

PRESERVATION MONTH 2018

WAYS TO CELEBRATE IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA

National Historic Preservation Month was started in the 1970s by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as a way to promote historic places and it has been going strong ever since. Throughout the month of May, events and activities are scheduled across the country to celebrate the history and architecture of communities big and small. In the spirit of Preservation Month we encourage you to get out and enjoy the history that Columbia has to offer! Check out the events below to see how you can celebrate Cola history!

MAIN STREET SCAVENGER HUNT

May 1-31st, Main Street Area

How keen is your eye for architecture? This May, preservation staff of the City of Columbia challenges you to test your knowledge in a Main Street Scavenger Hunt! Clues for the hunt will be released online May 1st; Participants who complete the hunt and return the correct answers by May 31st will be entered to win one of **three great prizes**. For more information visit columbiasc.net/planning-preservation/historic-preservation. Please direct any questions to preservation@columbiasc.net.

ENJOY SC: MAKE HISTORY

Wednesday, May 2, 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. and
Sunday, May 6, 1-3p.m., South Carolina State House

Presented by the City of Columbia, in collaboration with several community organizations, Enjoy SC is an interactive event series inviting neighbors and visitors to meet, linger, and socialize on the State House grounds. For Enjoy SC: Make History, Historic Columbia has curated historic images of South Carolina's Main Streets from throughout the state and will feature those images beside current images of the same Main Streets. Staff from local history organizations will be on hand to talk with visitors about the images and will help attendees interact with maps to show changes in South Carolina cities over time. Event is **free and open to the public**.

HISTORIC HORSESHOE WALKING TOUR

Thursday, May 10, 2018, 12 – 1 p.m., Starts at the
South Caroliniana Library at 910 Sumter Street

The Great Biscuit Rebellion. The 1902 Carolina Clemson Riot. The Gamecock 505. These stories and more are part of the University of South Carolina Historic Horseshoe Tour offered by the South Caroliniana Library. University Archivist Elizabeth Cassidy West leads the monthly tours around the historic horseshoe, sharing tales of events and student life that occurred there. Event is **free and open to the public**. Please call 803-777-5158 with any questions.

PRESERVATION BIKE RIDE

Saturday, May 19, 9a.m.-12p.m., Starts at the 1600
block of Laurel (behind Hampton-Preston property)

Join preservationists from the City of Columbia for a leisurely ride through time as we explore preservation, history, and planning in the capital city! Did you know that the 1700 block of Blanding and Laurel Streets once included over 30 houses for railroad workers? Or that the construction of the Babcock Building followed progressive theories of mental health treatment known as the "Kirkbride System"? Join us to learn about this and more in a family friendly tour through Columbia, including stops at Main Street, West Gervais, and the Bull Street Campus. The ride will be at an easy pace but may include hills and, although the tour will largely follow secondary roads, riders should be comfortable riding on streets open to vehicular traffic. The ride is **free and open to the public** but is limited to 25 participants with **reservations required**. Please direct any questions to preservation@columbiasc.net.

CITY HALL EXHIBIT

May 1-31st, M-F 8:30a.m.-5p.m., 1737 Main Street

Columbia City Hall (constructed 1875) underwent a major renovation in 2012 that included extensive plaster repair by local plasterers from Master of Plaster. Throughout the month of May, *Recipe For A Plaster Flower*, a small exhibit in the City Hall lobby, will display salvaged plaster trim pieces from the recent renovation of Council Chambers. The exhibit will also provide a brief description of the process of reconstructing the damaged ornamental plaster from 1875 that adorn the walls.

RANDOLPH CEMETERY WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 5, 9:30a.m.-12p.m., Randolph
Cemetery, 301 Elmwood Avenue

This workshop will include a tour of Randolph Cemetery (created 1871), show how previous repairs by professional conservators have –or have not- lasted, and discuss proper lawn and stone maintenance and repair. Randolph Cemetery is located just west of Elmwood Cemetery, at the dead end of Elmwood Avenue with parking along the street. The workshop is **FREE** but please register by emailing RandolphCemetery@gmail.com. Please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers and bring sunscreen, bug spray, and a gallon of water for the **hands-on stone cleaning session**. For more information check out facebook.com/events/1600722699977144/. Rain date is May 12.

HAMPTON-PRESTON REOPENING

Saturday, May 12, 10a.m.-4p.m., Hampton-Preston
Mansion & Gardens, 1615 Blanding Street

Join Historic Columbia Foundation for the reopening of the Hampton-Preston Mansion following repairs to the building and major garden restoration. Numerous activities are available for families to enjoy at the event including food trucks, special presentations, children's games and crafts, and tours of the gardens. Plants propagated by Historic Columbia's horticulturalists will also be offered for sale. **Tickets are available for purchase online** at historiccolumbia.org/events.

HISTORIC MELROSE SCAVENGER HUNT

Sunday, May 20, 1:30p.m.- 3p.m., Starts at Melrose
Park (corner of Senate and Fairview)

The beautiful neighborhood of Historic Melrose was developed between the years 1900 and 1950 as one of Columbia's first suburbs. Today, the neighborhood retains a diverse range of architectural styles and details that contribute to the overall charm that has kept it a desirable place to live for over 100 years. This May, in collaboration with the City of Columbia, the Melrose Neighborhood Association invites you and your family out for a fun-filled afternoon in a neighborhood-wide scavenger hunt! The architectural scavenger hunt is designed for families to provide a chance to learn about architecture and look at buildings in a new and fun way. This family friendly event is **free and open to the public** and includes the opportunity to win **prizes!** Please email preservation@columbiasc.net with any questions.

We hope to see you at all of this year's events!