more information check out the [2024 Archaeology Summer Series](#) and the [Fall 2024 Archaeology for Kids Program](#).

NEW Housing and Historic Preservation Webinar, May 23, 2024, 1-2:30 pm, online. The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation are offering a free webinar to discuss the role of historic preservation in providing affordable housing. AIA/AICP continuing education credits are available. Register for the seminar at [this link](#).

Vernacular Architecture 2024 Annual Meeting, June 12-16, 2024, Michigan Upper Peninsula. More information is at [this link](#). Both in person and a virtual option will be available.

NEW Annual Historic Tax Credit Summit, June 13-14, 2024, Washington, DC. This conference focuses on federal and state historic tax credits used in the rehabilitation of historic buildings. For more information about the agenda and speakers and to register visit [this link](#).

NEW South Carolina Statewide Historic Preservation Awards, June 20, 2024, Columbia. The 2024 Statewide Historic Preservation Awards ceremony is scheduled for June 20 at 3:30 pm at the South Carolina State House. For more information please contact Joanna Rothell of Preservation South Carolina at joanna@preservesc.org.

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions FORUM, July 31-August 4, 2024, West Palm Beach, FL. FORUM is the only national conference that focuses on issues facing local historic preservation boards and commissions. Registration is now open, visit <https://www.napcommissions.org/forum> for details.

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers Annual Conference and Sacred Places Summit, August 12-16, 2024, Wisconsin Dells, WI. Registration and program information is on the [NATHPO webpage](#).

American Association for State and Local History Conference, September 11-14, 2024, Mobile, AL. More information will be available on the [conference webpage](#). Registration opens in June 2024.

SC Federation of Museums Conference, September 16-18, 2024, Laurens. Information about submitting proposals, scholarships and awards, and conference partners is available at [this link](#).

Georgia Statewide Preservation Conference, September 18-20, 2024, Columbus, GA. The conference will feature tours, educational sessions, networking and a keynote address. More information is available on the [conference website](#).

Slave Dwelling Project Conference, October 3-5, 2024, Philadelphia, PA. Visit [the conference webpage](#) for more information.

Preservation North Carolina 2024 Annual Conference, October 16-18, 2024, Rocky Mount and Tarboro, NC. More details is available on the [conference webpage](#).

PastForward National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference, October 28-30, 2024, New Orleans, LA. More details at <https://savingplaces.org/conference>.

Grant Application Deadlines

NEW June 3, 2024 National Trust Preservation Funds. Grants are intended to encourage preservation at the local level by supporting on-going preservation work and by providing seed money for preservation projects. These grants help

stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for preservation projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. Grants generally start at \$2,500 and range up to \$5,000. Visit [this webpage](#) to learn more about eligible applicants, eligible grant activities and grant conditions.

NEW August 7, 2024 SC Humanities Major Grants. Major Grants 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 are accepted any time prior to the deadline. For more information visit <http://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply> or contact tjwallace@schumanities.org.

Monthly, SC Humanities Council Mini Grants. SC Humanities awards Mini Grants to support public humanities programs of modest cost, with awards of \$5,000 or less. Applications are reviewed monthly, with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information, please visit <https://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply/#minigrants>.

Monthly, SC Humanities Council Planning Grants. SC Humanities awards Planning Grants to support preliminary work in designing a project that warrants detailed planning because of its length, scope, or cost. Awards are \$5,000 or less. Planning Grants are reviewed monthly, with deadlines on the first business day of the month. For more information, please visit <https://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply/#planninggrants>.

Monthly, The **SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250)** is accepting applications for FY24 Patriot Grants (up to \$15,000). Information about specific grant programs and requirements can be found at <https://southcarolina250.com/sc250grants/> or email info@southcarolina250.com.

Online sources of grant information:

[Historicfunding database](#)

[National Park Service State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division](#)

[National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant Funds](#)

[Preservation Directory](#) Grants & Funding Resources

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