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Message from the Chair

Leon A. Love



Message From The Chair.....

Fellow commissioners and foundation members;
I have really enjoyed quarterbacking and serving on executive committee for the past nine years. Six of those years I fought cancer and you stepped up to the plate to make sure we did not miss a beat. Your prayers, encouragement and volunteer hours kept the work moving.

During this period, we formed the South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation and got the foundation registered as a non-profit 501©3 organization. This has allowed us to raise funds to sponsor programs across the state and we have been busy. With the update of "A Teachers Guide to African American Historic Places in South Carolina", we have been able to provide a valuable tool to teachers across the state and we want to thank the South Carolina Department of Education for giving us this opportunity.

A special tribute goes to Ms. Jannie Harriot who serves as the executive director of the foundation and all of the board members who have assisted with projects that have raised our visibility and assisted in achieving our goals.

The future of the Commission is bright. For your support and hard work, I thank you.

The mission of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission is to identify and promote the preservation of historic sites, structures, buildings, and culture of the African American experience in South Carolina and to assist and enhance the efforts of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

SPOTLIGHT ON



Victoria A. Smalls is the former History, Arts & Culture Program Director for Penn Center and currently the Director of Development & Community Outreach. She is a proud Gullah Geechee native of St. Helena Island, SC. Victoria attended South Carolina State University and University of South Carolina—Beaufort with a background in Health & Physical Education and Early Childhood Education. She has worked within the Beaufort County School District for over ten years.

Victoria was hired in 2012 as a consultant to coordinate Penn Center’s Sesquicentennial Celebration and in 2013 was promoted to Director of the History, Arts & Culture Program for the national landmark. She has strong ties to Penn Center; her father Elting Smalls graduated from Penn School in 1943, and her mother and father first met on the historic grounds at a religious conference during the Civil Rights Movement. Currently, Victoria enjoys serving on the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission and the Gullah Geechee Consortium of Beaufort County.

Her passions are her family, collecting African American and Gullah art, collecting African art and artifacts, increasing her knowledge of Gullah Geechee and African American studies, sharing her increasing knowledge of the Gullah Geechee culture, and painting with oils and pastels. Victoria is a self-taught artist who has been painting and selling her artwork professionally for eleven years.



***"Preserving Our Places in History Through Trial & Triumph"
South Carolina African American Heritage Commission
Annual Conference & Awards Presentation
Friday, January 22, 2016
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
South Carolina Archives and History Center
8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC***

***Keynote Speaker
Dr. Kevin Cherry, Deputy Secretary
North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources***

***Awardees Include: Mayor Stephen Benjamin, Congressman James E. Clyburn,
Dori Sanders, Major General Charles Bolden,
and Jonathan Green among others.***

Registration (Includes Lunch)

_____ I/We will attend the annual Meeting and Awards Presentation.

_____ \$25 SCAAHF Members

_____ \$30 Non Members

_____ I/We would like to join the SC African American Heritage Foundation.

(Membership includes a copy of the 2015 edition of the African American Historic Places in South Carolina and is tax deductible).

_____ \$25 Individual Membership

_____ \$75 Family Membership

_____ \$100 Church/Non-Profit

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_____ I/we will not be able to attend, but can offer a tax deductible donation in the amount of _____

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Jannie Harriot, Foundation Executive Director at scaaheriagefound@gmail.com

***"Preserving Our Places in History Through Trial & Triumph"
South Carolina African American Heritage Commission
Annual Conference & Awards Schedule of Events***

9:30 A.M. - Registration

10:30 A.M - Opening Session

Master of Ceremony

Dr. Bobby Donaldson, Ex-Officio Member, SCAAH

Greeting

Dr. Eric Emerson, Director

South Carolina Department of Archives & History

Dr. Lonnie Randolph, President

South Carolina NAACP

Welcome and Overview of the SCAAHC

Dr. Abel Bartley, Chairman

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Eric Emerson

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Kevin Cherry, Deputy Secretary

North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

11:30 A.M. – Lunch/Networking

Blessing

Mr. Michael Allen, Past Chairman SCAAHC

SCAAHC

1:00 P.M. – “Preserving Our Places in History” Awards Presentation

Mistress of Ceremony

Ms. Meaghan Norman, WISTV

Purpose of the Awards

Ms. Joy Young, Ex-Officio Member, SCAAHC

Presenters

*The Honorable Lonnie Hosey
South Carolina House of Representatives*

*Mr. Michael Allen, Past Chairman
SCAAHC*

Evaluation

Dr. Abel Bartley/Dr. Louis Venters

Acknowledgement of Sponsors & Final Remarks

*Ms. Jannie Harriot, Executive Director
South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation*



The South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation supports the efforts of the South Carolina African Heritage Commission to identify and promote the preservation of historic sites, structures , buildings, and culture of the African American experience in South Carolina and to assist and enhance the efforts of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

Please consider supporting these efforts by becoming a member of the SCAAH Foundation. Foundation members receive:

- *Invitations to all Commission meetings
- *A copy of *African American Historic Places in South Carolina*
- *A subscription to *Call & Response*, the Commission's quarterly online newsletter
- *A subscription to *News and Notes*, a monthly online newsletter from the Historic Preservation Division of the SC Department of Archives & History
- *Notification of special workshops and meetings
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Membership Form

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