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ALERTS

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Hosts Fall Preservation Lyceum Weekend

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. Watch for an October 8th announcement of program details at www.alabamatrust.info/. For registration and hotel information, see **NEWS** below.

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Seeks Development Officer

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) is seeking a part-time Development Officer. The Development Officer will spearhead efforts to secure funds for sustaining the organization, specifically to support current operating needs, increase the Endangered Properties Trust and build program endowment. For more information about the position, visit www.alabamatrust.info/. Applications should be sent to the ATHP Screening Committee at alabamatrust@athp.org by October 15, 2012.

Call For Papers – Alabama Historical Association

Deadline for paper submissions for presentation at the 2013 Alabama Historical Association Conference is October 10, 2012. Send papers to Scotty Kirkland at skirkland@southalabama.edu. For more information, visit www.alabamahistory.net. The spring conference will be held April 11-13 in Eufaula.

Preservation In Action Announces 28th Annual Auction

Preservation In Action (PIA), a registered non-profit organization, in Washington, D.C., supports programs of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Interested preservationists wishing to make a contribution (hotel stays, museum passes, or other items) to the November 2012 auction in Spokane should contact Valerie Fram at foundation@preservationaction.org or visit www.preservationaction.org/auction.htm.

Register Now for Certified Local Governments Workshop

Hosted by the City of Tuscaloosa, don't fail to register for the *Historic Preservation and Sustainability: New Materials, Appropriate Infill Development, and Creating a Legacy* training workshop for certified local governments. With memories still vivid of the destruction wrought by April 2011 tornadoes, this workshop addresses how preservation helps rebuild communities damaged by natural disasters. See **Tuscaloosa County** below for registration details.

EVENTS

Dallas County

Friday, October 12 – Saturday, October 13 – 34th Annual Tall Tellin' Festival

From tall tales to historical happenings, from ghost stories to mountain legends, from folklore to modern fables, the Tall Tellin' Festival offers a rare mix of truth and dreams. Founded by the nation's most famous storyteller, the late Kathryn Tucker Windham, this is an event not to be missed by those who are never tired of hearing folklore stories and applaud the tradition of oral history. Location: Carneal Arts Revive Building, 3 Church St., Selma. Admission: Adults, \$15 or \$25 for both nights; Students 12 and under, \$10

or \$15 for both nights. Sponsor: ArtsRevive, Revitalizing Historic Selma through the Arts! For more information, call (334) 878-2787 or visit [here](#).

Saturday, October 20, 10:00 a.m. – Hear the Dead Speak In Old Cahawba

Take a walking tour of Alabama's most famous ghost town. Be an "above-the-ground archeologist" and discover messages in the historic landscape. Wear walking shoes. Bring camera, curiosity and courage. Location: Old Cahawba Archeological Park, Selma. Admission: \$4 per person. Sponsor: Old Cahawba Foundation. For more information about this event, call 334-872-8058.

DeKalb County

Monday, October 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.

Sumter County

Friday October 12 - Saturday, October 13 – Alabama Historical Association Fall Pilgrimage

The Alabama Historical Association will hold their annual Fall Pilgrimage in Livingston. Enjoy a presentation on Fort Tombecbe, ghost walking tour, walking tour of the Black Belt Prairie Restoration, and individual tours of historic homes and structures. Tour Begins: xxxxx. Sponsor: Center for the Study of the Black Belt and the University of West Alabama. For more information, click [here](#).

Sunday, October 14, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. - Fall Tour of Homes

Tour the beautiful historic structures of Sumter County. Included on the tour are the University of West Alabama's historic Campbell-Strickland House, Covered Bridge, Cedarwood and Christian Valley Church and Livingston's historic Hagood House, St. James Episcopal Church, Spence-Moon House and the Branch-Burnes House. Sponsor: The Primrose Club. *Proceeds benefitting the Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library*. For ticket information, click [here](#).

Wednesday, October 17, 5:00 p.m. – Black Belt Cafe Lecture

Ghosts of the Black Belt presented by Dr. Alan Brown. Enjoy the Black Belt Cafe and its series of informal lectures and discussions focusing on the history and culture of the Black Belt region. Location: Land Hall, University of West Alabama Campus. Admission: Free. Sponsor: The Black Belt Museum. For more information, please contact Lauren VanZandt at lvanzandt@uwa.edu or visit www.uwa.edu.

Jefferson County

Monday, October 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/.

Monday, October 1 – Friday, January 25 – Red Mountain Rising Exhibition

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.

Saturday, October 13, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Books and Basil Sale

Don't miss this fall's discount-price sale on historical books about Birmingham published by the Birmingham Historical Society. Visit the Society's Grandmother's Garden featuring heritage plants and seeds from the colonial gardens of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. Location: 1 Sloss Quarters (at gates to Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark). Sponsor: Birmingham Historical Society. *Proceeds benefit the Birmingham Historical Society's programs.* For more information, call (205) 251-1880.

Wednesday, October 17 - Gold Coins of the Old South

Learn about the history of southern-made coinage from nationally known dealer, expert, and author, Doug Winter. Winter has written books on the coinage of historic mints in New Orleans, Charlotte, Dahlonega, and Carson City. Location: TBA. For more information regarding location and time, call Lee Anderson, at 205-335-5844.

Mobile County

Sunday, October 14, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – University of South Alabama Arts and History Day

A 50th Anniversary event showcasing the arts and old Mobile history. Arts and History Day will feature the grand opening for new displays of the region's cultural history at the Archeological Museum. Guests will enjoy a presentation on the ancient art process used to create the University of South Alabama's new Moulton Tower murals, a demonstration of fine arts glass blowing, and musical and theatrical performances. Location: Archaeology Museum, University of South Alabama (USA). Admission: Free. Sponsor: USA. For more information, visit www.southalabama.edu/archaeology/museum.html.

Note: The Archaeology Museum showcases artifacts from the Gulf Coast and covers over 12,000 years of prehistory and history, including ancient Woodland cultures, mound-building Mississippian peoples, early French settlers, and an African-American family after the Civil War. The museum content is based on the fieldwork, research, and scholarship conducted by University of South Alabama's Center for Archaeological Studies.

Thursday, October 18, 5:45 p.m. – An Evening In History Lecture

Presentation about the new Museum of Archeology opening at the University of South Alabama by Dr. Greg Waselkov, Archeology Department, University of South Alabama. Location: Historic Oakleigh Mansion Complex, 300 Oakleigh Place. Admission: HMPS Members, Free; Non-Members, \$10 per reservation. For reservations, email hmps@bellsouth.net.

Tuesday, October 23, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Bravery & Beauty Mint Julep Party

Mobile's *Bravery & Beauty Mint Julep Party* will delight patrons with heavy hors d'oeuvres, mint julep stations, a full bar, live music and a silent auction. Location: Lawn, Historic Oakleigh Mansion Complex, 300 Oakleigh Place. Tickets: \$40 per reservation. *Proceeds support the programs and services of the Mobile Historic Preservation Society.* Sponsor: Historic Mobile Preservation Society. For more information, email hmps@bellsouth.net.

Monroe County

Friday, October 12 – Saturday, October 13, 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. – Ghosts At Rikard's Mill

Enjoy costumed storytellers and scary tales. Explore the Haunted Swamp and Villain's Cemetery. Encounter ghosts, ghoulies, werewolves, zombies and other creatures of the dark at the Historic Rikard's Mill. Trail opens at 7:00 p.m. Location: Rickard's Mill Historic Park, Beatrice. Admission: \$5 per person. *Proceeds benefit local preservation programs and services.* Sponsor: Monroe County Heritage Museum. For more information, call 251-575-7433 or email mchm@frontier.net.

Montgomery County

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

Sloths, Mammoths, and Saber-toothed Cats: The Ice Age Mammals of Alabama presented by Jun Ebersole, Collections Manager, McWane Science Center. Take a journey back in time. For more than 150 years, hints of Ice Age fossils are recorded in the Alabama. Mammoth bones from Dallas County, a Giant Ground Sloth from a Tusculumbia cave, and Ice Age plants from central and southern Alabama – all point to another time. During the past 35 years, significant Alabama Pleistocene deposits have helped interpret a record of Ice Age mammals that rivals that of any state in the southeastern U.S. 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.

Note: Birmingham's McWane Science Center houses more than 500,000 natural history artifacts, the second largest natural history collection in the state.

Tuscaloosa County

Friday, October 12, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – *Historic Preservation and Sustainability Workshop*

A certified local government training workshop, ***Historic Preservation and Sustainability: New Materials, Appropriate Infill Development and Creating a Legacy***, features nationally known keynote speaker Jean Carron of Goody Clancy, Boston. Carron will speak about preservation and sustainable design. Workshop participants will tour Tuscaloosa's historic districts with recently renovated properties. Location: Historic Bama Theatre, 600 Greensboro Avenue. Registration (required): \$20 per person. Sponsors: City of Tuscaloosa; National Park Service, U.S. Dept. of Interior. For more information, call 205-248-5137 or email sbrowning@tuscaloosa.com.

NEWS

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Makes Loan to Local Preservationists

A loan from The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation's Endangered Properties Trust fund will help the Selma-Dallas County Historic Preservation Society, Inc. save Selma's Y.M.C.A. building located in the downtown historic district. The oldest existing "Y" building in the state, this Selma historic structure is important for its architectural elements and as a site of historical events occurring within its walls. The ATHP is pleased to offer its assistance and congratulations to the Selma-Dallas County Historic Preservation Society, Inc. for its work in preserving the historic fabric of the county. For more information, click [here](#).

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Salutes Bridges

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservations tips its hat and says a well-earned thank you to Dr. Ed Bridges for his leadership and service in preserving Alabama's historical artifacts for the people of Alabama. Dr. Bridges 30-year term directing the Alabama Department of Archives and History came to an end with his retirement at the end of September. In retirement, he will maintain an office at the Archives. For more information, visit <http://bullockcounty.wsfa.com/news/people/162506-director-ed-bridges-sets-retirement-alabama-department-archives-and-history>.

Exploring The Black Belt – A Part of Alabama's Earliest History

During the Veteran's Day Weekend, November 9 – 10, explore some of Alabama's earliest history from pre-Civil War sites, to the Black Belt's Antebellum homes, to Saturday lunch at Old Cahawba (site of Alabama's first state capitol city), to walks along Selma's historic Broad and Water streets and much, much more. Registrations for ATHP Members: \$50 per reservations and for Non-Members \$75 per reservation. To register, call the ATHP Office, 205-652-3497. For hotel reservations, call the Hampton Inn at 2200 West Highland Avenue, Selma. (334) 876-9995. Ask for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation rate of \$88 per night.

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.

This Old House – Cedarwood On the Move

Visit ATHP's on Facebook at www.facebook.com/#!/groups/103223442413/?fref=ts to see up close an historic house on the move. Saved from demolition for sell of its historic architecture features, the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation purchased Cedarwood (circa 1816) located just below Moundville in Hale County. With a loan from the ATHP's Endangered Properties Trust fund, the University of West Alabama purchased the historic structure. Today Cedarwood is on the move traveling the roadways of the Black Belt to its new home on the University's campus. Once there, it will join other historic structures also relocated to the campus as part of the University's plan to preserve structures representing Alabama's historic past. Kudos extended to the University of West Alabama for its active commitment to preserving the history and culture of the Alabama Black Belt.

Tuscaloosa's Historic Kilgore House Threatened

One of the University of Alabama's oldest buildings, the circa 1890 Kilgore House, is scheduled to be razed or sold for relocation according to university officials. Originally a home for the assistant steward of Bryce Hospital, the house became one of the earliest residences for female students enrolled in the institution of higher learning when it became co-educational. Local preservationists are working to preserve the historic home. Letters noting the house's historical significance from the Alabama Historical Commission and Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation have been sent to the university. For more information and/or to join the **Save the Kilgore House** call to action, visit Facebook [here](#).

PUBLIC NOTICES

Monroe County Heritage Museum Changes Schedule

The Monroe County Heritage Museum announces a change of its hours at the Old Courthouse Museum on Saturdays during the fall and winter months to 9:00 a.m. – Noon. The new weekday operating hours, Tuesday – Friday, will remain 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For further information, contact the museum at mchm@frontiernet.net, call 251-575-7433, or visit www.tokillamockingbird.com.

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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.

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Share the spirit of giving. Make an end-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.