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ALERTS

Protect Alabama's Underwater Treasures

Pending before the Alabama Senate is H.B. 104, to amend the Underwater Cultural Resources Act. Latest reports indicate the legislation will pass. [Hope resides with a veto by the Governor.](#) The Underwater Cultural Resources Act redefines the term "cultural resource" as shipwrecks only. The bill will open Alabama waterways to the unregulated looting of significant archaeological sites, including those eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historical Places or the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage. Prehistoric remains, Native Alabamian and Civil War artifacts, and other historical cultural material would no longer be protected. To voice your support for a Gubernatorial Veto, call 334-242-7100 or email Gov. Bentley by clicking on this link: <http://www.alabama.gov/silverheader/Welcome.do?url=http://governor.alabama.gov/>

Protect Impact of Tornado Damage to Alabama's Archeological Sites

The Alabama State Site File (ASSF) is a record of all known archeological sites in Alabama. Working with FEMA on tornado recovery efforts, the ASSF will assist in determining if clean-up efforts in local areas will impact known archeological sites. For more information, contact Eugene Futato at (205) 371-8709 or efutato@bama.ua.edu.

Vote for the Gurley Town Hall - 2011 This Place Matters Community Challenge

Gurley's Town Hall (Places in Peril 2011) is one of 100 sites across the U.S. selected to participate in the 2011 **This Place Matters Challenge** by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Each person may vote once only. Voting ends June 30 – so make your vote count; then make sure to spread the word. To vote for Gurley – to vote for Alabama's entry, go to <http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/this-place-matters/community-challenge/places/gurley-historical.html> and click on the **Vote Now** button.

EVENTS

ASHVILLE

Saturday, June 4, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Annual Jefferson Davis Tea

Step back in time at the Jefferson Davis Tea featuring refreshments and ladies and gentlemen in period costume. John W. Inzer Museum. Sponsored by Ashville Chapter 1488 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy with the support of the St. Clair 308 Sons of the Confederacy. For more information, call 205-338-2412.

DECATUR

Sunday, June 12, 2:30-3:30 p.m. – 2- Sunday Cemetery Strolls

Enjoy a Sunday afternoon strolling through the city's historic graveyard. Tour led by Cathy Vogel. Comfortable shoes and bottled water recommended. Sponsored by the Friends of Decatur Cemetery. For more information, contact 404-371-4444. *(2- Sunday Strolls continue through October.)*

Sunday, June 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m. – Woodlands Sunday in the Garden

Enjoy Woodlands Gardens with on-site docents plus live music in the Pavilion. Woodlands Garden, 920 Scott Blvd. Sponsored by the Friends of Decatur Cemetery. For more information, contact 404-371-4444.

GULF SHORES/FORT MORGAN

Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21 and 28 – 1861 Civil War Candlelight Tours

A summer evening walking tour in historic Ft. Morgan - most famous for its role in the Civil War Battle of Mobile Bay. For times and admission fee, call 251-540-7127. *(Tuesday Candlelight Tours continue through the summer.)*

LIVINGSTON

Saturdays, June 4, 11 and 18, 8:00-10:00 am – Prairie Strolls of Historic Black Land Prairie

Guided walking tours of the historic Black Belt's Black Land Prairie. Enjoy the early summer bloom of period wildflowers. Restoration and walking tours of the prairie are sponsored by the Black Belt Conservation and Research Institute, University of West Alabama. For more information, contact the Center for the Study of the Black Belt at **205-652-3828** or **centerforblackbelt@uwa.edu**.

MADISON

Saturday, June 18, 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Walking Tour of Historic Madison

Conducted by John Rankin, historian. Tour begins at the Round House. Admission Free. Sponsored by the Huntsville/Madison County Visitors and Convention Bureau. For more information call 256-551-2230.

Saturday, June 25, 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Walking Tour of Historic Madison

Conducted by June Steadman, Madison Station Historic Preservation Commission, tour begins at the Round House. Admission Free. Sponsored by the Huntsville/Madison County Visitors and Convention Bureau. For more information call 256-551-2230.

MONTGOMERY

Thursday, June 16, Noon-1:00 p.m. – ArchiTreats Lecture, Mobile Brass Band Traditions & Mardi Gras

Lecture presented by Kern Jackson with a performance by Marcus Johnson and the Bay City Brass Band. Admission Free. Alabama Power Auditorium, Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue. Sponsored by the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History.

Wednesday, June 22, 10:30 a.m. – Alabama Historical Commission Quarterly Board Meeting

Meeting open to the public. Rm. 342, Alabama Center for Commerce, 401 Adams Avenue.

NEWS

Alabama's 2011 Places in Peril Announced

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) announce Alabama's most endangered places for 2011. Since 1994, the AHC and the ATHP have joined forces to sponsor *Places in Peril*, a program designed to highlight some of Alabama's most significant endangered historic sites. To learn more about this year's listing, go to

<http://www.preserveala.org/pdfs/PIP/2011/2011%20PIP%20PDF/2011%20PIP%20-%20all.pdf>

Birmingham City Council and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation: Potential Partner to Preserve Historic School

Thanks to the tireless efforts of ATHP director emeritus Sam Frazier and pending approval by the Birmingham City Council, the Powell School will be transferred to the ATHP. Under the proposed arrangement, the ATHP will stabilize the structure and prepare it for sale as a historic building. To read more about the proposed transfer, go to **http://blog.al.com/birmingham-news-commentary/2011/05/post_29.html**.

New Courthouse Threaten Anniston's Historic Freedom Ride Trail

Thoughts by Anniston architect and member of the Anniston Historical Preservation Commission David C. Christian about historical events, a federal presence – then and now – and the importance of preserving cultural and historical context. See op-ed piece

http://www.annistonstar.com/view/full_story/13518336/article-A-federal-presence-in-Anniston?instance=home_opinion.

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