Historic Preservation News and Notes
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SHPO Program Updates

The South Carolina SHPO has temporarily modified project submittals in program areas (see below) to allow staff to telework and continue to provide timely responses to our constituents. Staff are regularly checking both email and voicemails. As changes or updates occur to program processes or deadlines they are posted on the program’s web page.

National Register of Historic Places: We request that both Preliminary Information Forms and draft National Register nominations be submitted via email whenever possible. For guidance go to Listing a Property. Submittals will continue to be accepted by mail, but please be aware that responses may be delayed. You will receive an acknowledgment email as soon as possible after we receive your submittal. Note: Our email server does not always deliver attachments. Please limit attachments to 25 MB. For larger files you will need to use an FTP site (ex: WeTransfer, Dropbox, Google Drive, etc.).

Historical Markers: Please send State Historical Marker applications and supporting materials via email whenever possible. The hard copy application with research fee should continue to be submitted by postal service, but please email a copy of the completed form plus copies of historical background material as attachments (no more than 25MB total file size) to ebreeden@scdah.sc.gov. Responses may be delayed for submittals received as hard copy only. You will receive an acknowledgment email as soon as possible after we receive your submittal. The company that manufactures the markers (Sewah Studios in Marietta, Ohio) is
closed until at least May 1, 2020, due to the coronavirus. Sponsors should expect delays in the production of markers.

**State Historic Tax Credit for Homeowners:** The SHPO is temporarily accepting state Homeowner Tax Credit applications via email. To submit S1, S2, S2 Amendment, and/or S3 applications send the application form, photos, and plans/specifications to pkendrick@scdah.sc.gov. Ask for and we will provide an emailed acknowledgement that an application submittal was received. Please list in your email what files/review information is attached. Note: Our email server does not always deliver attachments. Please limit attachments to 25 MB. For larger files you will need to use an FTP site (ex: WeTransfer, Dropbox, Google Drive, etc.).

**Please note:** Federal/State income-producing tax credit applications are not accepted via email at this time. Please continue to submit hard copy applications per normal procedures. There may be delays in average review times due to limited office access.

**Review and Compliance Reviews:** The SHPO is temporarily accepting emailed project submissions. To submit Review & Compliance projects send an email to the SHPO Project Review staff member for the appropriate agency. Ask for and we will provide an emailed acknowledgement that a project submittal email was received. Note: Our email server occasionally screens or otherwise does not deliver an email. Please list in your email what files/review information is attached. Note: Our email server does not always deliver attachments. Please limit attachments to 25 MB. For larger files you will need to use an FTP site (ex: WeTransfer, Dropbox, Google Drive, etc.).

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**Statewide Historic Preservation Awards Deadline Extended to May 1**

The deadline for nominating a project, person, or organization for one of the annual statewide historic preservation awards has been extended to Friday, May 1, 2020. In their 26th year, the awards are sponsored by the SC Department of Archives and History, Preservation South Carolina, and the Office of the Governor. The six award categories are: Honor Awards, Stewardship Awards, Preservation Service Awards, Heritage Tourism Award, Elected Official Honor Award, and Governor’s Award. The nomination form is available at [https://preservesc.org/nominations-historic-preservation-awards/](https://preservesc.org/nominations-historic-preservation-awards/). A list of previous recipients is available here. If you have any questions contact Amy Fluette, 803-944-9425 or info@preservesc.org.

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**FY20 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Applications Deadline Extended to May 28**

Applications and instructions for the FY 2020 federal Historic Preservation Fund subgrants are available at [https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants](https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants). Administered by the SHPO, these matching grants can assist two types of projects:

- **Survey and Planning Projects**—eligible projects include surveys of historic properties, National Register nominations, preservation education, and preservation planning.
- **Stabilization Projects**—eligible projects include stabilizing historic buildings or protecting historic buildings from the adverse effects of the weather. Stabilization Projects are limited to projects located in South Carolina’s [Certified Local Government (CLG) communities](https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/clg).
Any local government, non-profit, or institution in South Carolina may apply for a Survey and Planning Project. Local governments, non-profits and institutions located in a CLG community may also apply for a Stabilization Project. At least ten percent of the state’s annual allocation from the National Park Service must be awarded to CLGs. Grant awards generally range from $2,500 to $35,000. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM, on May 28, 2020. Please contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or bsauls@scdah.sc.gov to discuss your project before you apply.

Archives Research Room Closed

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the Research Room at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History will be temporarily closed beginning Wednesday, March 18th. Staff will continue to provide remote access to records in our collection via email and telephone (803-896-6104 and 803-896-6105). Please click on this link for more information about making research requests.

New Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

**Clinton Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church**, located at 108 S. Enterprise Street in Union was listed in the National Register of Historic Places March 12, 2020. Clinton Chapel is a Gothic Revival church significant for its associations with Union’s African American community from the late 19th century through World War II. Built in 1893 with an annex added in 1948, Clinton Chapel was constructed during a period of growth for the AME church and the consolidation of Jim Crow segregation. It is representative of the important role that black churches played as social and cultural institutions during this period, nurturing the spiritual needs of their parishioners and providing spaces for public gatherings and community events. As a late 19th century Black church, Clinton Chapel comes under the umbrella of the National Register Multiple Property Listing “Historic Resources of Union, S.C., c.1823-c.1940,” which includes Black churches as a property type significant for representing “…the growth and expansion of black congregations in Union.”

**Dianna Brown Antique Shop**, located at 62 Queen Street in Charleston was individually listed in the National Register on March 12, 2020. The Dianna Brown Antique Shop is significant at the local level in the areas of African American and Women’s history for its association with successful antiques dealer Dianna McCall Brown (1860-1949). Arriving in Charleston in the late-1870s, Brown was a member of a locally prominent African American family who became one of the city’s best-known early 20th century antique dealers and the first woman of color to enter the city’s antiques trade. Working from 1913 until her death in 1949, Brown operated her shop on the first floor of the family’s two-story residence at 62 Queen Street, the oldest portions of which likely date to the 1870s. Navigating the limitations placed on women of color in the early 20th century, Brown developed an extensive business network believed to have stretched across the United States, distinguishing herself among black and white Charlestonians alike as a successful entrepreneur.

**Sun Fun Motel**, located at 2305 Withers Drive in Myrtle Beach was listed in the National Register March 12, 2020. Constructed from 1963 to 1964 during Myrtle Beach’s “Golden Era” of tourism, the Sun Fun Motel is a two-story, L-shaped masonry and frame building. It is listed at the local level for architecture and its association with Myrtle Beach’s burgeoning mid-century tourism industry. When it opened in June 1963, the motel was a single line of eight units and featured a pool. By January 1964, the two owners requested a building permit for six additional units to create an L-shaped motel. Since 1964, the motel has retained a high
degree of architectural integrity. The motel's debut coincided with the city's annual Sun Fun Festival, linking the motel with the popular event that marked the beginning of the yearly tourism season. The building illustrates a more restrained Modern aesthetic and is one of the few unaltered structures from this period remaining in Myrtle Beach.

**Piedmont Mill Stores Building**, located at 2-8 Main Street in Piedmont in Greenville County was listed in the National Register March 16, 2020. It is significant for its association with the evolution of commerce and recreation in textile communities in Upstate South Carolina. Constructed in 1905 by the Piedmont Manufacturing Company, it is an unusual example of an Upstate commercial mill building that housed multiple independent merchants instead of one single mill-run store. It is also notable for its application of mill construction to a non-industrial building. An early mixed-use building, it also hosted recreational opportunities for the mill’s workforce and their families through multiple phases of evolving popular entertainment. The Piedmont Mill Stores Building remained an anchor for the surrounding town of Piedmont through 1946, when Piedmont Manufacturing was sold to J.P. Stevens and the community began its slow decline. Today, it is the largest and most architecturally elaborate commercial building among the small handful of buildings in downtown Piedmont, making it a locally significant example of commercial architecture.

**Clinton Commercial Historic District (Boundary Increase and Decrease).** The Clinton Commercial Historic District is a collection of thirty-seven contributing properties centrally located in Clinton that was originally listed in the National Register November 15, 1984. The district is comprised of late nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings associated with the commercial life of the city. On March 16, 2020, the district boundary was increased to add one non-contributing and eight contributing buildings along West Main Street. The boundary was also decreased following the demolition of one non-contributing and five contributing buildings.

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**Preservation in Practice Brief on Covid-19**

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) is providing information resources on the COVID-19 virus and cultural resources. NCPTT has created a series of three Facebook Live broadcasts/videos and a Preservation in Practice Brief on Covid-19. Visit the NCPTT website [https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/](https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/) to access.

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**National Trust for Historic Preservation Provides Information Resources**

For a limited time, the National Trust for Historic Preservation is making its entire collection of Forum Journal issues available for free, both on [Preservation Leadership Forum](https://forum.savingplaces.org/) and on [Project Muse](https://projectmuse.org/). The latest edition on “Intangible Heritage” is available [here](https://forum.savingplaces.org/learn/issues/sustainability/disaster-relief/covid-19).

The National Trust is also collecting and providing a range of resources for preservationists, museums, and historic sites. Visit [https://forum.savingplaces.org/learn/issues/sustainability/disaster-relief/covid-19](https://forum.savingplaces.org/learn/issues/sustainability/disaster-relief/covid-19) for links to information resources and upcoming webinars.
Conferences / Workshops / Events

Please continue to check with the organizations listed below for cancellations or rescheduling of events.

Landmark Conference. April 16-18, 2020, Charleston has been postponed. The SC Confederation of Local Historical Societies will be working with their partner organizations to look at opportunities for rescheduling. For more information contact sclocalhistory@gmail.com or brendasbaratto@gmail.com.

Vernacular Architecture Forum 2020 Conference. May 6-10, 2020, San Antonio, TX. The full 2020 conference has been postponed but the paper and poster sessions scheduled for Saturday, May 9 will be presented as a Zoom meeting. Please see http://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/2020-Virtual-Conference.

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers. May 11-15, 2020. The conference has been postponed until a later date. Please contact Dr. Valerie Grussing at valerie@nathpo.org or 202-628-8476 for additional information.

Main Street Now Conference. May 18-20, 2020, Dallas, TX. The conference has been cancelled, see https://www.mainstreet.org/blogs/national-main-street-center/2020/04/03/2020-main-street-now-conference-canceled.

2020 Docomomo US National Symposium. June 3-6, 2020, Chicago, IL. The symposium has been postponed, for more information visit https://www.docomomo-us.org/events/national-symposium/covid-19.

Association for Gravestone Studies 2020 Conference. June 23-28, 2020, Austin, TX. The conference has been postponed until 2021. Updates will be posted as they become available on the AGS Conference page: www.gravestonestudies.org/conferences.

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum 2020. July 22-26, 2020, Tacoma, WA. Forum is the only national conference focused on issues facing local historic preservation commissions and historic districts. For more information visit http://napcommissions.org/forum/.


SC Historic Preservation Conference. September 25, 2020, SC Archives & History Center, Columbia. The 2020 Historic Preservation Conference scheduled for April 17 has been re-scheduled for September 25, 2020. Please mark your calendars and check the conference website for the updated details later in the summer. Questions? Contact Donna Foster at dfoster@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-0339 or Elizabeth Johnson at ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6168.

Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH) 2020 Annual Conference. September 30–October 3, Natchez, MS. The conference will be co-hosted by the Historic Natchez Foundation, Natchez National Historical Park, and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. For more information visit https://sesah.org/2020-natchez-ms/.


PastForward 2020 National Preservation Conference, October 28-30, 2020, Miami, FL. With a focus on resilience and relevance, presenters will share case studies on resiliency planning, equitable development, and funding for preservation. For more information visit https://savingplaces.org/conference#.Xj3duGhKiF4. Online registration will open July 1.

Grant Application Deadlines

April 22, 2020 National Fund for Sacred Places. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has joined Partners for Sacred Places and the Lilly Endowment to establish the National Fund for Sacred Places. Through the National Fund, Partners for Sacred Places provides planning grants, technical assistance, and capacity-building support, while the National Trust provides preservation expertise and capital grants up to $250,000 to help congregations restore and preserve historic places of worship. Letters of Intent are due April 22. For more information visit https://fundforsacredplaces.org/.

NEW DEADLINE May 28, 2020 FY 2020 Historic Preservation Fund Grants. Applications and instructions for the FY 2020 Historic Preservation Grants are available at https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/grants. Administered by the SHPO, the matching grants can assist two types of projects: Survey and Planning and Stabilization. Any local government, non-profit, or institution in South Carolina may apply for a Survey and Planning Project. Local governments, non-profits and institutions located in a CLG community may also apply for a Stabilization Project. At least ten percent of the state’s annual allocation from the National Park Service must be awarded to CLGs. Grant awards generally range from $2,500 to $35,000. For more information contact Brad Sauls at 803-896-6172, or bsauls@scdah.sc.gov.

June 30, 2020 American Battlefield Protection Program Land Acquisition Grants. The National Park Service (NPS) makes available funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to help States and local communities acquire and preserve threatened Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War Battlefields. The Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants are administered by the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) and awarded through a competitive process. For more information visit https://www.nps.gov/subjects/battlefields/battlefield-land-acquisition-grant-program.htm.

Online sources of grant information:

National Park Service State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division
National Trust for Historic Preservation Special Grant Funds
Preservation Directory Grants & Funding Resources
State Library Grants Research Assistance
SC Grantmakers Network
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