

GULLAH GEECHEE HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROJECT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!!
2025



Cohort News and Announcements

NEXT TRAINING:

Land Preservation Strategies Panel

Learn about land trusts, housing land trusts and conservation tools.

Location: Bees Ferry West Ashley Library **OR** Zoom

Dates & Times:

Mar 12th: 5:30- 7:30 PM **OR** Mar 22nd: 11 AM - 1:00 PM

Both dates will cover the same material. You will only be allowed to register for one.

[Click to register by Mar 5](#)



Missed this month's Heirs Property training?
[Click here to download training resources.](#)



Upcoming Community Events

The following events are being shared for informational purposes and are not sponsored by the Gullah Geechee Heritage Preservation Project.

SATURDAY, JAN 18

EMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH: FREEDOM CONCERT

JANUARY 18, 2025
106 BOONE ST 5PM-8PM
SUMMERVILLE, SC DOORS
29483 OPEN 4PM

PERFORMANCE BY:
RONDELL POSITIVE-ASAPH-CARTER SISTERS-
EMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR -
MIKE JACKSON & MORE

HOSTED BY:
THE CHEF
100.1FM AND 1390AM

FOOD TRUCK VENDORS

[Click HERE to get tickets!!](#)

Join the Emanuel Baptist Church as they celebrate MLK weekend. Food truck vendors and various performances will be available to join in on the day of celebration!
Admission is \$15/person



SATURDAY, JAN 18

CHARLESTON BLACK LIVES MATTER: MLK WEEKEND



**5000
BLACK**

**SAT.
18TH**
RIPPLE
701 E BAY ST. UNIT 121
CHARLESTON, SC

Schedule

9:00am-10:30am
Morning Yoga & Meditation
-Kennae Miller-
-Esprit Oree-

10:30am-12:00pm
Gullah Science & Agriculture
Gardening Class
-Akua Page-

12:00pm-2pm
Lunchtime *GYO*
-Hannibals Kitchen-
-Eastside Soul Food-
-Lamar's Sporting Club-

RSVP:
[LINKTREE/BLM_CHS](https://linktree.com/BLM_CHS)

Click HERE to RSVP!!

**5000 BLACK:
AFRO-FUTURIST
ART EXHIBITION
WINTER SERIES**
FUNDRAISER
**FRESH FUTURE
FARM <3**

Location: Ripple (701 East Bay St. Unit 121
Charleston, SC 29403)

MONDAY, JAN 20

IAAM PRESENTS: MLK DAY PARADE & DAY OF SERVICE



**INTERNATIONAL
AFRICAN AMERICAN
MUSEUM**

[Reserve your admission spot HERE](#)

Join the International African American Museum as they celebrate MLK day with a parade and gathering. The museum will provide free admission to enjoy music performances and the Museum's various exhibits.

Parade Time: 10:30 AM

Day of Service Time: 12PM-5PM

Location: International African American Museum (14 Wharfside St., Charleston, SC 29401)



MONDAY, JAN 20

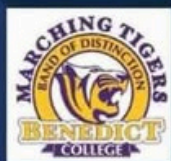
City of North Charleston & Positive Vibes Ronjanae Smith Present: MLK DAY PARADE

Positive Vibes ~ Ronjanae Smith



In Partnership with the
City of North Charleston

High School Bands
Floats • Cars
Trucks • Walkers



Featuring the
Benedict College
Marching Tigers Band
Columbia, South Carolina

MLK Day Parade

Monday, January 20, 2025

Parade starts at 3pm



Pre-Register by calling
843-530-0611 or visiting
www.positivevibesronjanae.com/mlk2025

Click HERE to Pre-register!!

SATURDAY, FEB 1

IAAM SOMEBODY FILM SERIES SCREENING



[Click HERE for more info](#)

Tickets: \$10 General Public, \$5 IAAM Members

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: International African American
Museum, West Yard
(14 Wharfside St., Charleston, SC 29401)



Black History Month 2025

FEB

1

6 PM - 7:30 PM

Movie Night

*An Evening with Jason
Gourdine: Short Films and
Filmmaker Insights*

Regal Palmetto
Grande Theaters
1319 Theater Dr

FEB

8

6 PM - 7:30 PM

Spirituals Concert

*The Plantations Singers:
Spirituals and Gospel Music
Concert*

Christ Church
Main Building
2304 HWY 17 N

FEB

15

6 PM - 7:30 PM

Chef Tasting

*Chef Chris Hyatt:
Serves Authentic Gullah
flavors for Tasting*

Miriam Brown
Community Center
118 Royall Ave

FEB

22

2 PM - 3:30 PM

10 Mile Community

*10 Mile Community:
Community Members Share
Stories and Memories*

10 Mile Community Center
3926 Seafood Rd
Awendaw

**Join the Town of Mount Pleasant
Historical Commission for this FREE
series of cultural programs to
celebrate African American history and
the Gullah Heritage of Mount Pleasant!**

For more information, contact Kate
Miller at 843-884-1229 or
kmiller@tompsc.com



SATURDAY, FEB 8

IAAM: GENEALOGICAL CHALLENGES & STRATEGIES FOR RESEARCHING FREE PEOPLE OF COLOR



INTERNATIONAL
AFRICAN AMERICAN
MUSEUM

*The
Original Papers of
Manumission*

*Recorded by the several Monthly Meetings
composing the Quarterly Meeting
of
Philadelphia.*

[Click HERE to Watch the Video Session!](#)

Time: 1PM - 2:30 PM

Location: Online (YouTube)





Funding Opportunities and Resources

National Trust Preservation Funds

Grants from this program are intended to encourage preservation at the local level by supporting on-going preservation work and by providing seed money for preservation projects. **The deadline for this program is February 13, 2025.**

[Click HERE to learn more](#)

African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund National Grant Program

These grants are designed to advance historic preservation projects at sites related to Black history in the United States. **The application deadline is February 14, 2025.**

[Click HERE to learn more](#)

The Unity Cemetery Preservation Fund

The Unity Cemetery Preservation Fund provides up to \$50,000 in funding support for the preservation of historic African American cemeteries.

Deadline: Feb 28, 2025

[Click HERE for more info](#)

Funding Opportunities and Resources

Conserving Black Modernism Grant Program

This grant empowers and equips preservationists and stewards with funding, technical support, and training to preserve the material heritage, innovation, and legacy of modern architectural sites designed by Black architects. **The deadline for applications is March 14, 2025.**

[Click HERE for more info](#)

SCDAH FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS

The Archives is administering federal funds for Survey and Planning Projects or Stabilization Projects. Any local government, non-profit, or institution in SC may apply but the SHPO's first priority will be to fund projects in SC's CLGs. **The deadline for FY2025 applications is May 1, 2025.**

[Click HERE to learn more](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA 250 (SC250) GRANT PROGRAMS

Monthly Grants (up to \$15,000),
Major Grants (up to \$125,000) and
Premier Grants (more than \$126,000).

[Click HERE to learn more](#)

SC PRESERVATION TOOLKIT

Access the Toolkit to learn more about African American preservation.

[Click HERE to access the kit](#)



2025 SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Conference

Saturday, February 22, 2025 Registration Link:
<https://form.jotform.com/243305678390966>

[Visit the Conference Website](https://form.jotform.com/243305678390966)

SC ARCHIVES AND HISTORY CENTER

8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC 29223

Space is limited. Pre-
registration is highly
recommended.

Registration Fee Per
Person:

- Regular: \$40
- Senior: \$20
- Student: \$15

*Lunch is included in
registration fee.

GF/Vegetarian
options
available.

For additional
conference information
and questions contact:

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or
(803)896-8256

Schedule

8:30AM – 8:55AM **Registration**

9:00AM – 9:10AM **Opening Welcome**

9:15AM – 10:25AM **1st Session Block**

Leading the Charge: Women & Social Movements

- ☐ The presence of Black women in social movements crosses generations. This panel will start with the Rollins sisters' role in 19th century politics, presented by historian Gracia Rich. Winthrop professor, Dr. Dixon-McKnight will continue the conversation to discuss the Black female hospital workers that organized the 1969 Charleston Hospital Workers' Campaign.

South Carolina's Forgotten Black Union Veterans and Your Community

- ☐ Learn from University of South Carolina Beaufort's Institute for the Study of the Reconstruction Era about the 1st SC Volunteers of African Descent who served in the Union Army and how to determine if your community has connections to Black Union soldiers/veterans.

10:30AM – 11:40AM **2nd Session Block**

Putting in the Work: Methods for Preserving Black History

- ☐ Come hear from practitioners in the field on ways they have researched and preserved Black History in South Carolina. Institutions include the International African American Museum, USC Center for Civil Rights History and Research, and the University of South Carolina Beaufort.

Harvesting Heritage: Preserving Black Foodways, History, and Culture

- ☐ This panel, with tasting samples, will discuss the history and impact of Black foodways and the ways we can use them to preserve Black history. Speakers include Ramon Jackson and Meeghan Kane from SC State Museum and Chef Amethyst Ganaway.

11:45AM – 12:55PM **Lunch**

1:00PM – 2:15PM **3rd Session Block**

Student Research

- ☐ Students from University of South Carolina, Allen University, and College of Charleston will discuss their current research pertaining to African American history. Topics include African-derived spirituality, the block of 1500 Harden Street and the Greyhound Bus Station sit-ins in Columbia, and John Henry McCray's papers.

2:20PM – 3:45PM **Keynote Address**

The Impact of Student Protests during the Civil Rights Era

- ☐ Cecil Williams, South Carolina Civil Rights Museum, Civil Rights Photographer



THANK YOU!

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The **Gullah Geechee Heritage Preservation Project** is a multi-jurisdictional collaboration to support documentation, recognition and preservation of historic Gullah Geechee/African-American Ancestral Communities and their significant historic and cultural sites.

Learn more at www.charleston-sc.gov/urc

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