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MAY IS PRESERVATION MONTH

Preservation Month is celebrated nationally each May and serves as a reminder of the significance of safeguarding our historical sites, landscapes, and cultural heritage.

Each year, the Preservation Society of Charleston hosts a monthlong series of engaging educational programs, including hard hat tours, lectures, community events in partnership with other local organizations, and more!

Our efforts aim to inspire PSC members and the Charleston community to take an active role in preserving the region's historic places and stories. We hope you will join us this May as we venture throughout the Lowcountry celebrating all that Charleston has accomplished and continues to champion as a leader in historic preservation.

GET INVOLVED

To learn more or register for an event, please visit preservationsociety.org/preservationmonth.

Please Note: Registration links for member events are not published publicly and will only be sent to current members via email.



For questions or assistance, please call our tours and tickets line at 843.405.1050.

Special thanks to our corporate sponsors for generously supporting Preservation Month 2025.

Founded in 1920, the Preservation Society of Charleston (PSC) is the oldest grassroots preservation organization in the nation. The PSC's mission is to advocate for the preservation and enjoyment of Charleston's distinct character, quality of life, and diverse neighborhoods. To learn more about our work or to become a member, please explore our website, preservationsociety.org.

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PRESERVATION MONTH HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, May 1 | 5 – 7 PM | Blind Tiger Pub Courtyard, 36-38 Broad Street

PSC Members are invited to a celebratory happy hour at the historic Blind Tiger Pub to kick off the Preservation Month series. Join us in the courtyard to meet and mingle with PSC staff, the Board, and fellow members. Complimentary food and drinks will be provided courtesy of Blind Tiger Pub and King Street Hospitality Group.

PSC Members Only | *Registration Required* | Limited Capacity

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY AT THE PSC SHOP

Saturday, May 3 | 9 AM – 5 PM and Online | 147 King Street

PSC Members receive an additional 10% discount for a total of 20% off all purchases through the Preservation Society Shop and online store. Browse our collection of curated books and products from local makers like Brackish, J. Stark, Smithey Ironware, and more! As always, purchases are tax-free and proceeds benefit the mission of the Preservation Society.

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SPIRITED BRUNCH

Sunday, May 4 | 12:30 – 3:30 PM | Various Downtown Congregations

Food is a symbol of our various histories, cultures, and faiths, but also one of the best ways to bring people together. Enjoy a glimpse into the culinary traditions of the Holy City’s many houses of worship during this free snack tour. Restrooms, maps, and fans can be found at the central event hub, located in Arnold Hall at the College of Charleston’s Jewish Studies Center (96 Wentworth Street). You may visit the tour stops in any order you wish, but be sure to stop by Arnold Hall to meet additional congregations and organizations.

Free and Open to the Public

ELIZABETH KIRKLAND CAHILL DISTINGUISHED LECTURE WITH JAMES LIMA | WHAT IT TAKES: BUILDING GREAT PUBLIC PLACES

Wednesday, May 7 | 6 - 7 PM | Charleston Music Hall, 37 John Street

Join us for the annual Cahill Distinguished Lecture featuring James F. Lima, President of James Lima Planning + Design, as he discusses “What It Takes: Building Great Public Places.” Lima specializes in the creative economics required to develop urban destinations that effectively leverage public and private sector financing to create dynamic public spaces that contribute to some of the world’s greatest cities. Current PSC Members are invited to join us immediately following the lecture for a members’ reception across the street from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. in the Camden Room at the Charleston Visitor Center (375 Meeting Street).

Free and Open to the Public | Registration Required



SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING: VIRTUAL ADVOCACY UPDATE

Monday, May 12 | 12 - 1 PM | Zoom Webinar

PSC Members are invited to log on to our virtual Spring Membership Meeting for an in-depth advocacy update on the Preservation Society’s latest work. Learn about ongoing advocacy and preservation initiatives from PSC staff during this lunchtime webinar event. Members are also invited to join us for a free in-person members’ reception following the Cahill Lecture featuring James Lima on May 7.

PSC Members Only | *Zoom Link Emailed to Members*

HARD HAT TOUR: 65 SOUTH STREET

Tuesday, May 13 | 10 AM | 65 South Street

Located in Charleston’s Eastside neighborhood, 65 South Street is a c. 1895 house currently undergoing a major and long-overdue rehabilitation thanks to its committed owners and an expert project team, including Fenno Architecture and Rockwell Construction. Join us to learn more about preservation methods, architectural history, construction, and craftsmanship as we explore this ongoing project. The tour will be followed by coffee, pastries, and the opportunity for further discussion with the project team.

\$75 per person | Registration Required | Limited Spaces Available

STEEPLES OF THE HOLY CITY LECTURE: ST. PHILIP’S CHURCH

Tuesday, May 27 | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | St. Philip’s Parish Hall, 154 Church Street

Join us for the first of our summer lecture series, Steeples of the Holy City, beginning with the current restoration project at St. Philip’s Church. As the oldest congregation in South Carolina, St. Philip’s has withstood over three centuries of history, including numerous natural disasters and wars. This panel discussion with parish leadership, as well as the engineering and construction teams, will give you an inside look at what it takes to preserve and protect this iconic landmark in the heart of historic Charleston.

Free and Open to the Public | Registration Required

BACKYARD RESILIENCE WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 31 | 9 - 11 AM | High Wire Distilling, 311 Huger Street

Join us for a dynamic conversation covering simple but powerful DIY solutions to make your property more resilient starting in your own backyard. Inspired by the Preservation Society’s *Resilience Guidance for Charleston* publication, this morning coffee chat with the Preservation Society and The M.A.R.S.H. Project will include fast-paced presentations to break down the Landscape section of the *Resilience Guidance* document. Join us to learn, connect, and get inspired over light breakfast bites and coffee with neighbors and new friends.

\$15 Suggested Donation | Registration Required | Limited Capacity