

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 month-long 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.



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SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT TWENTY-ONE MAGAZINE

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6 pm

We hope you will join us for the 2026 PSC Spring Membership Meeting held at Twenty-One Magazine, a 2025 Exterior Carolopolis Award winning project, and the site of the former Old City Jail. Current PSC members are invited to learn more about the notable history and dramatic transformation directly from the project team. There will also be an opportunity to hear from PSC staff about ongoing advocacy initiatives and relevant preservation updates. After the meeting concludes, enjoy the opportunity to network with fellow members of the PSC community over a reception of complimentary hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine.

GET INVOLVED IN PRESERVATION MONTH

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.

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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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Most events require advance registration and capacity may be limited. All ticket sales are final.

More events might be added at a later date. For more information and to sign up, visit preservationsociety.org/preservationmonth.

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VOLUNTEER WORKDAY AT HUTCHINSON HOUSE

Friday, May 1 | 9 AM – 12 PM | Hutchinson House, 7666 Point of Pines Rd., Edisto Island

Join the PSC for a volunteer workday at the historic Hutchinson House. Built by freedman Henry Hutchinson in the late 19th century, the house endures as a symbol of resilience, land ownership, and community-building after emancipation. Volunteers will help care for the site through hands-on stewardship, including weeding, clearing debris, raking, and light landscape maintenance.

PSC Members Only | *Registration Required* | Limited Capacity

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY AT THE PSC SHOP

Saturday, May 2 | 9 AM – 5 PM and Online | 147 King St.

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 books and products from local makers including 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 3 | 12:30 – 3:30 PM | Multiple locations

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 central event hubs, located in the College of Charleston's Alumni Center (86 Wentworth St) and Pink Cactus (100A Spring St). You may visit the tour stops in any order you wish but be sure to stop by one of the event hubs to meet additional congregations and organizations.

Free and Open to the Public

MEMBER HAPPY HOUR AT BLIND TIGER

Wednesday, May 6 | 5 – 7 PM | Blind Tiger Courtyard, 36-38 Broad St.

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

STEWARDSHIP SACRED SPACES: THE ROLE OF CEMETERIES IN THE LOWCOUNTRY'S CULTURAL AND ECOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE

Monday, May 11 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm | MUSC Drug Discovery Building, 70 President St.

Presented by Charleston Horticultural Society, Preservation Society of Charleston, Carolina Ocean Alliance, and The M.A.R.S.H. Project

The Lowcountry's historic cemeteries are anchors of the region's cultural identity that serve as critical, often overlooked, ecological refuges. Join us for a short film screening and panel discussion to build shared understanding of how sacred spaces function environmentally, historically, and culturally.

Free and Open to the Public | Registration through Charleston Horticultural Society | Limited Capacity

STEEPLES OF THE HOLY CITY LECTURE AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tuesday, May 12 | 6 – 7:30 pm | St Patrick's Catholic Church, 134 St. Philip St.

Join us for the second lecture in our Steeples of the Holy City series, featuring St. Patrick's Catholic Church—one of Charleston's quiet treasures. Founded in 1833, this historic church is among the earliest predominantly Black Catholic congregations in the United States and stands as a powerful testament to faith, resilience, and the African American experience. Hear from the pastor, architect, and restoration team as they share insights on current preservation efforts supported by the National Fund for Sacred Spaces. The program concludes with a guided tour of the sanctuary and cemetery.

Free and Open to the Public | Registration Required | Limited Capacity

HEADSTONE CLEANING WORKSHOP AT ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL CEMETERY

Saturday, May 16 | 10 AM – 2 PM | 18 Hanover St.

Have you ever seen an old headstone that could use some love and wished you could do something about it? Join the PSC and conservator Frances Henderson Ford to learn the fundamentals of cemetery stewardship and headstone cleaning. This workshop provides a hands-on introduction to assessing and cleaning historic headstones using professional tools and solutions. Participants will leave with the knowledge and confidence to safely carry out basic headstone maintenance adhering to nationally recognized best practices.

Free and Open to the Public | Registration Required | Capacity limited to 25

SEARS KIT HOME WALKING TOUR IN HAMPTON PARK TERRACE

Wednesday, May 20 | 10 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM

Join the PSC and Kevin Eberle, President of the Hampton Park Terrace Neighborhood Association, on May 20 for a guided walking tour exploring a unique piece of early 20th-century housing history. Together, we'll visit six homes believed to be Sears Kit Houses — mail-order residences that arrived by rail, were assembled on site, and available from the 1900s-1940s. As we walk through Hampton Park Terrace, we'll examine architectural details, compare known models, and discuss how these homes fit into Charleston's broader development story.

\$30 | Registration Required | Limited Capacity

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUNDAMENTALS COURSE AT CIRCULAR CHURCH

Friday, May 15, 22, and 29 | 9 AM – 2 PM | Wingard Room at Circular Church, 150 Meeting St.

Anyone can be a preservationist! Historic Preservation Fundamentals is a three-day course designed by the National Park Service for people who do not have a formal education in historic preservation but want to understand the language, terms, and theory behind saving historic places. Through a series of interactive classroom and field-based learning activities, participants will gain knowledge and skills in identifying and caring for the distinguishing features of historic properties, while establishing a baseline vocabulary of industry terminology and best practices.

\$300 | PSC Members Only | Must be able to attend all 3 days | Application Form and Registration Required

CHARLESTON HISTORY TRIVIA AT HOLY CITY BREWING

Wednesday, May 27 | 6 – 8 PM | 1021 Argon Ave.

Get your team together and enjoy Holy City Brewing's special *Holy City Lite*, created in partnership with the South Carolina Historical Society to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States. Sip while testing your Charleston knowledge with licensed tour guide and trivia host Dick Oyler! A portion of proceeds from *Holy City Lite* purchases supports the South Carolina Historical Society.

Free and Open to the Public | Registration Recommended



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