



ARKANSAS

PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

— A PRESERVE ARKANSAS EVENT —

Hot Springs

October 21 - 23, 2026

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Wednesday, October 21

Hot Springs Convention Center, 134 Convention Blvd.
All activities at Convention Center unless otherwise noted.

12:30 – 4:00 PM Registration Open & Vendor Set-up, Concourse

1:00 – 4:00 PM Room 204

NAPC Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP)

Kate Singleton: “Why Preserve? An Introduction to Historic Preservation” & “Standards and Guidelines for Design Review”

1:30 – 4:00 PM Preservation in Progress Trolley Tour

Led by Ellie Isaacs, founder of Isaacs Preservation
Departs from the Convention Center **2 HSW | CM 2**

2:00 – 4:00 PM Bathhouse Row Walking Tour

Led by Cane West, PhD, Hot Springs National Park Education Coordinator
Departs from Hot Springs National Park Visitor Center, 369 Central Ave.
2 HSW | CM 1.5

5:30 – 7:00 PM Opening Reception

Quapaw Bathhouse, 413 Central Ave.

7:00 PM Dinner on your own

Thursday, October 22

Hot Springs Convention Center

8:30 AM Registration & Exhibits Open, Concourse

9:00 – 10:15 AM Opening Plenary, Rooms 203-204

Rachel Patton, Executive Director, Preserve Arkansas
The Honorable Pat McCabe, Mayor of Hot Springs
Ryan Biles, AIA, President, Preserve Arkansas
Mallorie and Jim Rasberry, Downtown Comeback and HGTV's *Home Town*
1 HSW | CM 1

10:15 – 10:30 AM Break, Concourse

10:30 – 11:45 AM Concurrent Sessions

Session 1A – Rooms 203-204

“To List and To Assist: The National Register of Historic Places and the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program’s Grant Programs” by Ralph Wilcox, Deputy SHPO and National Register and Survey Coordinator, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program AND “A Guide to Federal and State Historic Tax Credits” by Amber Jones, founder, Preservation Consulting, LLC **1 HSW | CM 1.25**

Session 1B – Rooms 201-202

“Making the Case: Utilizing Existing Buildings for Affordable Housing” by Alyssa Frystak, Principal, PlaceEconomics **1 HSW | CM 1.25**

Thursday, October 22

12:00 – 1:15 PM Preserve Arkansas Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Superior Bathhouse Brewery, 329 Central Ave. [RSVP Required. If you did not RSVP, lunch is on your own.]

1:30 – 2:45 PM Concurrent Sessions

Session 2A – Rooms 203-204

“Community Engagement and Building Public Support” by Kate Singleton, preservation consultant and CAMP trainer **1 HSW | CM 1.25**

Session 2B – Rooms 201-202

“Historic Buildings are Real Estate” by Lolly Rash, Executive Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust **1.5 HSW | CM 1.25**

2:45 – 3:00 PM Break, Concourse

3:00 – 4:15 PM Concurrent Sessions

Session 3A – Rooms 203-204

“Sacred Spaces, Civic Impact: How the National Fund for Sacred Places Combines Capital and Technical Resources to Preserve Historic Houses of Worship” by Tisha Allen and Lily Hamilton, National Fund for Sacred Places **1 HSW | CM 1.25**

Session 3B – Rooms 201-202

“Emerging Technologies in Historic Preservation” by Huy Pham and Paul Kim, Asian & Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation (APIAHIP) **1 HSW | CM 1.25**

5:30 – 8:00 PM Reception and Most Endangered Places Announcement

The Reserve, 2330 Central Ave.

Friday, October 23

Hot Springs Convention Center

8:30 AM Registration & Exhibits Open, Concourse

9:00 – 10:15 AM Concurrent Sessions

Session 4A – Rooms 203-204

“Park Avenue Revival” by Ellie Isaacs, Founder, Isaacs Preservation, LLC
1 HSW | CM 1.25

Session 4B – Rooms 201-202

“Issue 3 and Arkansas Legislative Landscape” by Gabe Holmstrom, Principal, Capitol + Main **1 HSW | CM 1.25**

10:15 – 10:30 AM Break, Concourse

10:30 – 11:45 AM Concurrent Sessions

Session 5A – Rooms 203-204

“100 years of B.B. King – Preserving the Legacy” by Malika Polk-Lee, Executive Director, B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center **1 LU | CM 1**

Session 5B – Rooms 201-202

“Windows: Eyes of the Past, Present and Future” by Steven W. Hurd, AIA, President, Westwork Designs **1 HSW**

12:00 – 12:30 PM Closing Session, Rooms 203-204

Ryan Biles, AIA, Architect and Founder, Kudzu Collective

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