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ALERTS

Free Pickings for Historic Interpretation

The Historic Mobile Preservation Society has two display cases and one double glass-fronted display case available for the taking to any preservation organization or museum that is interested. For more information, call 251-432-6161.

Dates Set for Upcoming Preservation Programs

Dates are set for the following preservation programs. Watch the ATHP *Trustee* newsletter and this e-newsletter for more information.

For the **ATHP Fall Preservation Lyceum Weekend** in Mentone, mark your calendar for Friday, November 11-Saturday, November 12 to enjoy Alabama's Appalachian foothills and late 19th century resort sites and homes. Overnight accommodations have been arranged for the Historic Mentone Springs Hotel (circa 1884) and overflow reservations at the Historic Mentone Inn. For reservations at the Mentone Springs Hotel, call 256-634-4040. For the Mentone Inn, call 256-634-4836. Register as a participant in the ATHP Preservation Weekend.

For the **ATHP Winter 2012 Preservation Lyceum Weekend**, travel to Mobile for Friday, January 20 – Saturday, January 21 to explore the Bay City's African-American heritage. Overnight accommodations at a group rate at the Historic Battle House Renaissance Hotel. For reservations, call for 251-338-2000 and register under the ATHP block of rooms. Deadline for ATHP rate: December 21, 2011.

The **2012 Alabama Preservation Conference** is set in Birmingham for Thursday, May 10 – Saturday, May 12. A conference hotel rate is available at the Historic Tutwiler Hotel (circa 1914). For conference rate reservations, call 205-322-2100 and register under the ATHP block of rooms. Deadline for conference rate: April 13, 2012.

Hold the dates of Thursday, June 14 – Saturday, June 16, 2012 for the **National Rosenwald School Conference: 100 Years of Pride, Progress and Preservation**. Sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation with assistance from the Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Black Heritage Council of Alabama, Rosenwald School Initiative and Tuskegee University, the conference will be held in Tuskegee. For more information, visit www.rosenwaldschools.com.

EVENTS

ALEXANDER CITY

Thursday, September 1 – Tuesday, September 23 – 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.

Location: United Way Building, 19 Main Street. Sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation and Smithsonian Institute. For more information, call 256-329-9927. For exhibition schedule of future locations and dates in Alabama, visit www.ahf.net/journeystories/index.html.

BIRMINGHAM

Saturday, September 10 – Friday, February 17, 2012 - Mapping Birmingham

Chart the aspirations and growth of Birmingham from its founding to present day. The exhibition's artifacts and maps of the city offer glimpses into Birmingham's past and its vision for the future. See Frederick Law Olmstead's vision of a unified park system for Birmingham and glimpses of yet-to-be-realized plans for Birmingham's system of parks and revitalized historic districts. Location: Vulcan Park and Museum, 1701

Valley View Drive. Admission: Adults \$6; Seniors \$5; Youth \$4; free under 4 yrs. For more information, call 205-933-1776 or email info@visitvulcan.com.

CAMDEN

Friday, September 16 – Sunday, September 18 – Gee’s Bend Ferry 5 Anniversary Celebration Experience the history and culture of Gee’s Bend during the 5th commemoration of the re-launching of the historic Gee’s Bend Ferry. Weekend activities include live performances of the play “Gee’s Bend” on Friday and Saturday nights, the Gee’s Bend Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday and tours of historic Wilcox County on Saturday and Sunday. Location: Downtown Camden, Gee’s Bend Ferry Terminal. For more information, call 334-682-4478.

COURTLAND

Saturday, September 10, 10:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m. – 175th Birthday Celebration for Confederate General Joe Wheeler

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Pond Spring, the historic Post-Civil War home of CSA General Joe Wheeler, and its 50-acre site will host the celebration of the 175th anniversary of this legendary Confederate officer’s birth. Celebratory events include tours of the grounds: buildings, gardens, cemeteries and an Indian mound and Civil War Re-Enactors. Admission: Free. Location: 122280 Ala. Highway 20, Hillsboro. Sponsored by the Alabama Historical Commission Wheeler Foundation. For more information, call 256-637-8513 or email wheplan@hiwaay.net.

DOTHAN

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. - Artifact Identification Day Capture the Center for Archaeological Studies, University of South Alabama’s introduction to archaeology and learn about research being done on the historic agrarian culture of the Wiregrass. Participants are invited to bring items for identification from their personal collections. Location: Interpretive Center Auditorium, Landmark Park, 430 Landmark Dr. Admission: Adults \$4; Youth \$3. For more information, call 334-794-3452.

MARION

Wednesday, September 28 – Thursday, November 10 - 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. Location: Perry County Chamber of Commerce, 1200 Washington Street. Sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation and Smithsonian Institute. For more information, call 334-683-9622. For exhibition schedule of future locations and dates in Alabama, visit www.ahf.net/journeystories/index.html.

MOBILE

Thursday, September 15, 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – An Evening in History Lecture Series

An Evening In History will feature David Schneider, Executive Director of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Schneider’s presentation will cover Alabama’s *Places in Peril* and damages to Alabama’s historic structures and districts caused by the April tornados in north Alabama. Admission: Free to Historic Mobile Preservation Society (HMPS) members; Guests and Non-Members: \$10. Location: Historic Oakleigh Manison, 300 Oakleigh Place. Sponsored by Historic Mobile Preservation Society. For more information or to make reservations, call 251-432-6161.

MOUNDEVILLE

Saturdays, September 3, 10, 17 and 24, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Saturdays In The Park

Enjoy September’s Saturdays experiencing the life ways of the Mississippian Indians who once inhabited Moundville. The Moundville site was occupied from approximately A.D. 1000 until A.D. 1450 and was during its time the largest populated Mississippian Indian community east of the Mississippi River. Admission: Adults \$8; Seniors \$7; Youth \$6. Location: Moundville Archeological Park, 13075 Moundville Archeological Park Rd. For more information, call 205-371-2234.

MONTGOMERY

Thursday, September 1, Noon – 1:00 p.m. – “Eugene Allen Smith’s Alabama: How A Geologist Shaped the State”

Remarks and book signing by author Aileen Henderson. Henderson will discuss the hardships and accomplishments of 1873 state geologist Eugene Allen Smith’s search for Alabama’s natural resources – resources that would help transform the Alabama from an agrarian state to an industrial giant. Admission: Free. Location: 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.

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

Board meetings are open to the public. Location: Room 342, Alabama Center for Commerce Bldg, 401 Adams Avenue. For more information, call 334-242-3184.

Thursday, September 15, Noon – 1:00 p.m. – ArchiTreats Lecture, “Tecumseh at Tuckabatchee: Fact and Fiction”

Lecture by historian Kathryn Braund. The Shawnee statesman Tecumseh traveled through the southern Indian nations two hundred years ago carrying a message of Indian unity and resistance to white expansion. Since then, his visit has been closely associated with earthquakes, comets, and misguided religious fanaticism among the Creeks. He is largely credited with instigating the Red Stick War. Explore the myths and mysteries surrounding his visit to the Creek town of Tuckabatchee in late September 1811. Following Braund’s presentation, visit the newly opened First Alabamians Gallery of the Museum of Alabama located on the second floor of the Archives. Admission: Free. Location: 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.

SELMA

Saturday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. – Noon – B.Y.O. (Bring Your Own Bike) Tour

Visit Old Cahawba and explore Alabama’s most famous ghost town on two wheels! On this two-hour tour, the guide will lead you over 6 miles of mostly unpaved roads, exploring a landscape of relics, ruins, and graveyards. Bring bike, water, and snacks. Admission: Adults \$4; Seniors \$3; Youth \$2,. Location: Old Cahawba Archeological Park, Welcome Center, 9518 Cahaba Rd. For more information, call 334-877-4253 or email cahawba@bellsouth.net.

WETUMPKA

Saturday, September 3 – Sunday, September 4 – Tennessee Militia in Garrison

Living history weekend. Interact with Re-Enactors from the Tennessee Militia who will be camped in garrison for the weekend. Explore the park’s 6000 years of history, tour the American and French forts and the site of a Mississippian Indian mound. Admission: Adults: \$2; Youth \$1. Location: Fort Toulouse National Historic Park. For more information, call (334) 567-3002.

Saturday, September 17 – Sunday, September 18 – French Marines in Garrison

Living history weekend. Interact with Re-Enactors from the French Marines who will be camped in garrison for the weekend. Explore the park’s 6000 years of history, tour the American and French forts and the site of a Mississippian Indian mound. Admission: Adults \$2; Youth \$1. Location: Fort Toulouse National Historic Park. For more information, call (334) 567-3002.

NEWS

James Glenn Donald Trust Acquires Historic Property

The JGD Trust has acquired the Monterey home site of Dr. James Glenn Donald (1826-1893). The Donald Doctor’s Office building is the site where Dr. Donald lived from 1854 – 1893 and practiced medicine with his sons in rural south Alabama. The Trust plans to restore the doctor’s office building. For more information, visit www.jgd-trust.org.

Enjoy Alabama History On-Air

For those who want to escape the dog days of summer, several films about Alabama's history will air on APT in the Alabama Stories series. **Friday, September 2, 9:00 p.m. – Honor Flight** documents Alabama's WWII veterans visit to the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. through an initiative called "Honor Flight-Birmingham." **Friday, September 2, 9:30 p.m. – For the Love of the Game** visits Birmingham's Rickwood Field, the oldest intact professional baseball stadium in the nation, for the annual Rickwood Classic. Played in period uniforms, the 2010 Rickwood Classic honored the 100th Anniversary of Rickwood Field's opening as a baseball facility.

Ken Burn's epic documentary series **THE WAR, Sunday, September 4, 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 pm** will air as a special encore broadcast. Burns' film tells the story of WWII through the personal accounts of a handful of men and women from four American towns, including Mobile. Mobilians Sidney Phillips and Willie Rushton, among others are interviewed. (THE WAR episodes continue through September 18. For more information, visit www.aptv.org/.

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DEADLINES FOR ATHP 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 October issue of **Preservation E-Newsletter** is September 16 .