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ALERTS

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Lyceum – Register Now

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation's (ATHP) Fall Lyceum Weekend set for Selma – in the heart of Alabama's Black Belt – will be held Friday, November 9 – Saturday, November 10. Don't miss dinner and cocktails for Friday evening at the historic Tasso Plantation, Saturday's tours of Old Cahaba and some of Selma's private historic homes. For program details and registration information, visit www.alabamatrust.info/.

Alabama Historic Commission Announces 2013 Grants

To see listing of AHC grant awards supporting Alabama historic sites and museum, visit http://preserveala.org/grantsprogram2.aspx?sm=i_a.

Atlanta's Historic Fox Theatre Institute Opens Doors to Alabama's Historic Theatres

The Fox Theatre Institute, which provides preservation services to historic theatres throughout Georgia invites staff, managers and board members of historic theatres in Alabama to participate in its fall *Emergency Preparedness Seminar: What To Do When You Don't Want to Bring the House Down*. When: Tuesday, November 13. Where: Historic Fox Theatre, Atlanta. For program and registration information, visit www.foxtheatreinstitute.org/news/emergency-preparedness-seminar/.

Share the Spirit of Giving – Preserve Alabama's Historic Treasures

Share the spirit of giving with a holiday gift to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. To make a contribution in support of preservation, call 205-652-349 or donate online at www.alabamatrust.info.

Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society Annual Awards Banquet – Last Day for Reservations

November 1st is the last day to make reservations for this annual awards banquet to be held on Thursday, November 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., at the Tuscaloosa Federal Courthouse. Join the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society in honoring the best efforts of Tuscaloosa County's leading preservationists. For reservations, contact the TCHPS office at 205-758-2238.

EVENTS

Dallas County

Saturday, November 3, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Kenan's Mill Festival

Celebrate rural life in the Black Belt with a visit to the historic Kenan's Mill. Tour the mill house, kitchen, garden and collection of antique farm implements. Location: Kenan's Mill, 188 County Road 236, Selma. For more information, visit www.kenansmill.com/.

Friday, November 9 – Saturday, November 10 – Fall Preservation Lyceum Weekend

Explore some of Alabama's earliest history from pre-Civil War sites, to the Black Belt's Antebellum homes, to walks along Selma's historic Broad and Water streets and much, much more. For more information and to register, visit www.alabamatrust.info/.

DeKalb County

Thursday, November 1 – Saturday, November 3 – Alabama Folklife Exhibition

Don't miss *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 and Culture, photographic collections, audio interviews, and video. Location: Little River Canyon Center, Hwy 35, Fort Payne. Sponsors: Alabama Folklife Association, Alabama Humanities Foundation, Alabama State Council on the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Park Service and Jacksonville State University. For more information, visit www.alabamainthemaking.com.

Escambia County

Tuesday, November 22 – Wednesday, November 23, 9:00 a.m. - Annual 42nd Thanksgiving PowWow

The public is invited to join this annual event in which Tribes from across the nation will perform traditional dances in authentic dress. Crowning of the Poarch Creek Indian Princesses will highlight the weekend. Traditional crafts and quilts will be on display. Location: Porch Creek Indian Reservation, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore. For more information, visit porchcreekindians-nsn.gov.

Jefferson County

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

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/.

Thursday, November 1 – Friday, January 25, 2013 –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. This exhibit about miners of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company features the stories of those 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.

Marengo County

Friday, November 30 –Saturday, December 1 – Historic Gaineswood Holiday Open House

Tour the beautiful Gaineswood Antebellum House (circa 1843-1861) Museum by candlelight. Completed prior to the Civil War, Gaineswood is one of the most significant remaining examples of Greek Revival architecture in Alabama. Location: 805 South Cedar Drive, Demopolis. Admission: \$5. Sponsor: Christmas on the River and Friends of Gaineswood. For more information, call 334-289-4846.

Mobile County

Thursday, November 15, 5:45 – 7:00 p.m. – An Evening in History

A presentation, *The Alabama Governor's Mansion* by Tom McGehee, Museum Director, Bellingraph Gardens and member of the board of directors for The Friends of the Alabama Governor's Mansion, will update guests on current plans and efforts to restore and curate the historic mansion – the official residence of Alabama's First Family. Location: Historic Oakleigh Complex. Admission: Free to Mobile Historic

Preservation Society members; \$10 for non-members. *Proceeds support the programs and services of the Mobile Historic Preservation Society.* Sponsor: Historic Mobile Preservation Society. For more information, call 251-432-6161.

Monroe County

Saturday, November 3, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Cane Syrup Makin' Day

From mule-driven cane press to cooking of the cane juice, experience this old-time tradition firsthand and watch syrup being bottled. Tour the water-powered millhouse to see corn ground into fresh cornmeal and grits. Sample fresh-boiled peanuts, lend a hand as demonstrators make old-fashioned tapered candles and watch the local blacksmith at work with hammer and anvil. Visit with local coopers, basket makers, beekeepers, and a potter. Don't leave without a bottle of fresh syrup or bag of corn meal. Location: Historic Rikard's Mill (circa 1845), 4116 Hyway 265, 5 miles north of Beatrice. Admission: \$5. Sponsor: Monroe County Heritage Museum. For more information, call 251-575-7433 or email mchm@frontiernet.net.

Montgomery County

Sunday, November 11, 2:00 p.m. – Historic Preservation: Why We Care

Presentation by Mobile architectural historian Nicolas Holmes and preservationist Ann Bedsole, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation's 2010 Gwendolyn Turner Lifetime Achievement Award honoree. Learn more about the importance and challenges of restoring and relocating historic buildings. Reception to follow the program. Location: Loeb Reception Center, Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery and the Alabama Historical Commission. For more information, call 334-240-4500.

Thursday, November 15, Noon – 1:00 p.m. - Architreats: Food for Thought Lecture

Presentation *Lord Remember Me: Archiving Alabama's Folklife* by Kevin Nutt, Folklife Archivist, Alabama Dept. of Archives and History and producer of *Sinner's Crossroads*, a vintage gospel program. Don't miss this program about the history of folklorist activities in Alabama and the rise of public folklorist during the 1960s and 1970s. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks provided. Location: Farley Auditorium, Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Ave, Montgomery. Admission: Free. Sponsors: Friends of the Alabama Archives and the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, call 334-353-4726 or visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

Walker County

Thursday, November 1 – Monday, November 5 – Old Time Week

Spend five days learning how to play an old-time banjo, fiddle, guitar, or mandolin. Learn how to do heritage quilting from nationally recognized heritage fiber artist Bettye Kimbrell, pottery from Tena Payne and painting from Dori DeCamillis. Location: Camp McDowell, 105 County Road 10, Nauvoo. Sponsor: Alabama Folk School. For more information, visit www.folkschool.dioala.org.

NEWS

Campaign for Birmingham's Historic Lyric Theatre On Stage

The historic Lyric Theatre, an iconic landmark in Birmingham, which hosted vaudeville acts and its stars, is looking forward to the return of its former glory. Birmingham Landmarks, Inc., which owns the Lyric and the Historic Alabama theatres, with fundraising consultant National Community Development Services is launching a campaign to restore the "Grand Old Lady." To read more, visit <http://savethelyric.com/> and www.bizjournals.com/birmingham/news/2012/10/17/tom-cosby-stepping-down-from-post-at.html.

Freedom Riders Park Breaks Ground

Breaking ground on a park to memorialize the burning of Freedom Rider buses 51 years ago, Anniston's Freedom Riders Park will mark the importance of that event and the reasons it led to change in Calhoun County and the nation. To read more, visit www.annistonstar.com/view/full_story/20543480/article-Freedom-Riders-Park-breaks-ground-along-Alabama-202?.

Huntsville's History Portal – Technology Informs the Past

The **Huntsville History Collection** is an Internet portal that provides information about the history and historic architecture of Huntsville and Madison County. A work in progress, the portal is expected to grow to become an addition to the Huntsville Madison County Public Library collections. For more information on this project, visit http://huntsvillehistorycollection.org/hh/index.php?title=Main_Page.

Local Preservationists Battle to Save Tuscaloosa's Historic Kilgore House

The battle to save the Kilgore House is still underway. One of the University of Alabama's oldest buildings, the Kilgore House (circa 1890), is scheduled to be razed to make room for a new dining hall on the University of Alabama campus. Originally a home for the assistant steward of Bryce Hospital, when the University began enrolling coeds the Kilgore House became one of the earliest residences for female students. To read more, visit www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20121022/NEWS/121029959/0/ent. For more information and/or to join the Save the Kilgore House call to action, visit www.facebook.com/SaveTheKilgoreHouse?filter=1.

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