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ALERTS

RFP Issued for Historic Powell School

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) has issued a request for proposals for development of Birmingham's historic Powell School. The school, completed in 1888 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was damaged by fire in 2011. Subsequently deeded to the ATHP by the City of Birmingham, the Alabama Trust seeks proposals from commercial developers interested in purchasing the historic structure for preservation-sensitive, re-adaptive uses. Deadline for proposal submissions is Thursday, September 27. For more information and RFP details, visit www.yourcitycenter.com/Home.aspx?ContentID=1010.

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 www.facebook.com/SaveTheKilgoreHouse?filter=1.

Call for Applications – Development Officer, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation

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. With sufficient funds, it is expected that the position will become a full-time position. 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 1, 2012.

Call for Nominations – Board of Directors, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation

Know someone who is passionate about preservation in Alabama with community service and/or experience with a non-profit organization? Send nominations to the ATHP Nominating Committee at alabamatrust@athp.org. For information and a nomination form, visit www.alatrust.info. Deadline for nominations to the 2013 Board of Directors is October 1, 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.

EVENTS

Elmore County

Saturday, September 15, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., 18th Century Living History Demonstration

Observe the camp life of 18th Century French Colonial Marines and the community life of Alabama's Creek Indians at the recreated village of Pacana at the historically recreated 1751 Fort Toulouse.

Location: Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson, Wetumpka. Admission: Adults - \$2; Children \$1. For more information, call 334-567-3022.

Jefferson County

Saturday, September 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://bplolinenews.blogspot.com/2012/07/opening-reception-for-both-sides-of.html>.

Saturday, September 1, 2012 – 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.

Saturday, September 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/.

Saturday, September 15 – Sunday, September 16 – John Henry Folk Celebration

Alabama's claim to the legendary steel-driving folk hero, "John Henry" is part of this annual folk festival in Leeds. Was John Henry from Virginia, Georgia or was he a native son? Festival includes juried art show, concerts, and local folk foods. For more information, visit www.leedsfolkfestival.org/.

Lawrence County

Friday, September 7, 2:00 p.m. – Alabama Historical Commission, Quarterly Board Meeting

Open to the Public. Location: Courtland Heritage Museum, 262 College Street, Courtland. For more information, call 334-242-3184.

Saturday, September 8, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – General Joe Wheeler Celebration

Celebrate the anniversary of General Joe Wheeler's birth with Freeman's Battery Civil War Artillery Reenactment Unit (Savannah, Tenn.), Decatur's Boy Scout Troop 91, and Joe Wheeler #291 United Daughters of the Confederacy. Visit the restored circa 1818 home of this confederate officer. Special activities include: Flag Raising at 10:00 a.m.; Refreshment at 10:30 a.m.; tour of home from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Location: Pond Spring, 12280 Alabama Highway 20, Hillsboro. Admission to Grounds: Free. Admission to House: Adults \$8; Seniors/College/Military \$5; Youth \$3; Children under 6 years of age free. For more information, call 256-637-8513 or visit www.preserveala.org/pondspringwheeler.aspx.

Mobile County

An Evening In History

Historic Mobile Preservation Society will host Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi on Thursday evening, September 20, for *An Evening In History*. Archbishop Rodi will speak on the Catholic Church's role in Mobile's history. Refreshments served at 5:45 p.m. and the lecture begins at 6:00 p.m. sharp. Free admission for HMPS members and \$10 for guests. For reservations, email HMPS at hmps@bellsouth.net.

Bravery & Beauty Mint Julep Party and Silent Auction

Historic Mobile Preservation Society will hold a fall fundraiser, *Bravery & Beauty Mint Julep Party and Silent Auction*, on Tuesday evening, October 23, 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., on the grounds of Oakleigh. Tickets are \$40 per person and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, mint julep stations, full bar, and live music.

Cook Book Sale Benefiting The Cook's House Restoration Project

Historic Mobile Preservation Society is selling *What Mrs. Fisher Knows About Old Southern Cooking*, \$9.95, as a fundraiser for The Cook's House Restoration Project. This charming cookbook was published in 1881 by Mrs. Abby Fisher, a former enslaved woman from Mobile, and is the first known African American cookbook printed. To order a copy call 251-432-6161, or email us at hmps@bellsouth.net for an order form.

Just Ten Fundraising Campaign to Benefit The Cook's House Restoration Project

Historic Mobile Preservation Society launched *Just Ten*, the electronic fundraising campaign benefiting The Cook's House Restoration Project, in August. Visit www.historicmobile.org, and donate \$10 towards this unique preservation project. A goal of \$225,000 is set to restore The Cook's House located on the ground of the Oakleigh Historic Complex. Once restored, this modest structure will open as Mobile's first African American house museum. All donations are tax deductible.

Montgomery County

Thursday, September 15, Noon – Archtreats Lecture

Tecumseh at Tuckabatchee: Fact and Fiction presented by Kathryn Braund, Hollifield Professor of Southern History, Auburn University. Take a sack lunch. Drinks are 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.

Thursday, September 25, 10:30 a.m. – Alabama National Register of Historic Places Review Board Meeting

Interested in learning more about applications to the National Register of Historic Places? Observe the review board and staff of the Alabama Historical Commission as applications are reviewed. Open to the public. Location: Alabama Historical Commission, 486 S Perry Street, Montgomery. For more information, call 334-230-2673.

Pike County

Saturday, September 1 – 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 and 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.

Wilcox County

Thursday, September 20, 2:00 p.m. – Lecture, *The Chaplain's Conflict: Good and Evil in a War Hospital, 1943-1945*

Lecture by historian and scholar Dr. Tennant McWilliams, former professor of history and dean at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. McWilliams will discuss his most recent book, which details the war career of Dr. Renwick Kennedy, U.S. Army's 102 Evacuation Hospital in the European Theater during WWII. Book signing by the author follows the presentation. Location: ARP Church, 209 Broad Street, Camden. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Wilcox County Historical Society.

NEWS

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) Hits the Road – Fall Preservation Lyceum Announced for Friday, November 9 – Saturday, November 10

The Fall Preservation Lyceum Weekend is set for Selma – in the heart of Alabama's Black Belt. Mark your calendar now for a weekend of touring historic sites and structures that pre-date Alabama's statehood. Lyceum participants will get special tours of Selma's historic treasures: early Alabama historic sites at Old Cahawba; historic homes including The Oaks, Smith-Quarles House and Platt-Lewis House; and Selma's historic buildings like the former Harmony Club and Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. Watch for an October announcement of program details at www.alabamatrust.info/.

Bessemer's Lincoln Theatre Focus of Preservationists

Bessemer residents are focusing efforts to rehabilitate the city's historic Lincoln Theatre as a venue for the performing arts. A circa 1948 motion picture theatre, the Lincoln Theatre served Bessemer's African-American citizens during the days of Jim Crow. The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation's senior director for preservation services, David Schneider, met with local advocates interested in saving and re-adapting the building. For more information, contact Jake Bivona at bivonaj@gmail.com.

Local Dale County Organization Works to Save Historic Church

Thanks to the Claybrook Memorial Cemetery Association, Claybrook Church (circa 1852) is the focus of local fundraising efforts to preserve one of the oldest structures in the county. For more information, contact the association at P.O. Box 946, Ozark, AL 36361.

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 1. Send submissions for both publications to alabamatrust@uwa.edu.

Preserve Alabama's Historic Treasures

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.