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ALERTS

Grant Dollars Available

Good news for the recent past. Through the National Trust for Historic Preservation, grant awards up to \$7,000 each are available for preservation of historic places associated with the Modern Design Movement or for projects focusing on sites less than 50 years old. For more information, contact Christine Madrid French at the NTHP or visit trustmodern@nthp.org.

National Trust Preservation Conference

The annual National Trust for Preservation Conference is on the horizon and is scheduled in Buffalo, NY for October 19 – 22. For more information visit www.preservation.org/ or email ATHP Executive Director David Schneider at dbschneider@bellsouth.net.

EVENTS

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 Olmsted'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.

EUTAW

Saturday, October 1 – Sunday, October 2 – Greene County Tour of Homes

Enjoy a fall weekend touring Greene County's historic homes including a selection of Eutaw's fabled antebellum homes and churches. Antique shops will be open on the square. Touring begins at 9:00 am on Saturday and 1:00 pm on Sunday and end at 5:00 pm each day. Admission: Adults \$20; Groups of 10 or more: \$10 per ticket; Children \$10. Sponsored by the Greene County Historical Society. For more information, call 205-372-9002, e-mail eutawchamber@bellsouth.net or visit www.eutawchamber.com.

MARION

Monday, October 1 – 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, October 13, 7:00 p.m. – A Night At The Movies

Get your ticket now for a screening of the documentary *Moving Midway: A Southern Plantation Transit*. Event Location: Crescent Theatre, 208 Dauphin Street. Seating limited. Ticket Location: The Gift Shop at Oakleigh. Fee: \$10. Sponsored by the Historic Mobile Preservation Society. For more information, call 251-622-7110.

Thursday, October 20, 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – An Evening in History Lecture Series

Amy Beach of the Mobile Public Library's History Department for our October edition of *An Evening In History*. Beach will present Mobile's Legends and discuss some of our city's most talked about legends and characters, just in time for Halloween. Admission: Free to Historic Mobile Preservation Society (HMPS) members; Guests and Non-Members: \$10. Location: Historic Oakleigh Mansion, 300 Oakleigh Place. Sponsored by the Historic Mobile Preservation Society. For more information or to make reservations, call 251-432-6161.

MOUNDVILLE

Wednesday, October 5 – Saturday, October 8 – Moundville Native American Festival

Ancient rulers and thousands of Native Americans thrived in a city that once surrounded 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. Each year, descendants of these former inhabitants return and celebrate the uniqueness of the Southeastern Indian culture and heritage. Admission: Adults \$10; Seniors \$8. Location: Moundville Archeological Park, 13075 Moundville Archeological Park Road. For more information, call 205-371-2234 or email birwin@ua.edu.

MONTGOMERY

Thursday, October 6, Noon – 1:00 p.m. – “My Work Is That of Conservation: An Environmental Biography of George Washington Carver”

Lecture and book signing with author Mark D. Hersey. 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.

Thursday, October 13, Noon – 1:00 p.m. – “Keeping the Faith: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives”

Lecture and book signing with author and Alabama historian Dr. Wayne Flynt. 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.

Thursday, September 20, Noon – 1:00 p.m. – ArchiTreats Lecture, “The Legacy of Alabama African American Gospel Quartets”

Lecture by music historian Doug Seroff. 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

Friday, October 21, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Cahawba Spirits Investigation

Take a tour of Old Cahawba on a moon-lit night and hear the stories of historic sightings and other paranormal experiences. Tours depart every 30 minutes. Seating for the 90-minute program for art of “ghost hunting” is limited. Advanced reservations are recommended. Admission: \$15. Tickets available at the Selma-Dallas County Tourism and Convention Bureau, 912 Selma Avenue. For more information, email candance@Selma.Alabama.com or visit www.Selma.Alabama.com.

Saturday, October 22, 5:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. – Selma’s Haunted History Tour

From the fate of fallen Civil War soldiers to more recent strong-willed spirits, Selma’s history has plenty of stories to tell. Tour historic antebellum Sturdivant Hall, see Alabama’s largest historic district and visit Old Live Oak Cemetery. Tours are 2.5 hours each. Admission: \$15. Tickets available at the Selma-Dallas County Tourism and Convention Bureau, 912 Selma Avenue. For more information, email candance@Selma.Alabama.com or visit www.Selma.Alabama.com.

TROY

Friday, October 6 – Saturday, October 8, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Pioneer Days

Learn from the past with Old Timey Wagon Rides; 1800’s Folklife demonstrations, puppetry and storytelling; military re-enactors, Poarch Creek Indian Powwow Dancers and more. Location: Pioneer Museum of Alabama, 248 Hyway 231 N. Admission: regular museum admission, children under 5 years free. For more information, call 334-566-3597 or visit www.pioneer-museum.org.

NEWS

Alabama’s Musical Heritage On-Air

Sucarnochee: A Revue of Alabama Music, a documentary production of Alabama Public Television, captures three of Alabama’s musical traditions: blues, bluegrass and gospel – traditions with deep roots in the state’s soil and soul. Premiering on APT on October 24 at 9:00 pm, the film will re-air on October 25 at 8:00 pm, October 30 at 5:00 pm and November 3 at 8:00 pm. After November 1, the documentary will be available for free screenings to historic theatres throughout Alabama. For more information on scheduling a screening, e-mail Dwayne Johnson at djohnson@aptv.org. To see a trailer, visit <http://www.aptv.org/AlaPrograms/alastorytellers.asp>.

Launching the Historic Cook’s House Restoration Project

The Historic Mobile Preservation Society and the African American Heritage Trail will hold a press conference on Thursday, October 20, 10:00 a.m. to announce the restoration of The Cook’s House, a detached kitchen and servants living quarters located in the Oakleigh Historic Complex. The Cook’s House, once restored, will be Mobile’s only post-emancipation African American house museum and will be dedicated to telling the story of domestic arts and handcrafts.

Saving the Lyric

Birmingham’s Historic Lyric Theatre is gearing up for a capital campaign to restore the grand old dame of vaudeville days. An EPA study has cleared the way for the next step of the Lyric’s return to life. Built in 1914 for B.F. Keith’s Vaudeville circuit, the Lyric is one of the few theaters still existing that was specifically built to maximize the acoustics and close seating needed for vaudeville shows. Major stars such as the Marx Brothers, Mae West, Sophie Tucker, Will Rogers and Milton Berle played the Lyric. Berle said it was “as fine a theater as any in New York.” During the 1920s, it was customary to attend shows at the Lyric Theatre on Monday nights - if you could get a reservation. Tickets cost from 25 to 75 cents. In summer, air was fanned over two tons of ice a day to keep customers cool. Although seating was segregated, the Lyric was one of the first places in the South where blacks and whites could watch the same show at the same time for the same price. To

experience the Historic Lyric Theatre, visit www.SaveTheLyric.

Exploring Alabama's Historic Mountain Retreats, Gulf Coast Sites and More Upcoming Programs

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

For the **ATHP Fall ATHP 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 Historic 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.preservationnation.org/rosenwald.

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