

Membership Application

**Annual Membership
January 1 through December 31**

Please make checks payable to PAAC, Inc.,
and return form with payment to:

**PO Box 25923
Little Rock, AR 72221-5923**

Chapter Membership Breakdown

- Student - \$15 (Undergrad, Graduate)
- Individual - \$25.00
- Family (Includes Spouse) - \$35.00
- Church Membership - \$50
- Organization - \$60.00

Junior Preservation Society Membership

- Individual - \$ 5.00 (Elementary)
- Individual - \$ 8.00 (Middle School)
- Individual - \$10.00 (High School)
- Youth Group Organization - \$25.00

New Member Renewal

*Name: _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____

*State: _____ *Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Ph: _____

*Mobile #: _____

*Email _____

Family Cemetery _____

*Denotes Must Complete ~
Donations Are Always Welcomed*

Who s Answering the Call?

Have you answered the call? Do you or your preservation group need help with cemetery and burial identifications, mapping, preservation plans, relocation, and conservation treatments? Been active in political and legal efforts to identify and stop desecration and destruction of cemeteries but need help? Unsure of the laws that govern perpetual and non-perpetual cemeteries? Then please join us May 20, 2023 and engage in the panel discussion.

PAAC 2023 Awards

We are seeking nominations for the 2023 PAAC Awards. If you are aware of any individuals that meet the criteria in their efforts to reclaim, restore, document and preserve African American Cemeteries please provide us with their name, group, address, and summary of their preservation methods. Please include why you think that individual deserves the award, which will be presented during the 2023 PAAC Memorial In May Cemetery Preservation Conference. The awards are as follows:

The Roy "Bill" Lewellen Legislative Award
Honoring those Governmental Officials who support the preservation of African American Cemeteries.

The Cleo Dunnings - Alfred Billingsley, Sr. & Jr., Cemetery Preservation Award
Honoring those who labor in restoring and preserving African American Cemeteries.

The Curtis Sykes - Warrior In The Field Award
Honoring those who fight through media, legislation, and official policy to preserve and document lost and abandoned cemeteries in threat of destruction due to vandalism, development, neglect or removal.

The C. Calvin Smith Historian Award
Honoring those individuals that utilize their position within the community to provide a written history of those interred.

*Please submit nomination(s) to
paacarcemeteries@aol.com by May 10, 2023*

Preservation of
African American Cemeteries
Presents

"Back to Our Beginnings"

2023 Memorial In May
Cemetery Preservation Conference

***Celebrating 20 Years
of Cemetery Preservation***



Please Join Us
Friday & Saturday, May 19-20, 2023
9:00am ~ 5:00pm - both days

Historic Eliza Miller High School
106 Miller Loop
Helena/West Helena, AR 72390

This conference is sponsored in part by the
Arkansas Humanities Council & the
West Side Community Hub at the Historical
Eliza Miller High School ca., 1955, 1961

Speaker Schedule

Friday - May 19, 2023

8:30- 4:00 pm - Registration

9:00- 9:25 am

Welcome & Introductions

Phyllis Hammonds, PAAC Advisor & Co-Founder
Rev. William Gant, President-West Side Community Hub, Inc.

Greetings

The Honorable Clark Hall, Phillips County Judge
The Honorable Mayor Christopher Franklin,
Helena-West Helena
Patricia Ashanti, CEO & Founder, Delta Circles & EMOH

9:30 - 10:30 am

Reclaiming Our Past to Preserve Our Future
Cemetery Narratives: Personal Collection

Presenter: Dr. Wilbert Gaines

10:40—11:40am

Burials Then and Now

Presenter: Javita Nelson, President
Synergy Insurance Group

11:50—12:40am

Grants and Community Engagement

Presenters: Jamie Middleton/Asya Webster
Arkansas Humanities Council

12:45- 1:45pm - (Lunch Break)

2:00 - 3:00 pm

A Brief Introduction to the City Cemetery

Researchers: Karen White & Joey Collins
Narrator: Cheryl Batts

3:15 - 5:00 pm

Motorcade & Tour Sites

Motorcade from Eliza Miller High School to
Downtown Helena Honoring Distinguished Notables

Tour Sites: Visit to the Catholic Hollow, the location where
Eliza Ann Ross Miller donated land for the first high school
for Blacks (ca. 1925) Visit to the Delta Cultural Center

National Historic Landmarks to Visit

Centennial Missionary Baptist Church
(Founded 1876, built 1905)
Magnolia Cemetery

End the day with a tour of the Delta Dirt Distillery
Arkansas's First and Only Black Owned Distillery
Please include \$10 for Tour

Speaker Schedule

Saturday - May 20, 2023

8:30 – Noon - Registration

9:00 —9:15 am

Welcome & Purpose - Tamela Tenpenny-Lewis

PAAC President & Co-Founder
Earnest Simpson, Facilities Director & Treasurer WSCH

9:20 - 10:00 am

From the Abandoned List to the National Registry
A Perpetual Care Guide for Your
Community Cemetery

Presenter: Helen "Dee" Curry

10:05 - 11:20 am

Who's Answering The Call? Panel Discussion from
Cemetery Associations, Caretakers, Preservation
Groups, Area Archeologist, & Concerned Residents

Moderator: Dr. Bettye Gragg

11:20– 11:30 am (10-minute break)

11:35 - 12:25 pm

Cemeteries Reveal the History of Early
Black Communities

Presenters: Phyllis Hammonds & Tamela Tenpenny-Lewis

12:30– 2:00 pm

PAAC 20th Anniversary Awards &
Memorial Luncheon

PAAC & AAHGS Scholarship Awards

2:00 - 2:45 pm

How to Properly Care, Maintain & Repair
Tombstones and Monuments – An Introduction

Presenter: James "Rusty" Brenner
Texas Preservation Supply, LLC

2:00 - 2:45 pm

PAAC Junior Preservation Society—Why the Need?
(Break Out Room)

2:50 – 3:30 pm

Tips on Forming a Cemetery Association

Presenter: Tamela Tenpenny-Lewis

3:30– 4:00 pm

Q & A Conference Summation

Dr. Bettye Gragg, PAAC Advisor

4:15– 5:00 pm

Tour of Spring Lake Cemetery

Tribute to the Honorable Roy C. "Bill" Lewellen

Pre Registration Form

This 2-day cemetery preservation conference is
FREE!

LUNCH IS OPTIONAL AT A COST OF
\$15 On Friday and \$15 on Saturday

Friday - Bar-b-que Lunch

Saturday Awards Luncheon - Soul Food Meal

On Site Meals Cannot Be Guaranteed

Pre-Registration is Required
Please Submit Form by May 15th

Registration Form

Name _____
(please print full name)

Address _____
(please provide complete address including zip code)

Phone _____

Email _____

Church Membership _____

Cemetery or Organization Affiliation & Location _____

**Because we need a head count, please indicate lunch
plans and form of payment below:**

Friday Luncheon

I will attend

I will not attend

Saturday Luncheon

I will attend

I will not attend

Delta Distillery Tour

I will attend

I will not attend

Lunch & Distillery Tour Payment Method

\$15 / \$30 Lunch Payment(s) \$10 Tour

Enclosed and mailed with registration form

Emailing registration form. Will pay at Conference.

Please submit pre-registration form to
paacarcemeteries@gmail.com or mail to:
PAAC—P.O. Box 25923 Little Rock, AR 72221
For more information call 501-425-5578