



The Fourth Annual South Carolina African American Heritage Commission "Preserving Our Places in History Awards"

On January 22nd, 2009 the SCAAHC presented its fourth annual Preserving Our Places in History awards at a banquet at the Brookland Baptist Church Banquet & Conference Center in West Columbia. The awards recognize individuals, organizations and groups, and projects that have made major contributions to the preservation of African American history and culture in South Carolina during the past year. This year's winners are (photos by Abel Bartley):



The **Individual Award** goes to **Harlan Greene** of the Avery Research Center at the College of Charleston. Mr. Greene, left, receives his award from State Sen. John Scott.

The **Organization/Group Award** goes to **David Williams & The Williams Muscadine Vineyard & Farm**, Nesmith. Mr. Williams accepts their award from Ms. Mary Anne Jacobs of Time Warner Cable.





The **Project Award** goes to the **Carolina Low Country & Atlantic World Program (CLAW)** at the College of Charleston. Dr. Simon Lewis, center, accepts the award from representatives from state Sen. Darrell Jackson's and Rep. Leon Howard's offices.

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** goes to **The Penn Center**, St. Helena Island. Representatives from Penn Center accept their award from SCAAHC Vice Chair Jannie Harriot and Ms. Jacobs.



On Friday, January 23, the second **"Trailblazer"** Award was presented at the Trailblazer Luncheon. The Trailblazer award has only been presented once. In 2007 the Commission presented the Trailblazer award to the Honorable Judge Matthew J. Perry for his life long work as a civil rights lawyer. This year's "Trailblazers" are Rhoda Green for her years of work in exploring and promoting the Barbados/Carolina connection and Bobby Ginn for his collaboration with the City of Charleston to save and preserve Morris Island.