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ALERTS

Alabama Historical Commission Announces 2013 Grant Opportunities

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) is accepting proposals to assist in underwriting operating costs for historic sites and parks including those closed within the last 12 months for lack of operating support. Eligible sites and parks must be operated by a non-profit organization. Deadline for grant applications is August 15, 2012. For grant application guidelines and more information, visit www.preserveala.org/grantsprogram.aspx.

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.

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Announces Fall Lyceum

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation's Fall Lyceum Weekend is set for Selma – in the heart of Alabama's Black Belt. Mark your calendar now for Friday, November 9 – Saturday, November 10, for a weekend of touring historic sites and structures that pre-date Alabama's statehood. See the new faces of the Black Belt's antebellum history with visits to Old Cahaba, Selma's historic Water and Broad streets and much, much more. Watch for an October announcement of program details at www.alabamatrust.info/.

Early Bird Rates for National Preservation Conference

Don't miss the big savings, the great education and tours that you'll only get at the National Preservation Conference in Spokane. Are you or your organization a Preservation Leadership Forum member? If not, join now, for significant savings on registration and to take advantage of the multiple registration rates. Register by July 31 to save at the following location:

<http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/2012-spokane/registration-housing.html>.

EVENTS

Baldwin County

Saturday, August 4 – Battle of Mobile Bay and Siege of Fort Morgan Reenactment

Experience the reenactment commemorating the Battle of Mobile Bay and Siege of Fort Morgan in Gulf Shores. Call 251-540-5257 or visit <http://www.ft-morgan.com/index.php?news&nid=29> for more information.

Saturday/Sunday, August 25/26 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – 199th Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Mims

Celebrate the 199th Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Mims in Tensaw. Enjoy “old-time” music, period crafts including pottery, blacksmithing, spinning, quilting, and more. Call 251-937-5665 or visit www.fortmims.org.

Calhoun County

Saturday, August 4, 9:00 a.m. – Tour of Historic Eastwood African-American School

Take a walk through Jacksonville’s historic Eastwood High School built of local stone by the WPA. Eastwood High School was in constant use from its opening until 2011. Now local preservationists are raising awareness and support to save this historic building. Tour Start Location: Eastwood High School, Gardner Drive SE and George Street SE, Jacksonville. Admission: Free. Sponsors: Eastwood School Alumni, Jacksonville Historical Society, and Jacksonville State University. For more information, call Jerrod Brown at 205-213-6081.

Dallas County

Beginning Wednesday, August 1 – Old Cahawba Archaeological Park

Newly donated bicycles will be available to explore the natural surroundings and ruins of Alabama’s first capital beginning August 1. For more information, visit www.cahawba.com.

Jefferson County

Wednesday, August 1 – Friday, September 14 – Both Sides of the Lens Exhibition

View this African-American collection of photographs (circa 1910 – 1935) taken by the Shackelford family of Fayette County. Developed from glass photographic slides, this rare glimpse into the lives of early twentieth century rural Alabama is worth a visit to see *Both Sides of the Lens: Photographs by the Shackelford Family, Fayette County*. Location: Birmingham Public Library, 2100 Park Place. For more information, visit <http://bplolinews.blogspot.com/2012/07/opening-reception-for-both-sides-of.html>.

Wednesday, August 1 – Friday, August 3 – Beyond Barbecue and Baklava Exhibition

Don’t miss the closing days of *Beyond Barbecue and Baklava: The Impact of Greek Immigrants on Birmingham’s Cultural Cuisine*. Shaped by Birmingham’s Greek community for more than a century, the Magic City owes its culinary, law and medical heritages to its immigrants from the Isles of Greece. The exhibition draws on oral histories gathered in collaboration with the University of Alabama – Birmingham’s Ethnographic Film Program. Location: Vulcan Park Museum, Birmingham. Sponsors: Alabama Humanities Foundation, Franks Global Media, Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral, UAB Ethnographic Film Program, and Stavros Niarchos Foundation. For more information, visit www.visitvulcan.com.

Friday, August 17 – Opening of Red Mountain Rising Exhibition

Celebrate the opening of *Red Mountain Rising: An Oral History Collection*. Although Birmingham’s Red Mountain Park mines closed in 1969, the memories and stories of the miners who worked there remain. These stories from miners of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, features the stories of these men whose efforts made Birmingham the Southern City of Coal and Iron. Location: Vulcan Park Museum, Birmingham. Sponsor/Organizer: Red Mountain Park Greenway Commission. For more information, visit www.visitvulcan.com.

Wednesday, August 1 – Tuesday, November 27 – Exhibition: Vision and Voice; Freedom and Future; Birmingham Civil Rights Institute 1992 - 2012

Visit the exhibition celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. Location: Odessa Woolfolk Gallery, BCRI. Sponsor: Protective Life Corporation. For more information, visit www.bcri.org/.

Madison County

Tuesday, August 16, 4:30-8:30 p.m. – Sidewalk Arts Stroll

Stroll down to Huntsville's historic courthouse square and enjoy the Sidewalk Arts Stroll, an arts marketplace with over sixty artisan vendors and musical performances by local and regional groups. This event is free to the public! Contact Donna Castellano at 256.534.8376 for more information. www.sidewalkartsstroll.com

Montgomery County

Tuesday, August 7, 6:00 p.m. – Tuskegee Airman Documentary and Remarks

Screening of *Double Victory*, the moving documentary that chronicles the Tuskegee Airmen, America's first all-black aerial unit that flew during WWII will be shown in Montgomery. See the story through the eyes of the original Airmen as they talk about their struggle to fight oppression both abroad and at home. The authors of "The Tuskegee Airmen" will be on hand to talk and answer questions after the film. Location: Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit <http://www.oldalabamatown.com/>.

Thursday, August 16, Noon – Architreasures: Food for Thought Lecture

"The Rise and Decline of the Redneck Riviera," by Professor Harvey (Hardy) H. Jackson III is based on Jackson's most recent book, *The Rise and Decline of the Redneck Riviera: An Insider's History of the Florida-Alabama Coast*. Between Gulf Shores, Alabama, and the Flora-Bama bar on the Florida line is the region that in 1978 Alabama-born Howell Raines of *The New York Times* described as the Redneck Riviera. Not yet squeezed out by trendy restaurants and sports bars, are a few of the roadhouses and the seafood joints that gave the Riviera its "redneck" character. The legacy of a more freewheeling time continues to inspire visitors to cut loose and be a redneck, if only for a little while. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy this free presentation. Drinks will be provided. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Ave, Montgomery. 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.

Saturdays throughout August, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 p.m. – Old Alabama Town Half-Priced Saturdays

Upon purchasing admission at the Old Alabama Town Reception Center, guests will receive a property map to guide them on their walking tour of our Living and Working Blocks. Visitors are free to explore at their own pace. Visitors may leave and return throughout the day. Costumed interpreters are available on each block to answer questions. Call 334-240-4500 or visit www.oldalabamatown.com.

Pike County

Thursday, August 2 – Friday, September 7 - Alabama Folklife Exhibition

Don't miss this traveling exhibition, *Alabama In the Making: Traditional Arts of People in Places*. Exhibition includes five kiosks representing a region of Alabama including artifacts from the Alabama Center for Tradition Culture, photographic collections, audio interviews, and video. Location: Johnson Center for the Arts, Troy Pike Cultural Arts Center, 300 East Walnut Street. 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.

Tuscaloosa County

Thursday, August 9, 5:15 p.m. – Sundown Lecture Series

"*Women and Refinement in Antebellum Alabama 1830 - 1860*" presented by Dr. Shirley Foster. 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

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) Hits the Road

For a glimpse of ATHP members touring historic sites in the Shoals, Tuscumbia and Florence areas during the Summer Preservation Lyceum, visit <https://www.facebook.com/media/set?set=oa.10150927864117414&type=1>.

ATHP volunteers spent a hot summer day clearing brush from around the historic Talladega County Jemison-Turner House (circa 1830's), a property of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation available for relocation to another spot in Alabama by a family of old house huggers. For more information on this historic structure, visit <http://www.alabamatrust.info/pdf/2012/Jemison%20TurnerNEW4-5-12.pdf>. For volunteer cleanup day pictures, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/media/set?set=oa.10150952531647414&type=1>.

Explore Alabama's historic treasures with the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP). Travel virtually with the ATHP. Join the ATHP's Facebook group to see what's up in the preservation.

Cookbooks to Benefit Mobile Restoration

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.

Follow Alabama's Trail of Tears

Thanks to the good work of local historians and preservationists of Landmarks of DeKalb County, Inc., the Benge Contingent's route is marked from Fort Payne to Guntersville Lake. Drive the path of this portion of Alabama's Trail of Tears. Follow in the footsteps of Alabama's native sons and daughters. For more information, **visit <http://www.landmarksdekalbal.org/>**.

OTHER

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

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

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

Preserve Alabama's Historic Treasures

Share the spirit of giving. Make a 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.