NCPC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Adapting to a New Reality:
How Cultural Institutions are Responding to COVID-19

November 5, 2021 9:00 am—4:00 pm ONLINE

In August NCPC Conference organizers were excitedly planning an in-person conference for this year. We stepped back for a moment, though, and decided that in consideration of public health concerns, and to allow for a greater level of participation across the state and beyond, this year’s conference would once again be held online.

Join us as we hear about some of the creative ways cultural institutions have maintained operations and documented the pandemic since March 2020. In response to feedback from last year’s conference, this year’s schedule includes time for email checking, restroom breaks, and lunch.

Click Here to Register!

Morning sessions:
◊ Silver Linings: Reference and Instruction in Academic Archives during COVID-19
◊ All Hands on Deck at Duke Libraries’ Digital Production Center: Moving to Work-From-Home

Afternoon sessions:
◊ Preserving COVID-19-Related Institutional Records at Southeastern Seminary
◊ Documenting COVID-19 in Eastern North Carolina Communities
The North Carolina Preservation Consortium (NCPC) is accepting nominations for the annual Robert James Award for Preservation Excellence. Libraries, museums, archives, historic sites, and other organizations in North Carolina with a mission to preserve tangible heritage of enduring value are eligible for nomination. Tangible heritage includes art, artifacts, library and archival collections, natural history specimens, musical instruments, textiles, technology, monuments, memorials, archaeological sites, and historic and cultural architecture.

Excellence should be demonstrated with descriptions of successful projects and programs that highlight the organization's significant commitment to preservation.

At least two external letters of support must be received for consideration.

The winning institution will be announced at the NCPC annual conference in November. This year, thanks to an anonymous donor, the winner will receive $300.

All letters must be received by October 20th.

Email applications to:
Beth Doyle, Executive Director
doylncpc@gmail.com

Printed applications may be sent it to the address below. Applications must be postmarked by the deadline.
Robert James Award for Preservation Excellence
North Carolina Preservation Consortium
P. O. Box 2651
Durham, NC 27715-2651

Please note: This award is not for recognizing the preservation accomplishments of individuals.

Visit the NCPC website for a list of previous award recipients.
Disaster Relief Grants still available!

**Disaster relief grants** from NCPC and NCMC provide up to $1,000 for collection supplies for institutions affected by disasters declared either by the state (North Carolina) or federal authorities. These include but are not limited to hurricanes, floods, tornados, wildfires, and earthquakes.

Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. Grants will be awarded until funds earmarked for the fiscal year are depleted.

Institutions affected by Federal and State declared disaster events from 2016 to present are eligible to apply for funding. Applications citing global pandemics, including Ebola and COVID-19, will not be accepted.

Applicants must be institutional members of NCPC or NCMC, and must be within the declared North Carolina disaster areas as defined by FEMA or the Governor of North Carolina. Grants are not awarded to individuals.

For complete details please see the [Disaster Relief Grant website](#).

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Could you be the next NCPC Executive Director?

**NCPC is looking for a new Executive Director!**

This position, which now carries a stipend, will begin July 1, 2022. The NCPC Board of Directors will be seeking applicants who are committed to preserving the cultural heritage of North Carolina, and who enjoy working collaboratively with colleagues across the state.

The duties of the Executive Director are outlined in the NCPC Bylaws. Responsibilities include organizational support, communications, financial management, outreach and promotion, and specific committee assignments.

**A full position description and call for applications will be coming soon!**
Pay-As-You-Wish Memberships!

This year the NC Preservation Consortium has continued the *pay-as-you-wish membership plan* that was begun last year to better accommodate individual and institutional budgets during these challenging times. As a result, there’s never been a better moment to become a member and experience for yourself the benefits of an affiliation with NCPC. Not only is membership affordable - it makes you or your institution eligible for discounts on workshops and registration to the annual conference. Your membership will support local preservation initiatives and training, and will provide you with opportunities to meet and network with colleagues working in a variety of preservation-related disciplines across North Carolina. What are you waiting for? [Join today!](#)

### Membership Information

#### Dues

We strive to keep NCPC dues affordable: just $25 for individuals ($10 for students) and $100 for institutions. (But see the notice above about the pay-as-you-wish membership plan for 2021-2022.) At the end of FY 2020-2021 NCPC had 24 individual members and 45 institutional members.

**NCPC members:**

- receive registration discounts on preservation workshops and the annual conference,
- can hold leadership positions on the consortium’s board of directors, committees, and task groups, and
- join a respected state-wide network of preservation advocates.

NCPC is grateful to our institutional members. Fifty archives, conservation centers, historic sites, libraries, museums, and similar organizations support the preservation of cultural, educational, and historical collections in our state.

#### Why be an institutional member?

- For as little as the cost of four individual memberships, **all** the employees of member institutions enjoy the benefits listed above.
- **Only** institutional members (not individual members) can apply for [preservation grants](#)!

Want to learn more?

[See our membership page!](#)
Why Donate to NCPC?

Your membership dues support NCPC conferences, workshops, scholarships, and other programs that enable individuals and cultural institutions to preserve North Carolina heritage and culture. But your dues only cover part of the expenses. NCPC is a registered 501c3 organization, so your donations are tax deductible. **When you’re completing your membership renewal form, consider adding an additional donation to enhance your contribution!**  
(Or you can [donate online right here, right now!](http://www.ncpreservation.com))

Amazon Smile

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