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## **ALERTS**

### **Alabama Legislation Moving Through the House and Senate**

Three House Bills (HB) that can provide incentives benefiting the development of historic city centers are now making their way through the Alabama Legislature. HB271-Historic Rehabilitation and Preservation Tax Credit Act, HB257-Alabama New Markets Development Act, and HB142-Cultural Districts Sales Tax Exemption Act are currently pending. For information regarding update status and next actions, visit <http://www.alabamatrust.info/public-policy-legislative-alert.php>.

SB81-Underwater Cultural Resources Recovery Act is pending before the Alabama senate. If passed, this bill will amend the current Underwater Cultural Resources Recovery Act of 2006 by redefining cultural resources as artifacts found at identified shipwrecks only. This change in definition will make lawful the removal of cultural artifacts (Civil War rifles, Native American pottery and other artifacts, etc.) from public waterways by private entities without prior approval and permit by the Alabama Historical Commission. For information regarding update status and next actions, visit <http://www.alabamatrust.info/public-policy-legislative-alert.php>.

### **Alabama Historical Association to Meet, April 14 - 15**

The Alabama Historical Association will hold its Annual Meeting in Huntsville. Registration for the conference is available through Thursday, April 5. For more information and an overview of the conference activities and guest speakers, visit the Alabama Historical Association website at [www.archives.state.al.us/aha/ahanews.html](http://www.archives.state.al.us/aha/ahanews.html).

### **Coming Soon – Online Schedule for 2012 Alabama Preservation Conference, May 10 - 12**

Don't miss the 2012 Alabama Preservation Conference, *Lighting the Way for Preservation: Saving Historic Icons*. Deadline for room reservation with the conference rate at the Historic Tutwiler Hotel is April 15. To make reservations at conference rate, ask for Alabama Preservation Conference or Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation room rate. Reservation Number: 205-322-2100. Full program schedule and registration information will be available mid-April. For a preview of *Lighting the Way for Preservation*, visit [www.alabamatrust.info/calender.php](http://www.alabamatrust.info/calender.php).

### **Historic Photographs Wanted**

Owners of the historic Coosada Corn Dance Farm House and Norwood-Birmingham Carraway house are searching for photographs of these structures to assist with the restoration of each. Photographs of the exterior of the Corn Dance Farm House are needed to replicate missing porches. For the Carraway House, interior shots of the furnishings are needed. Please mail photographs to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, UWA, Station 45, Livingston, AL 35470, or e-mail digital images to [alabamatrust@atph.org](mailto:alabamatrust@atph.org).

### **Online Registration for National Rosenwald School Conference - Tuskegee, June 14 - 16**

Don't wait. Register now for the *National Rosenwald School Conference: 100 Years of Pride, Progress, and Preservation*. Started in Alabama by Sears and Roebuck founder Julius Rosenwald and Tuskegee Institute's president Booker T. Washington, by 1928 the Rosenwald School Initiative was responsible for "one in every five rural schools for black students in the South ... ." For more information about the conference

and to register, visit [www.preservationnation.org/travel-and-sites/sites/southern-region/rosenwald-schools/conference/registration-information.html](http://www.preservationnation.org/travel-and-sites/sites/southern-region/rosenwald-schools/conference/registration-information.html).

## EVENTS

### **BIRMINGHAM**

#### **Thursdays, April 12 and April 26 – 5:30 p.m. – *Making Sense of the Civil War***

One of five lectures in a series of presentations and discussions across the state. Those interested in the history of the Civil War will enjoy this program led by Professor Victoria Ott, Birmingham-Southern College. Location: Birmingham Public Library, Central Branch, 4812 Avenue W, Birmingham. Admission: Free to the Public. Sponsor: Alabama Humanities Foundation, state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Birmingham Public Library. For more information, visit <http://www.ahf.net>.

### **HUNTSVILLE**

#### **Sunday, April 1 – Thursday, May 31, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – *100 Years of Von Braun: His American Journey Exhibition***

Exhibition commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wernher von Braun's birth in 1912. Artifacts in the exhibit include not only items from his career as a rocket scientist, but also those that show a more personal side of the family man, musician, and pilot. Location: U.S. Space and Rocket Center, 1 Tranquility Base. Admission: Adult, \$20; Youth \$15; Children 3 and under, Free. For more information, call 1-800-63-SPACE or visit [www.ussrc.com](http://www.ussrc.com).

#### **Thursdays, April 12 and 26, 7:00 p.m. – *Making Sense of the Civil War***

One of five lectures in a series of presentations and discussions across the state. Those interested in the history of the Civil War will enjoy this program led by Professor John Kvach, University of Alabama at Huntsville. Location: Huntsville-Madison Public Library, Branch, 915 Monroe Street, Huntsville. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Alabama Humanities Foundation, state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Huntsville-Madison Public Library. For more information, visit <http://www.ahf.net>.

### **LIVINGSTON**

#### **Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. – *Alabama: Here We Stay***

"Alabama: Here We Stay" will be presented on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Bibb Graves Auditorium on the University of West Alabama Campus in Livingston. It is a collaborative performance project between the Alabama Symphony Orchestra (ASO) and Alabama composer, performer and music historian Bobby Horton, celebrating 2011 as "The Year of Alabama Music," and honoring the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. For more information about the event, please call (205) 652-3828 or visit [www.centerforblackbelt.org](http://www.centerforblackbelt.org).

#### **Thursday, April 18 – *Fort Tombeche Archaeological Field School***

Learn archaeology while earning 4 hours of credit. Participants will learn the basics of archaeological excavation and artifact processing at the colonial Fort Tombeche site (1736-1797) on the Tombigbee River in West Alabama. Fort Tombeche was occupied in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by the world's three greatest powers- France, England and Spain. It was also an important center of diplomacy and trade with local Choctaw Indians. AN401 is open to any undergraduate student enrolled in an accredited university. Application deadline is April 18. The field school will be held May 21-June 16. For an application and more information, please visit [www.centerforblackbelt.org](http://www.centerforblackbelt.org) or contact Dr. Ashley Dumas at [adumas@uwa.edu](mailto:adumas@uwa.edu).

#### **Thursday, April 19, 6:00 p.m. – *Battle Hymns: The Power and Popularity of Music in the Civil War***

A book signing and commentary by Christian McWhirter, author of “Battle Hymns: The Power and Popularity of Music in the Civil War,” will be held Thursday, April 19 at 6 p.m. in the Callaway Schoolhouse on the University of West Alabama campus in Livingston. McWhirter analyzes the myriad ways music influenced popular culture in the years surrounding the war and discusses its deep resonance for both whites and blacks, South and North. For more information about the event, please call (205) 652-3828 or visit [www.centerforblackbelt.org](http://www.centerforblackbelt.org).

**Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. – *Sucarnochee Folklife Festival***

The University of West Alabama’s Center for the Study of the Black Belt will host its annual Sucarnochee Folklife Festival Saturday, April 21, in downtown Livingston. Now in its ninth year, the Festival is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the unique life ways of the Black Belt region. Enjoy southern heritage craft and art demonstrations, cornbread cook-off, pie baking contest, Muddy Tiger Challenge event, food, music and ghost walking tour. For more information about the Sucarnochee Folklife Festival, please call (205) 652-3828 or visit [www.centerforblackbelt.org](http://www.centerforblackbelt.org). UWA Muddy Tiger Challenge registrants should call (205) 652-3693 for event information.

**MOBILE**

**Wednesdays, April 4, 11 and 18, 6:30 p.m. – *Making Sense of the Civil War***

One of five lectures in a series of presentations and discussions across the state. Those interested in the history of the Civil War will enjoy this program led by Professor Lonnie Burnett, University of Mobile. Location: Mobile Public Library, West Regional Branch, 5555 Grelot Road, Mobile. Admission: Free. Sponsor: The Alabama Humanities Foundation, state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Mobile Public Library. For more information, visit <http://www.ahf.net>.

**Thursday, April 19, 5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – *An Evening In History***

*Mobile’s Historic Architecture* presented by Mobile architect L. Craig Roberts. Location: Historic Oakleigh Complex. Admission: Complimentary, HMPS Members; \$10, Non-Members and Guests. Sponsor: Mobile Historic Preservation Society. For reservations, call 251-432-6161.

**Saturday, April 21, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. – *Spring Ramble***

Ramble to Camden and enjoy touring private homes, explore historic downtown Camden, lunch at Gaines Ridge Plantation, and end the day with a cocktail party on the grounds of Cook Hill Plantation. Admission: \$100 per reservation includes bus transportation. Sponsor: Mobile Historic Preservation Society. For information, call 251-622-7110.

**MONTGOMERY**

**Thursdays, April 5 and 19, 6:00 p.m. – *Making Sense of the Civil War***

One of five lectures in a series of presentations and discussions across the state. Those interested in the history of the Civil War will enjoy this program led by Professor Benjamin Severance, Auburn University Montgomery. Location: Montgomery City and County Public Library, Morgan Branch, 245 High Street, Montgomery. Admission: Free. Sponsor: The Alabama Humanities Foundation, state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Montgomery City and County Public Library. For more information, visit <http://www.ahf.net>.

**Thursday, April 19, Noon – 1:00 p.m. – *ArchiTreats: Food for Thought***

Lecture *Incidents of the War: The Civil War of Mary Jane Chadick* by Nancy M. Rohr. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy during with the presentation. Location: Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free to the Public. Sponsor: Friends of the Alabama Archives and the Alabama Humanities Foundation, state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov).

**Sunday, April 22, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – *The Durr Lecture***

Named in honor of Clifford Durr, native son and Civil Rights advocate, the annual Durr Lecture offers perspectives on political and social issues. Dr. Robert S. Graetz will speak to *The Invisible College and the Montgomery Civil Rights Movement* and documentary producer Andrew Beck Grace will show clips and comment on APT's forthcoming documentary *The Durrs of Montgomery* to air in June 2012. Location: Auburn University-Montgomery, Moore Hall, 7440 East Drive. Admission: Free. Lecture at 5:30 p.m.; Reception to follow. For more information, visit [www.aum.edu/about-aum/lectures-events/durr-lecture-series](http://www.aum.edu/about-aum/lectures-events/durr-lecture-series).

## NEWS

### **Anniston Land Company Building – Lost**

Efforts to save the historic Anniston Land Company Building failed. Approved by Anniston City Council, the building was demolished last month. To learn more, visit

<http://anniston.myfoxal.com/news/news/108256-anniston-land-company-building-coming-down>.

To view, visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=gz\\_4yZHulsY&feature=relmfu&noredirect=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gz_4yZHulsY&feature=relmfu&noredirect=1).

### **Daniel Pratt Cotton Gin Factory Building - Saved – Preservation In Action**

Kudos to the Autauga Historic Heritage Association for its work in bringing public attention to the imminent demolition of the historic Daniel Pratt Cotton Gin Factory in Prattville. Working with city leaders with assistance from the Alabama Historical Commission and public support from the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation membership, this historically important structure has been saved and will be re-adapted for a new use bringing new business to downtown Prattville. To read more about this story of salvation and inspiration, visit

[www.waka.com/home/top-stories/Prattvilles-Cotton-Mill-Sold-Redevelopment-on-the-Way-143596526.html?skipthumb=Y](http://www.waka.com/home/top-stories/Prattvilles-Cotton-Mill-Sold-Redevelopment-on-the-Way-143596526.html?skipthumb=Y).

### **Black Heritage Council Chair Emeritus Honored**

Mrs. Louretta Wimberly, Black Heritage Council Chair Emeritus, was honored by The National Voting Rights Museum and Institute in Selma this past December for her leadership. The Alabama Trust and its members congratulate Mrs. Wimberly for her passion and dedication in preserving Alabama's African American history.