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Join us for the South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference featuring a wide range of topics on South Carolina history, historic properties, and current historic 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.

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Columbia's Main Street Renaissance *
Learn how the Columbia Historic Commercial District listing in the National Register of Historic Places catalyzed an economic and cultural renaissance in Columbia's downtown. Empowered by several financial incentives, home-owned and newly arrived investors transformed previously dilapidated and under-utilized buildings into commercial, residential, and entertainment destinations. Speakers representing applicants, preservation organizations, and the city will highlight their roles in the transformation. From money matters to design and construction to advocacy and regulatory enforcement, each of these preservation practitioners will provide insights into this 21st-century urban shift.

Film and Historic Sites: Best Preservation Practices
Films and television series that utilize local places and spaces can stimulate economic growth with jobs, local rental income, and future tourism. Alexandra Green, architectural historian with Edwards-Pitman Environmental, will discuss how historic sites can protect themselves while serving as film locations, and how to take advantage of the tourism that can come from being featured in films. She will highlight case studies and how to approach a new audience after film crews have left and film tourists remain.

Newark, Delaware Annual Preservation Conference
Learn how Newark, Delaware’s annual conference attracts professionals interested in understanding the historic preservation process, including current trends and issues. For more than 50 years, the conference has provided continuing education credits to more than 20,000 professionals and is known as the “Preservation Olympics.” Join in the annual celebration for a week of workshops and presentations, from technical preservation to policy issues. The sessions include case studies and best practices from around the nation.

SESSION 2: 10:00-10:50 AM
How an Unlikely Team Protected an Historic African American Cemetery
Hear the compelling story of how two self-taught genealogists, Kimberly N. Minett and Akoua Moore, and one federal government employee, Gary Herndon of the Marine Corps Air Station, came together to research, protect, and preserve a historic African American cemetery. The story starts with the discovery of a tombstone deep in the woods of a military base and culminates in a reunion hosted on the base with over 100 descendants from across the United States. It will also show how others can conduct similar research and employ similar strategies for projects in their own communities.

You Got the Money Honey, Now What?: Grant Requirements, Reporting, and Easements *
The measure of grant-funded success often focuses on receiving the grant award. But what comes after accepting the grant has important consequences for your project, and can impact future grant opportunities. Join Marla Collum of the National Park Service, staff from the SC State Historic Preservation Office, and a grant recipient, to understand how to avoid pitfalls and ensure a successful grant project. Topics include types of bids and how to seek them, grant agreements, meeting preservation standards, selecting contractors, easements, compliance with NEPA, Section 106 and Section 110, and grant close out. Learn more about responding to federal and state requirements and seeking guidance from your grant manager. Information from this session will be applicable to other funding sources.

AUDITORIUM DEDICATION: 1:00-1:20 PM
Join us in the Auditorium for a very special ceremony to dedicate the SC Arts & History Auditorium, named in memory of William L. Kinney, Jr., of Brevettone, the long-serving chairman of the State Review Board for the National Register of Historic Places and vice-chair of the SC Arts & History Commission. With his charm and enthusiasm for history, Mr. Kinney exemplified how to be a great advocate and ambassador for historic preservation and historic places in South Carolina.

SESSION 3: 11:00-11:50 AM
Current Research in Historic Preservation
Students in the Clemson University Graduate Program in Historic Preservation will share brief summaries of their research on a wide range of topics in a series of fast-paced presentations, from technical preservation to policy issues to historic research in the Lowcountry and beyond. Amalia Leefsite, Program Director, will serve as the moderator.

Protecting Bluffton Using Historic Preservation Grants *
The Town Council of Bluffton recently adopted a local Historic Preservation Grant Program to assist owners of historically significant properties within the Old Town Bluffton Historic District to rehabilitate, restore, or preserve their structures, and to prevent those structures from being lost to disrepair or sale. A Bluffton Historic Preservationist, will give an overview of the program that to date has awarded more than $125,000 in grants for preservation projects including foundation repairs to an historic schoolhouse, exterior restorations of an 1840s house and an 1890s commercial building, repairs to the front porch and stoop of a 1930s cottage, and construction of the roof of Bluffton’s former 1960s-era post office.

Archives Tour
Curious about the collections and 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
Lunch will be served in the Proprietor’s Hall outside of the meeting rooms and auditorium. Seating will be available in the meeting rooms and lobby areas. Weather permitting, seating will also be available outside in the garden.

Disaster Recovery for Historic Structures and Sites *
In recent years, the accessibility of information on disaster preparedness has increased. This session will give a brief overview of disaster damage to historic buildings, then go into the stages of disaster recovery, including pre-disaster planning, immediate post-disaster response, and long-term recovery, focusing on the finances of disaster recovery, especially on fair insurance settlements. Trish Smith, Disaster Recovery Consultant, will discuss processes for recovery, including what is owed and how to go about getting it.

SESSION 4: 1:30-2:20 PM
Celebrating SRS at 75
Located along the Savannah River in South Carolina, the Savannah River Site, which will turn 75 in 2025, brought enormous cultural and economic changes to the region. Mary Beth Reed of New South Associates will present a brief history of the site, its role in the Cold War, and regional impact. Dr. Keith Stephenson, director of the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program and John Blackmon of New South Associates will describe the site’s archaeology and preservation programs, highlighting successes and lessons learned. Susie Ferrara with Savannah River Nuclear Solutions will share a “how to” guide to help communities plan events such as anniversaries.

Economic and Community Revitalization: Preservation of African American Heritage
This session will present innovative ideas for community development and highlight the importance to communities of preserving historic and cultural landmarks, particularly those related to African American Civil Rights. Learn about current initiatives in Orangeburg, including the rehabilitation of the All Star Bowling Lanes, and redevelopment of Railroad Corner (the original black business district). Ellen Zisholtz with the Center for Creative Partnerships, Robert Jenkins with Renaissance Equity Partners, and James Alvey from the National Park Service will focus on funding sources, collaboration, and partnerships needed for these projects.

MISSION STATEMENT
The South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) encourages and facilitates the responsible stewardship of South Carolina’s irreplaceable historic and prehistoric places. The SHPO administers the Statewide Survey of Historic Properties, historic markers, National Register of Historic Places, tax incentives for historic buildings, Sections 106 and related state reviews, Federal Historic Preservation Fund sub grants, Historic Preservation State Grant Fund, and the Certified Local Government program.

Local government staff and architectural review board members may receive SCPEAC continuing education credit for training required by SC Code 6-29 Article 9 (“denotes eligible sessions).