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HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS AND NOTES from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
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State Board of Review to Meet July 26

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet on Friday, July 26, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia. The Board will consider the following six nominations to the National Register:

- Callawassie Sugar Works, Okatie vicinity, Beaufort County
- Isaac Jenkins Mikell House, Charleston, Charleston County
- Robert Smalls School, Cheraw, Chesterfield County
- Brandon Mill, Greenville vicinity, Greenville County
- Prosperity Cemetery, Prosperity, Newberry County
- Williams Plantation Battlefield (Battle of Huck's Defeat), McConnells, York County

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

2013 Historic Preservation Fund Grants Approved

The following projects have been approved by the SC Archives and History Commission to receive FY 2013 Federal Historic Preservation Grants. These grants which are funded from the Federal Historic Preservation Fund administered by the SHPO and will be matched dollar-for-dollar by local funds. The total amount to be awarded is \$124,675.

- Frogmore Lodge Stabilization, Beaufort \$23,175
- Charleston Harbor Stone Fleets: Survey and National Register Nomination \$17,500
- Cheraw Town Hall Roof Replacement \$25,000
- Kaminski House Stabilization/Weatherization, Georgetown \$25,000
- Little Mountain Design Guidelines \$4,000
- Seibels House Roof Replacement, Columbia \$20,000
- Granby Mill Village Stabilization Program, Columbia \$10,000

For more information about the Historic Preservation Fund grants see <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/Pages/Grants.aspx>. We anticipate the next application round will begin in October 2013.

Newest Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

The **Owen Building** in Columbia, Richland County, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 14, 2013. Completed in 1949, the Owen Building is significant as an increasingly rare example of mid-century modern architecture in downtown Columbia. Designed by the prominent South Carolina architectural firm Lafaye, Lafaye, and Fair for Frank Owen, the building's sleek, repetitive façade emphasizes its materials: concrete, glass, and steel. The eight-story, flat-roofed light pink concrete skyscraper is believed to have been the largest building in Columbia to be built using the innovative time and cost saving tilt-up construction method. The Owen Building was leased by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph (SBT&T). A compatible 4-story addition, designed by Lafaye, Fair and Lafaye, was completed in 1961 and was known as the SBT&T Annex. Southern Bell continued to use the annex until 1980.

The **Central Roller Mills** in Central in Pickens County was listed in the National Register on June 25, 2013. Central Roller Mills is historically significant for its association with the history of industry in the town of Central from its opening in 1903 until its closure in the early 1980s. The original Central Roller Mills was a three-story brick building with a one-story wing on the right (east) side. By 1938, alterations included exterior silos, several additions, a feed mill, two wooden storage buildings, and a storage tank. With the additions, the mill expanded operations to include a flour mill, corn mill, and feed mill, each housed in a separate area of the property. The feed mill used the by-products of the flour and corn mills to produce animal feeds (scratch feed, laying mash, sweet feed). At its prime, Central Roller Mills produced 100 barrels of

flour, 5,000 pounds of Issaqueena corn meal and fifteen tons of mixed feed per day, with a storage capacity of 80,000 bushels of grain during peak operation.

See the agency [Facebook page](#) for photos of the Owen Building and Central Roller Mills.

On July 3, 2013 the National Park Service approved a boundary increase and additional documentation for **Snow's Island**, originally listed in the National Register on March 14, 1973 and designated a National Historic Landmark on December 2, 1974. The original listing was in Florence County only; the boundary increase also includes property in Marion County. Snow's Island is significant for its association with Francis Marion's camp during the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution. Marion is widely recognized in American history as the supreme guerrilla or partisan warrior who harassed the British during the period in which the British had control of South Carolina. Snow's Island served as Marion's partisan camp and supply depot. At the time of the original nomination, the listing was based solely on historical documents. Since that time, archaeological evidence for Marion's occupation of the land on and around Snow's Island as his base of guerrilla operations from August 1780 to March 1781 has been identified at several locations.

The **Catawba Rosenwald School** in Catawba in York County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on July 3, 2013. Built in 1924-25, the two-room frame school is significant for its association with African- American public education and as an example of an architectural design typically associated with schools funded in part by the Julius Rosenwald Fund. It was known as the Catawba School on official lists of Rosenwald schools, but is generally known as the Liberty Hill School locally because of its association with Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church nearby. It was one of twenty schools built in York County with funds from the Rosenwald program between 1917 and 1932. Of these schools, only two, the Catawba Rosenwald School and the Carroll Rosenwald School, are known to be extant. The school served the African-American community in the Catawba area from 1925 until 1956, when it was closed.

E-Newsletters and Social Media

Many SC historical organizations have newsletters available electronically. Please see the attached links below for some recent ones and sign up with the organizations if you'd like to continue to receive their newsletters. It's a great way to keep informed about many interesting programs and projects related to history, archaeology, preservation and much more in South Carolina.

- [Call and Response: News from the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission](#) (Spring/Summer 2013)
- [USC Lancaster Native American Studies Center](#) (Summer 2013)
- [Lexington County Museum](#) (July 2013)

Local history and preservation groups are also using social media to share news and information.

- The Confederation of SC Local Historical Societies recently created a [Facebook page](#) and will provide information about upcoming events and activities.
- The Horry County BAR is posting images of historic properties on its [Facebook page](#), including many recently recorded in the Horry County historic properties survey.
- The blog, [Digging Early South Carolina: Archaeology at the Lord Ashley Site](#), chronicles the 2013 archeology investigations at the 17th century settlement of Lord Anthony Ashley Cooper, one of the original eight Lords Proprietors of the Carolina colony. The site was a fortified plantation and Native American trading outpost, actively used from 1675-1685.
- And of course, please check out the [SC Archives and History Facebook page](#).

[50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act Approaches](#)

The 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) is rapidly approaching. Enacted in 1966, NHPA will reach the five-decade mark in 2016, just three years from now. In a posting on the Public History Commons "History@Work" blog by **Robert Weyeneth**, President of the National Council on Public History's Board of Directors and **Professor of History/Director of the Public History Program at the University of South Carolina**, preservation professionals are encouraged "to inaugurate a set of conversations over the next three years to assess the history, impact, and legacy of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966." Click [here](#) for the post. The NHPA established the National Register of Historic Places, a funding mechanism to promote preservation, a process for reviewing the effects of federal actions on historic resources, and eventually a system of state historic preservation offices, among other provisions. It is widely considered one of the most important achievements of the founding generation of the modern preservation movement.

[National Trust Releases Its Annual List of America's Most Endangered Places](#)

Every year the National Trust releases a list of America's most endangered historic places to draw attention to these places and encourages their preservation. Over the quarter-century of the "11 Most" list, only a handful of listed sites have been lost. Places on the list this year include an Alaskan cannery, schoolhouses in Montana, and the James River. Click [here](#) to learn more about the properties on the 2013 list.

[Green Roofs on Historic Buildings](#)

The National Park Service's Technical Preservation Services division has launched new web-based guidance, Green Roofs on Historic Buildings. The guidance contains information on green roofs and how they are constructed, special considerations for

installations on historic structures, and guidance for meeting the Secretary's Standards for Rehabilitation. It is accessible from the "Sustainability section of the TPS website. The direct link to the overview page is: www.nps.gov/tps/sustainability/new-technology/green-roofs.htm.

Call for Nominations Timothy Anderson Awards for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation

National Housing & Rehabilitation Association (NH&RA) is currently seeking nominations for the 9th Annual J. Timothy Anderson Awards for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation. The "Timmy" Awards honor outstanding rehabilitation and preservation projects.

- Best Commercial/Retail/Non-Residential Project
- Best Historic Rehab Utilizing LIHTCs (Up to \$5 million total development cost)
- Best Historic Rehab Utilizing LIHTCs (Over \$5 million total development cost)
- Best Historic Rehab Utilizing New Markets Tax Credits
- Best Market-Rate / Mixed-Income Residential
- Best Historic Rehabilitation Project Involving New Construction
- Most Innovative Adaptive Reuse

Download this year's application and learn more about the awards at:

<http://housingonline.com/TimmyAward.aspx>. Applications will be accepted no later than Friday, August 9, 2013 at 5:00PM Eastern Standard Time.

Conferences / Workshops / Events

NEW The National Preservation Institute has several seminars scheduled for this fall in nearby states including:

- ***The Recent Past: Identification and Evaluation of Mid-20th Century Resources***, September 10-11, 2013, Atlanta, GA
- ***Preservation Planning and Policy Development for Historic Roads***, September 12, 2013, Atlanta, GA
- ***Landscape Preservation: An Introduction***, September 25-26, Greensboro, NC
- ***Section 106: Agreement Documents***, November 12 – 14, 2013, Tallahassee, FL
- ***Cultural and Natural Resources: An Integrated Management Strategy***, November 18-19, 2013, Richmond, VA
- ***Section 106: A Review for Experienced Practitioners***, December 4-5, 2013, Mt. Vernon, VA

Information about each seminar, including speakers, agendas, and registration costs can be found at www.npi.org, or by calling 703-765-0100, or emailing info@npi.org.

Historic Preservation Commission Training, August 15, 2013, Savannah, GA. The training is part of the Georgia Downtown Conference. For more information see <http://www.georgiadowntownassociation.org/conference.asp> or contact Leigh Burns at leigh.burns@dnr.state.ga.us or 404-656-2840. Registration is due by August 5, 2013.

NEW Gravestone Preservation Workshops, September 4 – 5, 2013, Frederick, MD. Sponsored by the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. September 4th, will focus on all aspects of gravestone and cemetery monument repair and preservation. September 5th, will relate to all historic masonry preservation, and is not limited to applications in graveyards and cemeteries. See <http://ncptt.nps.gov/training-conferences-events/> for more information.

NEW 17th Annual International Preservation Trades Workshop, September 6 –7, 2013, Frederick, MD. See <http://ncptt.nps.gov/training-conferences-events/> for more information.

“Turning Points: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things” the American Association for State and Local History Annual Meeting, September 18 – 21, 2013, Birmingham, AL. The schedule and registration information is available at <http://www.aaslh.org/CurrentAnnualMeeting.htm>.

Historic Tax Credit Conference, September 19-20, 2013, Detroit, MI. For more information about the event see <http://www.novoco.com/events/conferences/htc/2013/detroit/index.php>

NEW “Building Well: Traditional Design, Materials and Methods” a Traditional Building Conference, September 19-20, 2013, Chicago, IL. For more information and to register go to <http://www.traditionalbuildingshow.com/index.shtml>.

Archaeology Field Day, September 21, 2013 at Santee State Park. Sponsored by the Archaeological Society of South Carolina, this annual event features demonstrations, educational sessions, and hands on activities. Information will be posted on <http://www.assc.net/>.

Window Restoration & Weatherization Boot Camp, September 20 - 22, 2013, Hannibal, MO. The class is limited to 10 students, who will work side-by-side with instructor Bob Yapp, nationally recognized as an expert in window restoration. For more information or to pre-register contact Bob Yapp at 217-474-6052 or via e-mail yapperman@msn.com or go to http://www.bobyapp.com/event_browser/2012/1.

NEW Southeast Chapter, Society of Architectural Historians Annual Meeting, September 25 – 28, 2013, Charlotte, NC. Information about the conference will be posted at <http://www.sesah.org/>.

NEW Preservation North Carolina's Annual Conference “Revitalization Revealed”, October 2-4, 2013, Edenton, NC. The schedule and registration information is available at http://www.presnc.org/Events/Annual_Conference. **Early bird registration is open through August 15.**

Association for Preservation Technology Conference “Preserving the Metropolis”, October 11-15, 2013, New York, NY. Details about the conference and registration information can be found at <http://www.apti.org/apt-2013-conference/apt-nyc-2013/>.

National Preservation Conference “Preservation at the Crossroads”, October 29 – November 2, 2013, Indianapolis, IN. Information about conference events and registration is online at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/> . For more information contact the National Preservation Conference at conference@savingplaces.org or 202-588-6100.

NEW Southeastern Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, November 6 – 9, 2013, Tampa, FL. Information is available at <http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/annualmeeting.html>.

Grant Application Deadlines

August 14, 2013 Humanities Council^{SC} Major Grants: The next round for Major Grants (\$2000 - \$8000) is due August 14. 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 will be accepted any time prior to the deadline listed below. For more information see <http://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply>.

August 14, 2013 America’s Historical and Cultural Organizations: Planning Grants and Implementation Grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Both grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. The grants support the following formats for programming:

- interpretations of historic places, sites, or regions;
- exhibitions at museums, libraries, and other venues;
- book/film discussion programs; living history presentations; other face-to-face programs at libraries, community centers, and other public venues; and
- interpretive websites and other digital formats.

[Planning grants](#) support the early stages of project development, including consultation with scholars, refinement of humanities themes, preliminary design, testing, and audience evaluation.

[Implementation Grants](#) support final scholarly research and consultation, design development, production, and installation of a project for presentation to the public.

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