5th Annual **Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop**

Wednesday,
September 9th, 2026

Schedule of Events

10:05 AM – 10:45 AM
The History of Gravestones in the United States
David Gillespie, Pumpkintown Primitives

10:45 AM -11:45 AM
Historic Cemetery Preservation and Care
Sarah Lowry & Faith Meader, New South Associates;
Jason Harpe, Richard Grubb Associates

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM Lunch

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM
Mapping Charleston's Black Burial Grounds Project
Laurel Fay and Madison Lee, Preservation Society of Charleston

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM
Best Practices for Landowners & Descendants for Preserving Black Cemeteries
Erica Johnson, Francis Marion University

Register online at
https://pci.jotform.com/form/260985013934966

1:45 PM - 2:00 PM Break

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM
Reclaiming Rephraim Cemetery
Pastor William Norman and Katrina Epps, Palmetto Bluff

2:45 PM -3:15 PM
Working with Your County Coroner
Naida Rutherford, Richland County Coroner

3:15 PM –3:45 PM
The Impact of Hurricane Helene on the Cemeteries of the Sumter National Forest
Jason Moser, USDA/Forest Service

Featured Exhibitors Include
Southeastern Consortium on Cemetery Research
SCDNR Statewide Cemetery Project

Space is limited. Pre-registration is highly recommended.
Registration Fee Per Person:
Until August 14 $50.00
August 15 – 30 $60.00
September 1 - 9 $70.00

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All cancellations must be made in writing either by email or to the address above. Cancellation requests received by August 30 will be refunded, minus a $15 administrative fee. Cancellations on September 1 or later will not be refunded.

Have a question? Contact Donna Foster at dfoster@scdah.sc.gov or (803) 896-0339