join the City of Columbia as we celebrate national historic PRESERVATION MONTH this MAY 2024

In the spirit of Preservation Month, we encourage you to get out and enjoy the history that Columbia has to offer!

MAY 2nd

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC RADIO, 7:50am

ECONOMIC IMPACT INTERVIEW

Tune in to SC Business Review on SC Public Radio to listen to Mike Switzer chat with Donovan Rypkema from Place Economics about the recently completed report on the economic impact of preservation in Columbia.



MAY 4th

RANDOLPH CEMETERY 9:00am - 12:00pm

CEMETERY WORKSHOP & TOUR

Join members of the Committee for the Beautification and Restoration of Randolph Cemetery for a workshop on proper cemetery maintenance. The workshop will include a tour of Randolph Cemetery and hands on demonstrations on proper stone maintenance and repair. Registration required.

MAY 5th HISTORIC MELROSE, 1:00pm - 5:00pm



ART IN THE YARD & NEIGHBORHOOD TOURS

Join City preservation staff in an architecture and history tour of Historic Melrose. There will be two, one-hour tours during Art in the Yard but each is limited to 10 people, so register now! (bit.ly/MelroseTour) And don't forget to drop by the preservation table at 1429 Hagood to talk to a preservation planner or a volunteer with the Coalition of Columbia's Historic Districts (CCHD) to learn about current preservation initiatives, including the Paws for Preservation fundraising calendar - and learn how your pet can be featured in the 2025 calendar!

MAY 7th BUSBY COMMUNITY CENTER, 1735 BUSBY STREET, 4:00pm

PROCLAMATION & MABEL PAYNE AWARD

Join Columbia City Council as they officially declare May as Historic Preservation Month! The proclamation will be followed by announcement of Preservation Month activities and the presentation of this year's Mabel Payne Award.

MAY 8th PASTOR'S STUDY, 1633 MAIN STREET, UPSTAIRS, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

LUNCH & LEARN: PRESERVATION ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Bring your lunch and join City of Columbia and Historic Columbia staff as they present the key takeaways of the recently released preservation economic impact study- Catalyst for Columbia: The Impacts of Historic Preservation in Columbia, South Carolina. The event is free and open to the public. Registration recommended. bit.ly/PreservationImpact

MAY 15th UPSTAIRS, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKSHOP

Join CCHD and preservation staff in an informative session on how to make your historic home more energy efficient. Experts will share tips and tricks for energy savings in cost effective and historically sympathetic ways. Registration required. bit.ly/EnergyWorkshop2024

MAY 18th GARDEN LEVEL, 3:00pm - 4:00pm RICHLAND LIBRARY MAIN,

Q P. CHILDREN'S CRAFT: TRAVEL **JOURNALS & THE GREEN BOOK**

Come play and learn as you decorate your very own travel journal based on the historic Green Book. Craft will be preceded by a reading of the children's book, Ruth and the Green Book, Free and open to the public. Recommended for children ages 5+.

MAY 19th 1400 BLOCK OF MAIN STREET, 9:00am - 12:00pm

BIKE TOUR: THE GREEN BOOK & AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Hop on your bike and join City preservation staff on a bike tour to explore sites related to Columbia's rich African American history. The tour will include a look at the Green Book sites that were safe havens for traveling African Americans during the Jim Crow era. Registration and helmet required. bit.ly/BikeTour2024



MAY 21st 2204 MARION STREET, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

BRICK REPOINTING WORKSHOP

Learn the art of repairing and restoring old brickwork with our expert instructor at this hands-on workshop. This workshop is perfect for anyone looking to learn proper masonry skills and techniques. Registration required, bit.ly/BrickWorkshop

MAY 22nd THE GRADUATE, 1619 PENDLETON STREET, 4:00pm - 6:30pm

HAPPY HOUR MEET & GREET

In partnership with Columbia's Coalition of Historic Districts, join City preservation staff and your historic district neighbors for a happy hour drop in at the Graduate Hotel. City preservation staff and other local preservation experts and contractors will be on hand to answer preservation questions.

