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Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation - Board Meets - Public Welcomed

The board of directors for the Alabama Trust will hold its summer meeting on Friday, August 2 from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. at Land Hall, the Trust's statewide headquarters, on the University of West Alabama campus. Members of the organization and the general public are welcome to attend meetings of the directors.



Magnolia Hall

Last Call for Summer Lyceum Registrations Preservation Lyceum Weekend, August 2 - 3

Join the ATHP to explore what's happening in the restoration of historic Livingston and Greensboro and travel to Newbern, home of Auburn University's renowned Rural Studio. For more information and/or to make reservations, visit www.alabamatrust.info/.

Mark Calendars for Fall Preservation Lyceum, November 1 - 2

With the ATHP, explore the religious roots of Lee and Macon counties with visits to local sacred spaces from historic churches, to old cemeteries, to early revival campgrounds. Watch the Alabama Trust's website at www.alabamatrust.info/ for September postings on program details and registration information.

Public Hearing - Demolition of Scottsboro's Historic B.B. Comer Bridge

A public hearing scheduled at the Scottsboro City Hall on August 1st at 5:30 p.m. regarding the planned ALDOT demolition of the historic B.B. Comer Bridge. Listed as one of 15 memorial toll bridges build in American during the 1920s and 1930s, the Comer Bridge (circa 1930) spans the Tennessee River at Scottsboro. To join the Save the B.B. Comer Bridge, visit www.facebook.com/groups/123231444445454/. For more information, visit http://blog.al.com/breaking/2013/07/group_hoping_to_save_historic.html.

Events

BALDWIN COUNTY

Tuesday, August 30 - Thursday, September 1 - Battle of Fort Mims 200th Anniversary

August 30th marks the 200th anniversary of the attack on Fort Mims by Redstick Creek Indian warriors and the beginning of the Creek Indian Wars. The three-day anniversary schedule includes a memorial and dedication service with historians and descendants of the survivors gathered with state and local dignitaries. Other events include living history re-enactments with settlers, militia and Red Stick Creek tribe members. Displays of arrowheads and artifacts, early crafts, period music, Native American crafts and culture, and more. Bring your own lawn chair; concessions available. Location: Historic Fort Mims, Hwy. 59/CR 80, 12 miles north of Stockton. Sponsor: Fort Mims Restoration Association. For more information, visit <http://fortmims.org/>.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Thursday, August 1- Saturday, November 30 - Marching On: The Children's Movement at Fifty

Exhibition telling the story of the 1963 Children's Crusade through the words of the foot soldiers who made it happen, the young people of that day, now adults, reflecting on the past. Location: Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, 520 16th Street North, Birmingham. Admission: Fee varies by age and exhibition. Sponsor: Southern Christian Leadership Conference. For more information, visit www.bcric.org or call 205-328-9696, x-234.

Thursday, August 1 - Saturday, September 29 - A Place of Our Own: Birmingham's Fourth Avenue District

Exhibit illustrating how Birmingham's Fourth Avenue business and entertainment district served as a haven and gathering place during the early 1900's for local African-American entrepreneurs, A.G. Gaston and William Pettford, and other professional leaders. The district's entertainment venues served wealthy, middle-class and working African Americans - a crucial connection to the success of the Civil Rights Movement. Location: Vulcan Park and Museum, 1701 Valley View Drive, Birmingham. Admission: Varies by age. For more information, times and specifics, visit www.visitvulcan.com.

August 22, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Structuring The Deal: Financing for Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Projects

The Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit is spurring projects to revitalize Alabama's historic downtowns and neighborhoods. Learn more about structuring the financing for such projects to re-adapting historic spaces for commercial use. Presenters: Beau Byrd, attorney, Bradley, Arand Bolt and Cummings; David Kassouf, accountant, Kassouf & Co. Location: Social Venture, 5529 1st Avenue S, Birmingham. Fee: \$30 includes continental breakfast. Sponsors: Rev Birmingham; Cohen, Carnaggio, Reynolds; Golden & Associates.; Kassouf & Co.; One Stop Environmental and WBHM-Public Radio. For more information and tickets, call 205-324-8797.

MOBILE COUNTY

Friday, August 1, 6:30 p.m. - Glass With Class

Enjoy this fun class for painting wine glasses taught by local Mobile artist Tracy Host. Admission: \$25 per includes class, food and wine. Proceeds benefit Historic Mobile Preservation Society. Location: Historic Oakleigh Mansion Complex, 350 Oakleigh Place, Mobile. Sponsor: Historic Mobile Preservation Society. To purchase tickets on-line, visit www.historicmobile.org, click Donate/Support. For reservations, call 251-432-6161 or email hmps@bellsouth.net.

Thursday, August 8, 9:45 a.m. - Stepping Into History

Take one of the more unusual historic tours ever to explore Mobile Bay's George C. Wallace Tunnel. Visit the camera control room, tour the passageways and learn about the daily operations of this historic structure. Location: Tour caravan convenes at the Historic Oakleigh Mansion Complex, 350 Oakleigh Place, Mobile. Admission: \$10 for Historic Mobile Preservation

Society (HMPS) members; \$35 for non-members; ticket includes one-year HMPS membership. For more information or reservations, call 251-432-6161 or email hmps@bellsouth.net.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Thursday, August 1 - Monday March 31, 2014 - Road to Equality, The 1961 Freedom Bus Rides Exhibition

New exhibition taken from Eric Etheridge's book *Breach of Peace*, the exhibit contrasts Freedom Rider's Mississippi mug shots with contemporary portraits and commentary. It offers deep insight into the young people who went to jail to end racial segregation in public transportation.

Location: Freedom Rides Museum, 210 South Court Street, Montgomery. Museum Hours: Fridays and Saturdays, Noon - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment for 10 or more. For more information, call 334-242-3188.

Tuesday, August 6, 2:00 p.m. - Governor's Mansion Authority Board Meeting

Quarterly meeting of the board. Location: Hill House, 1110 South Perry Street, Montgomery. For more information, email katherine.lynn@bc.alabama.gov.

Thursday, August 15, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreasures: Food for Thought

White Paths, Red Paths presentation by Dr. Gregory Waselkov, director, Center of Archeological Studies, University of South Alabama. Two hundred years ago on August 30, 1831, Fort Mims became the first major battle of the Creek Indian War. The battle between Redstick Creek warriors and territorial volunteers ended a long period of peaceful coexistence. Waselkov will examine the social forces that converged to spark this transformational event in Alabama history. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free. Sponsors: Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Friends of the Alabama Archives. For more information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call 334-353-4726.

TALLADEGA COUNTY



Ritz Theatre

Saturday, August 17, 6:00 p.m. - 2nd Annual Low Country Shrimp Boil & DrawDown

Enjoy a Talladega Night on the Speedway with seafood and trimmings, libations and entertainment at this second annual event benefiting the Historic Ritz Theatre. Support the Ritz's upcoming performing arts season and children's programming. Location: Infield, Sprint Cup Garages, Talladega Superspeedway, 3366 Speedway Blvd, Lincoln. Tickets: \$120 per couple includes dinner and libations. Sponsor: Historic Ritz Theatre. For more information, call 256-351-0000.

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

Thursday, August 8, 5:15 p.m. - Sundown Lecture Series

The Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society's (TCPS) Sundown Lecture Series for July will feature *Antebellum Alabama* by Jim Phillips. Location: Battle-Friedman House, 1010 Greensboro Ave, Tuscaloosa. Admission: Free to Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society 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. For more information, visit www.HistoricTuscaloosa.org.

News

Alabama Passes Historic Tax Credit Legislation

Great news for preservationists throughout the state was the passage of the Alabama Rehabilitation Tax Credit bill during the 2013 Legislative session. The law provides for tax credits for historic commercial and residential properties. Regulations regarding the application process

will be announced September 1st by the Alabama Historical Commission with an anticipated date of October 1st for accepting applications. For Quick Facts about the Historic Tax Credit law, visit www.alabamatrust.info/preservation-services.php.

Federal Preservation Tax Credit In Danger

U.S. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT) and Ranking Member Orrin Hatch (R-UT) have indicated a "blank slate" plan for tax reform in the next legislative session - a plan that threatens the federal Historic Rehabilitation Act, commonly known the Historic Tax Credit. A letter from Senators Baucus and Hatch asked each member of the Senate to submit the names of those tax credits (referred to in the tax code as "tax expenditures") that senators wished renewed. Lists were due to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee on July 26th. For more information, visit www.preservationaction.org/priorities/historic-tax-credits/.



Main Street Alabama Welcomes New CEO

Main Street Alabama, a statewide non-profit organization, welcomes its first President and CEO, Mary Helmer. Once upon a time, the streets through America's downtowns, the main street, were the arteries of a community's lifeblood. With urban expansion, these arteries withered. Today, the nation's Main Street programs foster revitalizations through historic preservation and rehabilitation of

these once thriving commercial centers. Helmer, former Kansas Main Street Coordinator for the Kansas Department of Commerce, brings to Main Street Alabama extensive experience in community and economic development and historic preservation. To contact Main Street Alabama, email mhelmer81@yahoo.com or write mail Main Street Alabama, P.O. Box 483, Birmingham, AL, 35201.

On the Market - Historic Parks E. Ball House

The historic Parks E. Ball House in Pickens County is for sale by the current owners. On the National Register of Historic Places, this Alabama nineteenth century, brick I-shaped house is looking for an owner who values historic preservation. For more information, visit www.haven-realty.com/idx/mls-92567-9917_co_rd_78_aliceville_al_35442.

WHY HISTORIC PRESERVATION MATTERS - THE BATTLE FOR ALABAMA'S CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

The preservation of Alabama's historical sites tells the story of Alabama, its people and the places that define what it means to be an Alabamian. It's why historic preservation matters.

BATTLES IN PROGRESS

The work of preservation continues thanks to efforts of local preservation groups.

Historic Lyric Theatre, Birmingham

Birmingham Landmark's campaign to restore the historic 100-year old Lyric Theatre has center stage in the revitalizations of the Magic City's downtown theatre district. Save the Lyric has \$4.3M of the \$7M needed to complete the first phase in restoring this grand dame of the theatre to its former glory. Kudos to all those working on behalf of this historic vaudeville venue. For more information or to contribute to Save The Lyric, visit <http://lightuptheLyric.com/save-the-lyric/>.

Historic Searcy House, Tuscaloosa

Owned by the Tuscaloosa County Board of Education, the historic Searcy House (circa 1904) went up for sale at public auction on July 17th. The Neoclassical home was purchased by an individual. The new owner will work with the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society (TCPS) to preserve the mansion, which was named to the 2013 Place in Peril listing. For more information, visit www.HistoricTuscaloosa.org.

Fort Mims State Historical Park, Tensaw

More than 200 years old, Fort Mims is an important historic landmark of Alabama. The site of the beginning of the Creek Indian War, today Fort Mims is fighting against the forces of time, weather, reduced funding and other factors. The Fort Mims Restoration Association, in coordination with the Alabama Historical Commission, supplies volunteers and financial resources from the private sector to preserve and interpret this historic site. To support Fort Mims,

visit www.historictuscaloosa.org.

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