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ALERTS

Heaven Weeps for the Passing of A Prince

With a heavy, yet grateful heart, the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) pays homage to the life of Dora Franklin Finley, ATHP board member, and Mobile preservation visionary. Her leadership established the Mobile African-American Heritage Trail – a program of the Mobile Historic Development Commission. Obituary, http://blog.al.com/live/2012/06/dora_finley_mobiles_african-am.html.

Support Preservation In Alabama

Share the responsibility of supporting the preservation of Alabama's historic treasures. Make a mid-year gift to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Call **205-652-3497** or donate online at www.alabamatrust.info.

Talladega's Historic Jemison-Turner House –Volunteer for Preservation

It's not too late to sign up to be a volunteer for the historic Jemison-Turner House located just outside Talladega. Last summer, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) volunteers helped weatherize this historic structure (circa 1840) from environmental damage. A second volunteer day is scheduled for Saturday, June 23 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 www.alabamatrust.info/pdf/Jemison_Turner_ATHP_Info.pdf.

EVENTS

BIRMINGHAM

Friday, June 22 – Warhol and Cars Exhibition

The *Warhol and Cars* exhibition highlights include early line drawings and historic 1950s commercial work, paintings, and works on paper from the 1960s through the 1980s, which illustrate his signature silkscreen process. Exhibition includes a 1979 film of Warhol painting. Location: Birmingham Museum of Art. Admission: Free. Sponsor: PNC Bank.

FORT PAYNE

Saturday, June 23, 1:00 p.m. – Trail of Tears Unveiling

Unveiling of signage marking the official documented route for the Trail of Tears. Thanks go to hard work of volunteer researchers of Landmarks of DeKalb County, Inc. The occasion commemorates and recognizes the longest marked segment of the historic Trail of Tears from Fort Payne's Benge Detachment Route to the Tennessee River. Driving tour of route follows unveiling with reception at the Lodge, Lake Guntersville State Park. Unveiling Location: Fort Payne Cabin Site, Gault Avenue and 4th Street S. Admission: Free to the Public. Sponsors Landmarks of DeKalb County and the National Park Service.

MONTGOMERY

Thursday, June 14, Noon – 1:00 p.m. – Lecture and Book Signing

Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, Mike Hubbard, will share excerpts from his recently published book *Storming the State House*, in which he provides a revealing, behind-the-scenes look into the campaign that elected Alabama's first Republican legislature in modern history. The book provides a first-person account by the architect of the Republican takeover and includes never-before-told stories of the 2010 campaign. Admission: Free. Location: Alabama Power Auditorium, Alabama Dept. of Archives and History. Sponsor: Friends of the Alabama. For more info, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

Thursday, May 17, Noon – ArchiTreats: Food for Thought

Lecture "History of Automobile License Plates in Alabama," by Ross Sloan, collector. The Alabama Legislature passed Act 634 in 1911, which required the display of a 'white on dark blue' porcelain plate on automobiles. In the early years, the letters 'ALA' were displayed vertically on the left side of the plate, with the number in the center. As more cars hit the road, more plates were needed and designs grew more complex. Sloan will share some of the interesting discoveries that he made while researching the history of Alabama license plates. Admission: Free. Location: Alabama Power Auditorium, Alabama Dept. of Archives and History. Sponsor: Friends of the Alabama Archives and co-sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation, state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more info, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

TUSCUMBIA

Friday, June 1 – Saturday, June 30 – 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.

NEWS

Alabama Preservation Conference – The Big Kibitz for Alabama’s Historic Places

Preservationists from around the state gathered in Birmingham to learn, explore, and kibitz about preservation issues and Alabama’s historic places. To check out conference photographs, visit www.flickr.com/photos/80131503@N04/show/.

Alabama Public Television to Air New Documentary About Historic Figures

The Durrs of Montgomery, an APT-produced film about Alabama natives and civil rights activist Virginia and Clifford Durr will premiere Sunday, June 24 at 8:00 p.m. and re-air on Monday, June 25 at 9:00 p.m. A public screening and comments by the producer of the film will occur Friday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Capri Theatre in Montgomery’s historic Cloverdale neighborhood. To view trailer and learn more about the Durrs, visit www.aptv.org/Alaprograms/alastorytellers.asp.

Celebrating the Rosenwald Schools Movement

In recognition of the contributions made to African-American education and in salute to the *National Rosenwald Schools Conference: 100 Years of Pride, Progress and Preservation* being held this week in Tuskegee, Alabama Public Television is re-airing *Rosenwald School*, an episode in its Alabama Stories series. The program will air Monday, June 18th at 9:00 p.m. The Rosenwald Schoolhouse in Notasulga was one of the first Rosenwald Schools build in the south. During the early 20th century, the Rosenwald School Movement build one out of every five African-American schools in the rural south. For more information, visit www.aptv.org/Schedule/showinfo.asp?ID=370484&NOLA1=AS.

Congratulations to the 2012 Preservation Awards Honorees

In celebrating those whose work has saved one or more of Alabama’s historic places, the 2012 Preservation Award recipients were announced at a special Friday evening ceremony during the Alabama Preservation Conference. To read about Alabama’s leaders in preservation, visit www.alabamatrust.info/pdf/2012/2012PreservationAwardHonorees.pdf.

Digging for Fort Tombecbe

Enjoy a good read in the daily journal of the 2012 excavations at historic Fort Tombecbe in Epes, located on the banks of the Tombigbee River. The blog is written by students of the Black Belt Museum’s Archaeology Field Class in the University of West Alabama’s Division of Educational Outreach at the Black Belt Museum. Visit: <http://museumoftheblackbelt.blogspot.com/>

From Historic Church to Bicentennial Park

Montpelier Methodist Church in Stockton may find its salvation in relocation to Baldwin County's Bicentennial Park if local commissioners can find the money to move the historic church. Historical accounts say Montpelier began as a military encampment after the Fort Mims Massacre in 1812. Fort Montpelier (or Cantonment Montpelier) housed Andrew Jackson's troops. From this site, Jackson resigned from his commission after the Battle of New Orleans. To read more, visit http://blog.al.com/live/2012/06/baldwin_county_officials_eye_m.html.

Rising Up - Historic Talladega Murals Open to the Public

Talladega College's historical Amistad Murals have a new home at Atlanta's High Museum. Since undergoing a yearlong restoration at the Art Conservation Center in Atlanta, the murals are now on exhibition at the High. ***Rising Up: Hale Woodruff's Murals at Talladega College*** will be on view until September 2. Thereafter it will go on a national, two-year tour. *Rising Up* features all six of the college's murals: "The Revolt," "The Court Scene," "Back to Africa," "The Underground Railroad," "The Building of Savery Library" and "Opening Day at Talladega College." For more information, visit www.high.org/Art/Exhibitions/Rising-Up-Hale-Woodruff.aspx.

Places in Perils Announced

The Places in Peril program reminds all Alabamians that historic places represent a finite and fragile resource. PIP is a joint program of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) and the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC). Since 1994, the AHC and the ATHP have joined forces to sponsor Places in Peril, a program designed to highlight some of Alabama's most significant endangered historic sites. To learn more about this year's list of Places in Peril, visit www.alabamatrust.info/pdf/2012/PlacesInPerilWeb2012UpDated6-5.pdf.

Selma YMCA – Saving the Oldest “Y” in the South

The Selma Dallas County Historic Preservation Society and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) seek ways to save the Selma YMCA building, the oldest “Y” building in the South. Plans include a loan from the ATHP's Endangered Properties Trust, a revolving fund to provide financial intervention to assist in the preservation of Alabama's historic places. In recent years, the EPT fund was tapped to secure Cedarwood in Hale County and the Jemison-Turner House in Talladega County until new owners interested in preserving the structures are identified. For more information, visit www.selmatimesjournal.com/2012/05/21/society-wants-to-see-selmas-can-do-attitude/.

Black Belt Community Orchard Takes Root

By establishing a model community orchard, the Black Belt Garden in the Division of Educational Outreach at the University of West Alabama added an additional component to the local food system. This community orchard inspires healthy activity, good nutrition, and places people back in touch with the foods they consume. For more information on visiting the orchard at the UWA campus, please call (205) 652-3828 or visit www.centerforblackbelt.org.

SEND NEWS

ATHP Seeks Stories

To celebrate the connection between historic structures, preservation and the Year of Alabama Food, the summer issue of ***The Trustee*** newsletter will feature historic venues where the next generation of preservationists are staking a claim. Send stories and jpeg images, including new culinary enterprises located in re-adapted old structures, to the **alabamatrust@uwa.edu** by July 15th.

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

For the e-Newsletter send submissions by the third of Friday of each month for publication in the next month's issue. Send submissions for both publications to **alabamatrust@uwa**.