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ALERTS

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*. Registration begins on Thursday evening May 10 and continues with a diverse and interesting array of lectures, tours, and Birmingham experiences. For conference hotel rate, contact the Historic Tutwiler Hotel and ask for Alabama Preservation Conference or Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation room rate. Reservation Number: 205-322-2100. Full program schedule and registration information is available online at www.alabamatrust.info/pdf/2012/PRESERVATION%20PROGRAMSCHEDULE2012.pdf.

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.

EVENTS

BIRMINGHAM

Tuesday, May 1 – Thursday, May 31 - *The Electric Showroom: 90 Years of Quality Living Through Appliance Sales*

Location: Alabama Power, 1200 6th Avenue North, Birmingham. For more information, call Alabama Power Co. Corporate Archives, 205-257-2067.

Thursday, May 10, 5:30 p.m. – *Making Sense of the Civil War*

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>.

Thursday, May 10, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - *One Writer's Garden: Eudora Welty's Home Place*

Lecture and book signing by author Susan Haltom. Location: Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Admission: \$5 per reservation. Event benefits the BBG Library. For more information, visit www.bbgardens.org/.

Thursday, May 10, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. - One Writer's Garden Party

Garden party with Susan Haltom, author *One Writer's Garden: Eudora Welty's Home Place*. **Location:** Home of Cathy and Tom Adams, 2431 Aberdeen Road, Historic Redmont District. Admission: \$50 ticket includes signed copy of *One Writer's Garden*. Event benefits the Literacy Council of Central Alabama. For more information, visit www.bbgardens.org/.

HUNTSVILLE

Tuesday, May 1 – Thursday, May 31, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. – 100 Years of Von Braun: His American Journey Exhibition

Visit this exhibition commemorating the 100th anniversary of Wernher von Braun's birth in March 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.

Sunday, May 2, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Storyteller Series

Enjoy an afternoon of storytelling at the Historic Lowry House. Location: 1205 Kildare Street.

Sunday, May 6, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Merrimack Cemetery Decoration Day

Celebrate a Southern tradition during the Merrimack Cemetery Decoration Day.

Thursdays, May 10, 7:00 p.m. – Making Sense of the Civil War

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>.

Thursdays, May 3 – 31, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Greene Street Market Open

Greene Street Market at Nativity is open every Thursday of the month. Open Dates: May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.

Thursday, May 17 – Twickenham Garden Party

Contact the Weeden House Museum to request an invitation. For more information, call (256) 536-7718.

Thursday, May 17, 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Sidewalk Arts Stroll

Enjoy a *Summer Arts Marketplace*. Location: Huntsville Historic Courthouse Square.

MOBILE

Tuesday, May 1 – May 30 – Artworks of the Mobile Renaissance: A Selection of Works from Historic Mobile Preservation Society

In celebration of National Preservation Month, a retrospective of life in Mobile from 1890s through 1920s entitled *Artworks of the Mobile Renaissance: A Selection of Works from the Historic Mobile Preservation Society*. The exhibit will hang in the Skinny Gallery and includes photographs from the Wilson Collection, oils, watercolors, maps and architectural elements from HMPS's collection. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Historic Mobile Preservation Society.

Tuesday, May 1 – May 30 – Spanish Garden on Display

The Conde Charlotte House will be showcasing its Spanish Garden. Complementary refreshments will be served throughout the month in the Spanish Courtyard.

Wednesday, May 2, Noon - Walking Tour of Church Street Graveyard

John Sledge, Mobile Historic Development Commission, will be leading a guided walking tour of Church Street Graveyard at Noon. Admission: Free.

Thursday, May 3, 5:00 p.m. – Images from the Past: How to Identify and Preserve Historic Family Photographs

Presentation by Carol Ellis, Executive Director, The Doy Leale McCall Rare Books and Manuscripts, *Images from the Past: How to Identify and Preserve Historic Family Photographs*. Tent reception begins at 5:00 p.m. and presentation at 5:30 p.m. Admission: \$10 donation is requested. Sponsor: Richards DAR House Museum.

Saturday, May 5 – First Annual Oakleigh Porch Tour

Porch Tour of the Oakleigh Historic District. Enjoy a casual tour of Mobile's outside parlors, enjoy picnic on the grounds of Oakleigh and end the day with a *Porch Play* at the Cox Deasy Cottage. Sponsor: Historic Mobile Preservation Society: Admission:\$10 per person. For information, call 251-432-6161.

Wednesday, May 9, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Barton Academy Open House

Barton Academy, Alabama's oldest public school, will be open for touring. Twice listed on *Alabama's Places In Peril List*, Barton Academy has been shuttered since the Mobile County Public School System moved out almost 10 years ago. This yearly event is designed to raise money and awareness for Barton's plight.

Thursday, May 10 – HMPS Annual Meetings and Awards

Historic Mobile Preservation Society will hold their 77th Annual Meeting and HMPS Awards, Thursday, May 10, 5:30 p.m., Mobile Arts Council, 318 Dauphin Street. Admission is \$15 per person. For reservations, call 251-432-6161.

Saturday May 12, 9:45 a.m. – Exploring Old Dauphin Way's Northern Boundary

Join this morning walking tour of Old Dauphin Way Historic District. Meet at Lyons Park on Saturday morning, at 9:45 a.m. for this morning tour. Admission is \$3 per person

Sunday, May 20, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Tea at the Portier House

The Portier House will be holding its Spring Tea. On exhibit will be photographs of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from the Archdiocesan Archives. Admission: \$10 per person.

Monday, May 28 – Massing of the Flags on the Avenue of Heroes

Magnolia Cemetery will present their annual *Massing of the Flags* on the Avenue of Heroes in celebration of Memorial Day.

MONTGOMERY

Thursday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. – Making Sense of the Civil War

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, May 17, Noon – ArchiTreats: Food for Thought

William Bartram in Alabama: Who is William Bartram and why should I care presented by John Hall, Director of the Black Belt Museum Project at the University of West Alabama in Livingston. Bring a sack lunch. 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.

SELMA

Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m. – Selma – Dallas County Historic Preservation Society Annual Membership Meeting

Join the Selma-Dallas County Historic Preservation Society for their Annual Membership Meeting on Location: Lower Parish Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church. For information and reservations, call (334) 874-6600.

NEWS

The Alabama Trustee spring 2012 newsletter

The Alabama Trustee is a quarterly publication of The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. The current spring edition is available at <http://www.alabamatrust.info/pdf/2012/AlabamaTrusteeSpring12WEB.pdf>

2012 Places in Peril To Be Announced

In observation of National Historic Preservation Month, Alabama's Places in Peril (PIP) for 2012 will be announced at the Opening Session of the Alabama Preservation Conference, Thursday evening, May 10th. 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.

2012 Preservation Awards to Be Announced

In celebrating those whose work has saved one or more of Alabama's historic places, the 2012 Preservation Award honorees will be announced in a special Friday evening ceremony during the Alabama Preservation Conference. For more information, see Salute to Preservation Honorees, page 14 at www.alabamatrust.info/pdf/2012/PRESERVATION%20PROGRAMSCHEDULE2012.pdf.

Talladega's Historic Jemison-Turner House – Help Save One of Alabama's Historic Places

In 2011, the historic Jemison-Turner House was donated to the ATHP by the Holmes family of Talladega County. The Endangered Properties Trust fund – a revolving fund jointly established by the Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation – with the help of volunteers did some initial work to stabilize the house until a buyer can be found to purchase and relocate the house to an appropriate site. A volunteer day is scheduled for June to continue work to protect the house from weather and vandalism. If you are interested in volunteering for an upcoming workday at the site, please contact David Schneider at 25-310-6320 or dbschneider@bellsouth.net.

The Jemison-Turner House (circa 1840) is significant for its unusual plan and its exceptionally fine and intact Federal period interiors. Parties interested in purchasing the home, should contact David Schneider at the number and email address noted.