



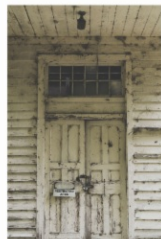
Preservation South Carolina

*Dedicated to Preserving and Protecting the Historic
Structures of South Carolina*

A Non-Profit Membership Organization Working for South Carolinians Since 1990

Headlines + Happenings

February 2, 2023



February is Black History Month

February is a time to celebrate the stories, rich culture, and historical journeys of African Americans in the United States. Join us this month in our Black History Month series, where we will reflect, honor, and celebrate African American history, culture, art, and leadership.

The Story of Boston King

Boston King, one of the settlers of Sierra Leone, was born enslaved on the Richard Waring plantation in outside of what was Charlestown around 1760.

At the time of the American Revolutionary War, our state was majority Black, a situation that kept many Lowcountry planters from sleeping well at night. They did not sleep at all when the British offered post-war freedom for any Black person who sided with them during the Revolutionary War.

If you were Black and heard of the offer, what would you have done? Risk your life by trying to escape the plantation, or simply accept that your life will never be yours to live? Boston King made the escape.

He would make his way to New York City, then Nova Scotia, then Sierra Leone, and finally London. A religious man—a Methodist minister for that matter—his is the story of Job as he cries out to God time and time again, only to return to his Christian faith.

There is no South Carolina landmark associated with the life of Boston King but what we do have available is an historic rarity: An enslaved man's autobiography titled, "Memoirs of the Life of Boston King, A Black Preacher", self published in 1790.

King's story reminds us that liberty was not just a simple matter of escaping. When we discuss the American Revolution, we should not only know powerful and influential leaders. We should also remember the millions of individuals from all backgrounds who fought for their own freedom.

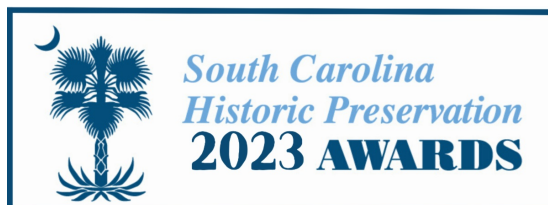
-Bill Fitzpatrick
Board Chair

Events this Black History Month

Historic Brattonsville - **Living History Saturday - By Way of the Back Door**
Join Historic Brattonsville in their special themed tours on the African American history at Brattonsville's during the month of February. | Every Sat. in February from 10am- 4pm, with guided tours at 11am, 1 and 3pm.
[Learn More](#)

SC Historical Society - *Winter Lecture Series: Freedom Deferred: Free People of Color and Enslaved Experiences During the American Revolution* | February 21, 2023 from 6- 7pm
[Learn More](#)

Camden Revolution War Visitor's Center - Visit Camden's Visitor Center to for a **Lunch & Learn** talk with Damon Fordhamon on the subject of Blacks during the American Revolution with some discussion of the role that South Carolina played. | February 7, 2023 from 12-1:30pm.
[Learn More](#)



2023 Historic Preservation Awards

It's that time of year! Preservation South Carolina, in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, and the Office of the Governor, is

pleased to sponsor our state's annual Historic Preservation Awards. The purpose of these awards is to recognize and honor those individuals and businesses in our state who have excelled in preserving our state's at risk heritage.

Nominations are now open! *Deadline is April 1, 2023.*

We look forward to receiving your nominations for 2023, and later this summer, gathering as a community to celebrate all of the good work and successes.

Nomination Form



Sacred Spaces Program | Trinity Church, Abbeville

In 2018, over 300 churches from across the country applied for a grant from the **National Fund for Sacred Places** program. Ten received funding. Trinity Episcopal in Abbeville was one of those 10. Most of the other churches were in big cities and had much larger congregations. If you could raise \$500K the grant would be \$250K.

Are you ready for this? Are you really ready for this?

Guess which organization was first to raise the first \$500K? Yes! Preservation South Carolina!

The restoration of Trinity Abbeville began in late 2018 with a goal of saving the leaning steeple and replacing the leaking roof, that, without intervention, would collapse.

In three years, PSC raised nearly \$1M, oversaw the baseline repairs, and reopened the church to the benefits of the greater Abbeville community. In a small town with a terrific number of historic landmarks, Trinity is the town's top tourist destination.

Today, the church is once again open for worship and visitors.

Thank you to the National Fund for Sacred Places for their trust in our abilities, the congregation and the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina, the

community of Abbeville for their constant support, and the donors who made this possible.

Pictured: *Jennifer Sandy with the National Trust for Historic Preservation & Emily Sajdak with Partners for Sacred Places*



SC Historic Preservation Conference *April 28, 2023*

The annual SC Historic Preservation Conference is right around the corner! This conference is hosted by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, and features a wide range of topics on South Carolina history, historic properties, and current preservation issues. Register today!

[Register](#)

We can't do all of this amazing work without your continued support. Please join us in our efforts to ensure South Carolina's historic places are not lost!

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