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2020 Historic Preservation Conference
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Join us for an informative and fast-paced conference featuring a wide range of topics on South Carolina history, historic properties, and current preservation issues.

Conference Location:
SC Archives & History Center - 8301 Parklane Road - Columbia, SC 29223

The SC Archives & History Center is located near the intersection of I-20 and I-77. Find directions and a map at https://scdah.sc.gov/about-us/how-find-us. Free parking is available in the front and side parking lots.
SESSION 1: 9:00-9:45 AM
Restoring Doors and Windows *

Historic doors and windows are important but vulnerable features, and restoration can be a challenge. Using real-world projects, preservation consultant Staci Richey will show how to repair and preserve doors and windows. She will cover different processes to strip paint and putty, prepare and repair wood, replace features, and apply finishers, and will also discuss scopes and schedules of work, expectations for clients, site conditions, setting realistic expectations, and strategies to avoid costly mistakes and ensure long-lasting protection of the finished work.

Tracing SC Roots (Part 1): Preserving Family Treasures

Family papers and photographs are tangible reminders of past generations and important building blocks in documenting family and community histories. Patrick McCawley and Orianne Windham, Department of Archives & History staff members, will discuss the proper steps to handle, stabilize, store, and preserve family papers, photographs, and essential documents to prolong the life of your treasured heirlooms.

SESSION 2: 10:00-10:45 AM
History’s Design Detectives *

Much like the popular TV show, local experts have to dig – in underground and unexpected places - to find facts that help preserve buildings. Architect Karen Quinn with Boudreaux, and Historic Columbia’s John Sherrer will explain how to find resources that help make design decisions – including digital photo collections and libraries. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, diaries and family stories, historical GIS websites and photos, and existing building conditions. Learn how to become a super sleuth on your next historic project!

Tracing SC Roots (Part 2): African American Family Research

Dr. Wilder Curry (educator, genealogist and author), Robin Foster (genealogist and consultant with the International African American Museum Family History Center), and Shere Tattle (Department of Archives & History) will share techniques and sources for African American family research. Attendees will learn how to conduct archival and online research, best practices for oral history interviews, and how to navigate the interpersonal and emotional challenges that may arise. Learn digital technologies for archiving scanned documents and how to share stories through blogs and exhibits.

SESSION 3: 11:00-11:45 AM
Cemetery Documentation and Mapping *

Learn how Haley Grant and Brian Miller with the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program have documented the Bates-Foreman Cemetery, a largely forgotten cemetery created by renements from the Savannah River Plant site. The session covers techniques that can be tried to bring forward cemetery operations, and that follow recommended cemetery preservation methods.

Current Topics in Preservation Education Research *

This session explores a wide range of topics and research strategies, all of which contribute to the understanding of the cultural resources historical preservation organizations strive to save and the processes employed. Students from the Clemson University/College of Charleston graduate preservation program will showcase research on a wide range of preservation and history topics.

Meet Me at the Rocket: A History of the State Fair *

In this fast-changing world, keeping any endeavor alive and thriving for 150 years is an accomplishment, but the South Carolina State Fair has met the challenges with doggedness, determination, and flair. Dr. Rodger Stroup, former director of the Department of Archives & History, will share his search to find and document the fascinating history of state fairs in the Palmetto State.

Archives Tour

Curators about how to do research at the Archives & History Center. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the archives, and get tips on how to conduct research in the collections.

LUNCH, 12:00-1:00 PM

SESSION 4: 1:00-1:45 PM
Making Your Dream a Reality *

This session, moderated by Janine Harrer, chairperson of the SC African American Heritage Commission, features a powerhouse panel of dedicated community organizers and preservation consultants who will share testimonies about their successful efforts to preserve African American historic places. Learn how projects in Hampton County, Columbia and Bennettsville used the National Register of Historic Places and Historical Markers programs.

Reaching Beyond Boundaries: Preserving Ashley River Road *

Learn how historic sites can reach beyond their borders to have a positive effect in communities. Tracey Todd, President of Midfield Place Foundation, will share how a group of historic sites, conservation organizations, public officials and concerned citizens came together to work with the SC Department of Transportation to save areas along the Ashley River Road, while developing a plan to increase the road’s safety.

Sustainable Approaches for Historic Buildings *

Understand how the ideas and tools of sustainable design and energy modelling can be applied to historic structures. Julie Arnold of Lund Architects, this year’s keynote speaker, will present the case study of an unaltered Hawaiian farmhouse in Georgia built in the late 1800s that became a house museum. The design team leveraged all of the inherently sustainable features most historic structures have and ultimately achieved LEED Gold certification.

Update: Opportunity Zones and Historic Redevelopment *

Learn more about how the Opportunity Zone Program can boost community revitalization and historic-building rehabilitation by promoting capital flows into low-income areas. Tara Sherbert with the Sherbert Group will provide updates on the final program regulations and highlight examples of projects that are using this incentive.

SESSION 5: 2:00-2:45 PM
Demolition by Neglect *

Many communities find that some buildings in historic districts fall into severe disrepair or even collapse, either through neglect by an owner who finds the land valuable but cannot create permission to demolish the building, or because the owner simply cannot afford to maintain it. The City of Charleston has wrestled similar issues with this issue. Craig Bennett of Bennett Preservation Engineering, a member of both task forces, will share the City’s findings, look at several ways to deal with the problem, and lead a brief roundtable discussion on alternative solutions.

Historic Places and Sacred Spaces *

Since 1990, Preservation SC (formerly the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation) has been on the front lines of preservation challenges in South Carolina. Joint Director Michael Bedenbaugh as he shares the exciting new preservation projects and grant opportunities in development for 2020 and beyond.

Battle of Cowpens: Expanding the Narrative

Cowpens National Battlefield plans to expand their interpretive programs with the perspectives of African Americans, Native Americans, and women who participated in or are associated with the Battle of Cowpens. Learn about the strategies and sources employed by Dr. Eric Poplin and Charlie Philips of Boudreaux Associates to find information crucial to telling the full story of the American experience that is often invisible in historic narratives.

SESSION 6: 3:00-3:45 PM
Green Book Properties & the National Register *

The Green Book was a segregation-era travel guide to safe harbors and welcoming establishments across the United States, printed from 1936 until the mid-1960s. This panel highlights research by students in the USC Public History Program’s Capital City Field School into properties in the guides, including a beauty parlor, barber shop, and residential buildings in the neighborhoods, complementing the National Register’s focus. Women of Charleston’s Preservation Movement

In 1920, one determined woman, Susan Pringle Frost, rallied her neighbors and fought against a house’s demolition. She inspired the first grassroots preservation organization in the nation, the Preservation Society of Charleston, and created a movement focused on education and advocacy. Erin Minnigan and Anna-Catherine Carmell of the Preservation Society will reflect on the past 100 years and the many women that have shaped Charleston’s preservation movement.

SC Historical Markers: History and How-To’s *

South Carolina’s Historical Marker Program is among the oldest state-managed markers in the country, having begun its work in 1936 as part of a wider movement to mark places of historical interest along the nation’s highways. Dr. Eden Broved, historical marker coordinator at the Department of Archives & History, will give practical guidance for those wishing to sponsor a new state historic marker with an overview of the application process, including proposal requirements, content criteria, and the responsibilities and expectations of new marker sponsors.