



**ASLA Historic Preservation Professional Practice Network (HP-PPN)  
HALS Subcommittee Meeting  
Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 12:00-1:00 (EDT)**

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**Meeting Notes**

1. Introductions

2. Old Business

- a. Promoting the 2021 HALS Challenge Theme: *Historic Black Landscapes* (closed July 31, 2021)  
[Competitions | HABS/HAER/HALS \(nps.gov\)](#)  
[HALS Challenge | HABS/HAER/HALS \(nps.gov\)](#)  
[HALS Challenges and Results | asla.org](#)

*The Field*: January through July: monthly posts with excerpts from already documented Black landscapes

- January: [The 2021 HALS Challenge: Historic Black Landscapes](#) by Chris Stevens
- February: [The Smokey Hollow Community Historic American Landscapes Survey](#) by David Driapsa
- March: [Allensworth: A Town Built by and for African Americans](#) by Chris Pattillo
- April: [Poetry and Song in the Landscape](#) (Anne Spencer Garden and Marian Anderson Heritage Village) by Chris Stevens
- May: [Daughters of Zion Cemetery: Grassroots Preservation How-To](#) by Liz Sargent et al.
- June: [Buffalo Soldiers on the Southwest Border](#) by Helen Erickson
- July: [Dearfield, Colorado: Homesteading and the Dream of Black Independence Through Agriculture](#) by Kevin Lyles and Robert Brunswig

LAM HALS Challenge ads for April and May issues. April is on Page 162 and features the South Albany Historic District HABS GA-50-2, and May is on Page 130 and features the campus of Talladega College HABS AL-764.

Some useful and inspiring resources:

[African American Heritage](#) | U.S. National Park Service

[Commemorating 400 Years of African American Heritage](#) | U.S. National Park Service African

[American History: Places and People](#) | National Trust for Historic Preservation

### 3. New Business

- a. *Partners in HALS Documentation: HALS and the National Register* - A presentation hosted by the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) Subcommittee of ASLA's Historic Preservation Professional Practice Network (PPN) on June 14, 2021. With recording available at: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7134138>  
How the National Register of Historic Places nominations can facilitate the preparation of documentation for the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) short form, used for the HALS Challenge and other applications. Speakers include National Park Service staff representing the National Register (Barbara Wyatt) and HALS (Chris Stevens), staff of the Wisconsin Historical Society (Peggy Veregin), and the National Council of Preservation Education (NCPE) intern (Laura Grotjan) who completed the work. Barbara and Chris have drafted an addition to the HALS Short Format Template document called *Supplementary Instructions for Using National Register Nominations in Preparing HALS Short Format Histories*. It is undergoing internal review now.
- b. Brainstorming the annual HALS meeting at the [ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture](#) in Nashville, TN November 19-22, 2021
  - i. What will the annual HALS meeting look like with the continuing pandemic? Face-to-face/meet-and-greet is more personable and desirable especially since our last meeting was two years prior. The annual meeting maintains ASLA member awareness of HALS. Most agree that the traditional formal meeting is necessary and quieter than a more social event such as a restaurant meal. A gathering for a social gathering like a meal may be announced at the meeting. Typically, some attendees go out for dinner immediately following the meeting.
  - ii. New ideas for celebrating the 2021 HALS Challenge: Historic Black Landscapes and for promoting the 2022 HALS Challenge: Olmsted Landscapes, beginning with the November meeting? Ali mentioned the possibility of announcing the 2021 HALS Challenge winners in a more public venue such as in the Practice/PPN area of the EXPO hall, perhaps as part of a larger event. She is working on the logistics. This event could also serve as a meet-and-greet opportunity.
- c. Planning an annual HALS Liaison Virtual Meeting (separate from the quarterly ASLA HP-PPN HALS Subcommittee quarterly meetings). In lieu of last year's annual face-to-face meeting, we had a virtual meeting in December that was open to everyone, including all HALS liaisons. It was very well attended and received. We should host an annual HALS Liaisons meeting / presentation. Ann volunteered to help Chris Stevens plan for this. The idea of offering professional development hours (PDH) was discussed to encourage participation. PDH usually cost money though.

### 4. Other Business / Open Discussion

- a. Currently the Ohio ASLA chapter hosts the Ohio HALS webpages: [OCASLA - Documenting Ohio's Landscape Heritage \(ohioasla.org\)](#). Chris Pattillo will be meeting with the ASLA Northern California Chapter to discuss them hosting/maintaining the Northern California HALS Chapter webpages. Helen Erickson also said that the Arizona HALS group likes the idea of the Arizona ASLA chapter hosting their webpages, too.

- b. Christine shared that there will be three historic preservation-related [field sessions](#) at the ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture in Nashville on Friday, November 19, 2021:
  - i. FS-001 - Metro Parks Cultural Landscapes: Past, Present and Future, 7:30AM - 5:00PM CDT
  - ii. FS-010 - Jefferson Street Corridor: Recognizing the History and Influence of Three Esteemed HBCUs, 12:00 - 5:00PM CDT
  - iii. FS-013 - Cultural Landscape Report Informs Extensive Design Interventions at Cheekwood Estate and Gardens, 1:00 - 5:00PM CDT

5. Closing Comments

- a. Next HALS Meetings: in-person in Nashville in November during the ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture (date TBD) and virtually in December (date TBD)