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ALERTS

Answer the Call – Preservation Volunteers Needed Jemison-Turner House (circa 1840), Talladega

A volunteer work day is being scheduled for the historic Jemison-Turner House by the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. The house was recently donated to the Trust with the conditions to protect the structure from weather and vandalism and market it for sale and relocation. Volunteers are needed to remove impinging vines and foliage, secure access points and install building wrap and temporary flooring. No special skills are needed other than a desire to do hands-on preservation work and enjoy a summer day. Potential dates for a work day are July 6 – 10. If interested in donating a little "sweat equity" call the ATHP Office at 205-652-3497 or Executive Director David Schneider at 256-310-6320 or email dbschneider@bellsouth.net.

EVENTS

BIRMINGHAM

Friday, July 1 – Sunday, July 24 – A Stitch In Time: Southern Quilts in the African-American Tradition

Exhibition of quilts by African-American fiber artists of the Deep South. Quilts on exhibit are drawn from the permanent American quilt collection held by the Birmingham Museum of Art. Quilt artists featured include, among others, Alabama's Nora Ezell, Yvonne Wells, Chris Clark and the Freedom Quilting Bee artists. Admission Free. Birmingham Museum of Art, 2000 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd. (formerly 8th Avenue North). For more information and museum hours, call 205-254-2565 or visit www.artsbma.org.

Friday, July 1 – Friday, August 26 – The Music Lives On: Folk Song Traditions Told by Alabama Artists

Exhibition of visual works by Alabama artists Lonnie Holley, Joe Minter, Charlie Lucas and Thornton Dial depicting Alabama's musical traditions and performers of blues, bluegrass, country and jazz. Admission: Adults \$6, Seniors \$5, Children 5 - 12 Yrs. \$4, Children 4 Yrs and younger Free. Vulcan Park and Museum, 1701 Valley View Drive, Birmingham. Sponsored by Vulcan Park and Museum and the Alabama Humanities Foundation. For more information and museum hours, call 205-933-1409.

Monday, July 4, 9:00 p.m. – Thunder on the Mountain

Birmingham's annual Independence Day fireworks display will illuminate the historic Vulcan statue and Red Mountain upon which it sits. Viewing of the fireworks is best from clear site lines north of the Iron Man. For more information, call 205-933-1409.

DECATUR

Sunday, July 11, 2:30-3:30 p.m. – 2nd 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. (2nd Sunday Strolls continue through October.)

GULF SHORES/FORT MORGAN

Monday, July 4 – Artillery Salute to American Independence

Celebrate the Fourth of July at Fort Morgan with tours of the historic fortification at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., a Civil War small arms demonstration at 11:00 a.m. and artillery (canon) firings on the Water Battery at noon and 3:15 p.m. For admission fees and more information, call 251-540-7127.

Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 and 26 – 1861 Civil War Candlelight Tours

A summer evening walking tour in historic Fort Morgan - most famous for its role in the Civil War Battle of

Mobile Bay. For admission fee and times, call 251-540-7127. (*Tuesday Candlelight Tours continue through the summer.*)

HUNTSVILLE

Friday, July 1 – Thursday, August 7 – Edward Weston: Leaves of Grass

Exhibition of 53 iconic black and white images created by master American photographer Edward Weston in 1941 to illustrate a deluxe edition of Walt Whitman's poem *Leaves of Grass*. The images depict scenes from 24 states covering 25,000 miles. Huntsville Museum of Art, 300 Church Street SW. For more information and museum hours, call 256- 535-4350 or visit www.hsvmuseum.org/.

Friday, July 1 – Sunday, July 24 – Fast, Loose & Out of Control: Bobby Allison & The Alabama Gang

This special exhibition celebrates Hueytown's racing legend Bobby Allison's upcoming induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame. It includes rare and little-seen memorabilia from the 1950s. Huntsville Museum of Art, 300 Church Street SW. For more information and museum hours, call 256-535-4350 or visit www.hsvmuseum.org/

Friday, July 1 – Sunday, July 24 – Future Retro: Drawings from the Great Age of Automobiles

Exhibit includes more than 100 works showcasing American automobile design following WWII and forward with design references to airplanes, rockets and other technologies. Huntsville Museum of Art, 300 Church Street SW. For more information and museum hours, call 256- 535-4350 or visit www.hsvmuseum.org/

JASPER

Friday, July 1 – Thursday, August 27, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Mon. – Sat.) – Museum on Main Street Exhibition: Journey Stories

The traveling exhibition examines the crossroads between the historic modes of travel and America's desire to travel using images, audio and artifacts to tell a collection of individual stories. Bankhead House and Heritage Center, 800 7th St. Sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation, Alabama Power and the Smithsonian Institute. For exhibition schedule of future locations and dates in Alabama, visit www.ahf.net/journeystories/index.html.

MARBURY

Saturday, July 16, 1:30 p.m. – Civil War Living History Demonstration

Watch a living history demonstration of black powder small arms by a Civil War Re-enactment Infantry group. Dressed in period uniforms, re-enactors will shoot at targets using live ammunition. Admission Free. Confederate Memorial Park, 437 County Road 63. For more information, call 205-755-1990.

MONTGOMERY

Thursday, July 14, Noon – 1:00 p.m. – Tuskegee Airman: An Illustrated History, 1939-1949

Presentation and book signing by authors Joseph Caver and Daniel Haulman, historians, U.S. Air Force Historical Research Agency, Maxwell AFB. Admission Free. Alabama Power Auditorium, Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue. Sponsored by the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History and Friends of the Alabama Archives. For more information, call 334-353-4726.

Thursday, June 21, Noon-1:00 p.m. – ArchiTreats Lecture, Alabama Stories: Food and Memory

Lecture presented by Geneva County native and James Beard award-winner Scott Peacock who will share some thoughts and clips from his current project to capture on film the oral histories of traditional Alabama foodways. Peacock writes a food column for *Better Homes and Gardens* as well as appearing regularly on the *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, Martha Stewart television and NPR's *The Splendid Table*. Admission Free. Alabama Power Auditorium, Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue. Sponsored by the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Friends of the Alabama Archives and the Alabama Humanities Foundation. For more information, call 334-353-4726.

TALLADEGA

Friday, July 15, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – ATHP Quarterly Board Meeting

All board of directors meetings of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation are open to the public. Location: Jemison-Carnegie Heritage Hall Museum, 200 South St E.

Friday, July 15 – Saturday, July 16 – Preservation Lyceum Weekend, Historic Talladega

Talladega is home to more than 12 sites on the National Register of Historic Places and the oldest courthouse in continuous use in Alabama, as well as state's oldest, private liberal arts African-American college in the state. Join preservationists from around Alabama for the 3rd Preservation Lyceum. Weekend begins with cocktails in Talladega's Silk Stocking historic neighborhood and continues through the following day with tours of the city's historic public buildings and private spaces. Registration: ATHP Members \$50; Non-Members \$75. Sponsored by the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Antique Talladega and the Talladega Historic Preservation Commission. For program information, visit www.alabamatrust.info/. To register, call 205-652-3497.

NEWS

Legislation Preserves the People's House

The First Lady Dianne Bentley Governor's Mansion Preservation Act has established the Governor's Mansion Authority. The act provides for a governing board charged with "protecting the historical and architectural integrity of the mansion's exterior, interior, contents and grounds." The act covers the Governor's complex composed of all state-owned properties within one square block of the mansion, which is located in Montgomery's Historic Garden District. "As the Mansion Authority builds a museum-quality inventory of Alabama-made furnishings, the Governor's Mansion will gradually become an appropriate setting for official and ceremonial functions of the state," reported Scott Moreland, President of the Friends of the Governor's Mansion Authority.

Restoration of Mobile's Historic Hall-Ford House Completed

The Hall-Ford House (circa 1836) made its debut this week as the Fort Conde Inn adding another restored and rehabilitated historic structure to Mobile's already impressive array of historic attractions. The house is a three-story Creole-cottage style building with formal Greek Revival architectural elements. Opening as a 10-room boutique hotel, the Hall-Ford House, now the Ft. Conde Inn, is the 11th historic building in Ft. Conde Village restored by preservation-minded developer Larry Posner. Posner will get a 20 percent tax credit for rehabilitation expenses on the Hall-Ford House reports the National Park Service, which administers, with the IRS, the federal Preservation Tax Incentive program.

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Deadline for Preservation E-Newsletter

Send events and news submissions for the ATHP e-newsletter to the **alabamatrust@uwa.edu**. Deadline for submissions is the third Friday each month for distribution the following month. Deadline for information to include in the August issue of **Preservation E-Newsletter** is July 15.