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ALERTS

Register Now for the Summer Preservation Lyceum Weekend, Florence, July 13 - 14

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation's summer Lyceum program will explore the two centuries of historic architecture. Tours of private homes, two house museums and artist studios are just a few of the sites planned for Lyceum participants. Hotel reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn Express, 256-246-2200. Rates are \$89 per night for ATHP members. For Lyceum program and registration information, visit <http://www.alabamatrust.info/pdf/2012/LyceumSeriesSummer2012.pdf>.

Volunteer Day for Talladega's Historic Jemison-Turner House Re-Scheduled

It's not too late to sign up to be a volunteer for the historic Jemison-Turner House located just outside Talladega. Saturday, July 28th is the date set for second volunteer day to clean the grounds and protect the house from vandalism. To be a volunteer for the Jemison-Turner House, contact David Schneider at 256-310-6320 or dbschneider@bellsouth.net. For information about the Jemison-Turner House, visit <http://www.alabamatrust.info/pdf/2012/Jemison%20TurnerNEW4-5-12.pdf>

EVENTS

Barbour County

Saturday, July 14 – Fendall Hall Yard Sale

Yard Sale at Historic Fendall Hall to benefit the Friends of Fendall Hall. Sponsors: Eufaula volunteers. For more information, call 334/687-8469 or email fendallh@bellsouth.net.

Clark County

Sunday, July 29, 2:30 p.m. - Historical Society Meeting

The Clark County Historical Society will meet on Sunday, July 29, 2:30 p.m. at the Grove Hill Town Hall.

Colbert County

Sunday, July 1 – Saturday, July 14 – Alabama Folklife Exhibition

Don't miss the opening of this traveling exhibition, ***Alabama In the Making: Traditional Arts of People in Places***. Exhibition includes five kiosks representing a region of Alabama. Exhibition includes artifacts from the Alabama Center for Tradition Culture, photographic collections, audio interviews, and video. Location: Tennessee Valley Museum of Art. Sponsors: Alabama Folklife Association, Alabama Humanities

Foundation, Alabama State Council on the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, visit www.alabamainthemaking.com.

Monroe County

Wednesday, July 11, 9:00 a.m. to Noon - Scenes and Stories of Monroeville: A *To Kill a Mockingbird* Workshop

Celebrate America's most beloved novel, while you spend a morning in the Old Courthouse as the citizens of Monroeville share their life stories to help teachers and readers of *To Kill a Mockingbird* understand the connections between Harper Lee's hometown of Monroeville and the fictional Maycomb of Lee's novel. Location: Admission: Free. Note: SARIC credit given for teachers. Sponsor: Monroe County Heritage Museum. For more information, contact the Museum at 251-575-7433.

Wednesday, July 18, 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. - Monroe County History Tour

Learn more about Monroe County's historic places. This workshop includes an air-conditioned bus tour of historic sites in Monroe County- a county that's older than the state of Alabama. Attendees will learn about historical events and sites that focus on early Alabama history, including the Indian Territory era, pioneer settlement, and the significance of the Federal Road, mill towns, and steamboat traffic on the Alabama River. The workshop will give teachers and history enthusiasts a chance to tour sites that are not accessible to the public. Teachers are given first priority, but the general public is also invited. SARIC credit for teachers. Bring a sack lunch. Location: Old Courthouse Museum- Downtown Square at 7:30 a.m. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Monroe County Heritage Museum.

Jefferson County

Wednesday, 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. Sponsors: City of Birmingham, Dale's Seasoning, EBSCO Industries, Inc., Five Points South Neighborhood Association, Yellow Cab of Birmingham, College Hills Neighborhood Association, Crestwood South Neighborhood Association, Zion City Neighborhood Association, Cox Media Group, FOX6 WBRC-TV and Pyro Productions. For more information, call 205-933-1409.

Tuesday, July 17 – Birmingham Civil Rights Institute 1992 - 2012: Vision and Voice; Freedom and Future

Visit the exhibition celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. Location: Odessa Woolfolk Gallery, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Birmingham. Sponsor: Protective Life. For information about hours and admission, visit http://www.bcri.org/plan_visit/admission_fees.html.

Montgomery County

Thursday, July 19, Noon – Architreats: Food for Thought

Lecture *Alabama and the War of 1812: After the Horseshoe* by Jim Parker. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy this free presentation. Drinks will be provided. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History. Admission: Free. Sponsors: Friends of the Alabama Archives and the Alabama Humanities Foundation, the state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, call 334-353-4726 or visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

Tallapoosa County

Sunday, July 15, 2:00 p.m. – Third Quarter Meeting

The Tallapoosa Historical Society will hold its Third Quarter Meeting. The guest speaker will be Major Joe Watson. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting. Location: Lyman Ward Military Academy. Sponsor: Tallapoosa Historical Society.

Tuscaloosa County

Thursday, July 12, 5:15 p.m. – Sundown Lecture Series

The Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society's (TCPS) *Sundown Lecture Series* for July will feature *Different Perspective: An Examination of the Original Appearance of Tuscaloosa Historic Homes* by Dr. Robert Mellown. Location: Battle-Friedman House. Admission: Free to TCPS members; Non-Members \$5. Refreshments will be served at 5:15 p.m.; lecture begins at 5:45 p.m. Sponsor: Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society.

NEWS

National Trust for Historic Preservation Announces 11 Most Endangered Historic Places In American

In June, the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) released the 2012 *11 Most Endangered Historic Places*. Included on this year's list are: Bridges of Yosemite Valley, Yosemite National Park, California; Ellis Island Hospital Complex, New York Harbor, New York and New Jersey; Historic Post Office Buildings, Nationwide; Joe Frazier's Gym, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Malcolm X – Ella Little-Collins House, Boston, Massachusetts; Princeton Battlefield, Princeton, New Jersey; Sweet Auburn Historic District, Atlanta, Georgia; Terminal Island, Port of Los Angeles, California; Texas Courthouses, Texas; Elkhorn Ranch, Billings County, North Dakota; Village of Zoar, Zoar Ohio. For more information on the National Trust for Historic Preservation, visit www.PreservationNation.org.

Call For Proposals – Main Street National Conference

A *Call for Proposals* has been issued by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) for presentations on Creative Economy Concepts and perennial Main Street revitalization concepts for the 2013 Main Street National Town Meeting. The 2013 conference will be held April 14 through 16 in New Orleans. For more information, and for a presentation submission form, visit <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2013neworleans/>.

Call For Papers – Alabama Historical Association

The Alabama Historical Association has issued a *Call for Papers* for its 2013 conference. The 66th Annual Meeting will be held in Eufaula on April 11 through 13. Papers should be submitted by October 10, 2012 to Scotty Kirkland at skirkland@southalabama.edu. For more information, visit www.alabamahistory.net.

Cookbook Sale to Benefit Mobile Restoration Project

The Historic Mobile Preservation Society is selling *What Mrs. Fisher Knows About Old Southern Cooking*, (\$9.95), to raise money for The Cook's House Restoration Project. The cookbook, published in 1881) is the first known African American cookbook by a former Mobile enslaved woman, who moved to California and cooked for San Francisco society. The Cook's House, the last remaining detached kitchen and servant's living quarters in Mobile, will open next summer as Mobile's first African American house museum. It is located on the Oakleigh Historic Complex. To place an order, call 251-432-6161 or email hmps@bellsouth.net.

The Reconstruction of Asa Carter

On Alabama Public Television explore the life and legacy of the best-selling novelist Asa Carter who wrote

The Rebel Outlaw: Josey Wales and *The Education of Little Tree* purported to be an autobiographical story about an orphaned Native American boy. The author, white supremacist and Ku Klux Klan leader Asa Earl Carter, published under the synonym Forrest Carter and under his own name wrote George Wallace's infamous 1963 "Segregation now! Segregation forever!" speech. Friends, colleagues, and members of George Wallace's inner circle provide unprecedented access into the life of this enigmatic man. The *Reconstruction of Asa Carter* airs Tuesday night, July 3 at 10:00.

In contrast, stream *The Durrs of Montgomery*, an APT-produced documentary about Alabama's white Civil Rights activist Virginia and Clifford Durr. To video stream *The Durrs of Montgomery*, visit <http://video.aptv.org/video/2250918024>. To stream APT documentary productions about Alabama's historic people and places, visit <http://video.aptv.org/program/alabama-public-television-documentaries/>.

Historic Baldwin County Church – Only Option: Move It

Montpelier Methodist Church, cir. 1890s, sits on private property in Blacksher. The historic structure has been donated to Baldwin County by the property owners, but \$90,000 must be raised to move the structure from its present location to Bicentennial Park, 18 miles away in Bay Minette, and restore it. A public appeal has been issued to help raise the funds necessary to save this historic structure, thus saving it from the wrecking ball. To donate send checks to: The Church Fund, 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 26, Bay Minette, AL 36507. For more info please call the Baldwin County Department of Archives and History, 251-580-1897, or email them at jjackson@baldwincounty.al.gov.

OTHER

Share Preservation Statewide – Send Event Information and News Stories to the ATHP

For the e-Newsletter, send submissions by the third Friday of each month for publication in the next month's issue.

For the summer issue of *The Alabama Trustee* submit news and jpeg images by July 15. Send submissions for both publications to alabamatrust@uwa.edu.

Preserve Alabama's Historic Treasures

Share the spirit of giving. Make a beginning-of-the-year gift to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. To make a contribution in support of preservation, call 205-652-3497 or donate online at www.alabamatrust.info.