

SCAAHC Seeks Nominations for “Preserving Our Places in History” Awards

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The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission is seeking nominations for its "Preserving Our Places in History" awards. The mission of the SCAAHC is to identify and promote the preservation of historic sites, structures, buildings and culture of the African American experience in South Carolina and to assist and enhance the efforts of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

In order to encourage the preservation of the African American experience in South Carolina, the SCAAHC has established the following annual recognition:

Individual Award - This award recognizes a person who has demonstrated or made an outstanding accomplishment in preserving and interpreting African American history and culture in SC during the past year.

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Group or Organization Award - This award recognizes a group or organization that has demonstrated or made an outstanding accomplishment in preserving and interpreting African American history and culture in SC during the past year.

Project Award - This award recognizes a project that has significantly and dramatically influenced in a permanent way the preservation and interpretation of African American history and culture in SC during the past year.

Lifetime Achievement Award - This award recognizes a person, group or organization that has made a notable, successful, sustained and lasting contribution to the preservation of African American history and culture in SC.

Individuals, groups and organizations can nominate themselves for the awards or be nominated by others who are aware of their work, contributions and achievements in the field. The SCAAHC requires that nominators submit a form and documentation that explain and provide evidence to support the nomination. The documentation should include a one-page statement justifying the nomination along with letters of support and other attachments that verify and support it.

For information or to obtain a nomination form, call Jannie Harriot at 843-332-3589 or Michael Allen at 843-881-5516 ext 12, or visit www.scaaheritagefound.org/awards.html. Nominations must be received by Friday, February 15, 2013.

The awards will be presented at the "Preserving Our Places in History" Awards Luncheon on Friday, March 15, 2013 at the South Carolina Archives & History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC.