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## **ALERTS**

### **Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation – Board Meeting Scheduled**

The first quarterly board of directors meeting for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) will be held in Montgomery at the historic St. John's Episcopal Church, 113 Madison Ave, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Members of the ATHP and public are welcome to attend.

### **Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation – The First Preservation Roundtable**

Join the Preservation Roundtable discussion and luncheon on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> also at Montgomery's historic St. John's Episcopal Church, 113 Madison Avenue. Hosted by the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, the First Preservation Roundtable will be a time to share the preservation challenges and needs in your community and to help identify statewide priorities for saving Alabama's historic places. Deadline for reservations is Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. To make reservations, call (205) 652-3497 or visit [www.alabamatrust.info/news.php](http://www.alabamatrust.info/news.php)<<http://www.alabamatrust.info/news.php>>.

### **Alabama Historical Commission Announces Historic Museum Position**

The Alabama Historical Commission seeks a part-time museum worker for the Freedom Rides Museum, the historic Montgomery historic Greyhound bus station site where, in May 1961, an integrated group of 21 young college students - known as the Freedom Riders - met mob violence with non-violence and courage. Their actions helped end racial segregation in all interstate transportation. Duties include museum and museum store operations. To apply, visit the AHC website at <http://preserveala.org/employmentopp.aspx>.

## **Alabama Humanities Foundation Grant Deadline**

The Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF) invites Alabama-based nonprofit organizations and public entities to submit requests for funding in support of their public humanities projects, including projects relating to historic venues or initiatives, such as the collecting of oral histories. Grants are not awarded to individuals. Deadline for grant submissions are March 1 and September 1, 2013. For more information, call Thomas Bryant, Grant Director, at (205) 558.3997 or email [tbryant@ahf.net](mailto:tbryant@ahf.net)<<mailto:tbryant@ahf.net>> or visit [www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/](http://www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/)<<http://www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/>>.

## **Call for Places In Peril Nominations**

Nominations for the 2013 Places in Peril listing are due March 1st. A program of the Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, the annual listing of endangered historic places in Alabama brings attention to the importance of preserving Alabama's historic treasures. To nominate an endangered historic place or category, email the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at [alabamatrust@athp.org](mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org) for a nomination form.

## **Main Street Alabama Seeks President/State Coordinator**

Main Street Alabama (MSA) is a statewide nonprofit that serves as Alabama's National Main Street Coordinating Program, overseeing the community-based Four-PointApproach® to revitalize downtown business districts. It emphasizes job creation, public-private partnerships, and strategic use of historic character. For more information, visit [www.alabamatrust.info/news.php](http://www.alabamatrust.info/news.php).

## **On Stage at Monroeville's Historic Courthouse and Museum - Mockingbird Tickets On Sale**

*To Kill a Mockingbird* tickets are on sale to Monroe County Heritage Museum members and to groups of ten. Call (205) 575-7433 or purchase tickets at the Museum. Tickets sales for the general public open on Friday, March 1. The annual production now in its 23rd season is based on Harper Lee's book by the same title. For more information, visit [www.tokillamockingbird.com](http://www.tokillamockingbird.com)<<http://www.tokillamockingbird.com>>.

## **Funding Available to Save Alabama's Historic Places**

The **Endangered Properties Trust** fund of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation is a revolving fund providing intervention and loan dollars to save historic structures in the state. For more information, visit [www.alabamatrust.info/about.php](http://www.alabamatrust.info/about.php)<<http://www.alabamatrust.info/about.php>>

The **Gwyndolyn Turner Endowed Fund**, named for one of Alabama's lifelong preservationists, awards matching grants for preservation planning, heritage education, workshops, conferences and special interventions. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and require a 1:1 cash match. For more information about either fund, contact the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at [alabamatrust@athp.org](mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org)<<mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org>>.

## **Spring Preservation Lyceum Weekend – Visit Alabama's Wiregrass**

Save the date for the first 2013 Preservation Lyceum Weekend in Dothan, Friday, April 5 – Saturday, April 6. Hosted by the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation with Dothan Convention & Visitors Bureau, Cultural Arts Center and Landmark Park. Take advantage of this spring weekend in the Wiregrass to explore the Peanut Capital's historic downtown and adaptations of historic buildings to arts venues. Program with weekend details will be posted March 1st at [www.alabamatrust.info/](http://www.alabamatrust.info/)<<http://www.alabamatrust.info/>>.

## **Summer Preservation Lyceum Weekend – Where to Go**

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation welcomes recommendations for where to hold the summer ATHP board meeting and preservation lyceum during August 2nd and 3rd. What historic places should be explored during the heat of the summer? Invite the ATHP and preservation-minded people across the state to experience your town's historic treasures. Email ideas to [alabamatrust@athp.org](mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org)<<mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org>>.

## **Start the New Year by Preserving Alabama's Historic Treasures**

Begin the New Year by giving with a gift to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and help save Alabama's historic treasures. To make a contribution in support of preservation, call 205-652-3497 or donate online at [www.alabamatrust.info](http://www.alabamatrust.info)<<http://www.alabamatrust.info>>.

## EVENTS

### CLARKE COUNTY

#### **Friday, February 1 – Friday, March 15 – Alabama Folklife Exhibition**

Don't miss *Alabama In the Making: Traditional Arts of People in Places*. Exhibition includes artifacts from the Alabama Center for Tradition and Culture, photographic collections, audio interviews, and video. Location: Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum, Alabama Southern College, Thomasville. Sponsors: Alabama Folklife Association, Alabama Humanities Foundation, Alabama State Council on the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities and Alabama Southern College. For more information, visit [www.alabamainthemaking.com](http://www.alabamainthemaking.com)<<http://www.alabamainthemaking.com/>>.

### MOBILE COUNTY

#### **Thursday, February 20, 5:45 p.m. – An Evening In History**

Bill Finch, executive director of the Mobile Botanical Gardens and garden columnist for the *Mobile Press Register*, will discuss Lost Mobile Gardens. A book signing of his most recent publication *Longleaf, Far As The Eye Can See*, will follow in the Oakleigh Gift Shop. Wine is poured at 5:45; lecture begins promptly at 6:00. Location: Historic Oakleigh Mansion Complex, 300 Oakleigh Place, Mobile. Admission: HMPS Members and guests, Free; Non-Members, \$10. Sponsor: Historic Mobile Preservation Society (HMPS). To make reservations call (251) 432-6161 or email [hmps@bellsouth.net](mailto:hmps@bellsouth.net)<<mailto:hmps@bellsouth.net>>.

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

#### **Monday, February 4 – Thursday, February 28 – Exhibition: The Rosa Parks Series by Amos Paul Kennedy Jr.**

Don't miss artist/printmaker Amos Kennedy's series of work based upon the life and wisdom of Rosa Parks. In celebration of Rosa Park's 100th birth date, a selection of posters based on eleven different themes produced by Kennedy, using Parks words, will be on display. Location: Rosa Parks Museum, 252 Montgomery St, Troy University-Montgomery campus,

Montgomery. For more information, call 334- 241-9701 or visit <http://trojan.troy.edu/community/rosa-parks-museum/index.html>.

### **February 7, 7 p.m. - Old Alabama Town Revue: The Play Is The Thing - Love Songs From Plays**

A Red Door Theatre production featuring the Old Alabama Town Revue players (described as a Deep South “Prairie Home Companion”) will be a treat on Valentine’s Day weekend. Location: Old Church, Columbus Street, Old Alabama Town, Montgomery. For more information, call 334-240-4500.

### **Thursday, February 28, Noon – 1:00 p.m. - Architreats: Food for Thought**

Presentation by Fred D. Grey, Civil Rights attorney, “The Civil Rights Works in Alabama, 1961-1963.” In his autobiography, *Bus Ride to Justice*, Fred Gray wrote, “The decade of the fifties ended with the Civil Rights Movement in full bloom. The buses and parks were integrated in Montgomery, the Civil Rights Act of 1957 had become effective. . . So as far as civil rights were concerned, the sixties opened with a bang.” Gray will discuss these momentous times and events, including the sit-ins, Freedom Rides, and Freedom Walks of the early 1960s. Location: Farley Auditorium, Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, 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](http://www.archives.alabama.gov)<<http://www.archives.alabama.gov>>.

## **TALLADEGA COUNTY**

### **Saturday, February 9, 6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. – Putting on the Ritz Mardi Gras Gala and Auction**

Enjoy Mardi Gras in Talladega County and support the arts education programs of Talladega’s Historic Ritz Theatre. Evening includes dinner by Classic on Noble, music by the Atlanta Allstars, open bar and silent and live auctions. Location: SPEED Dome, Talladega International Motorsports Hall of Fame, Talladega. Reservations: \$90. Sponsor: Historic Ritz Theatre. For more information, call 256-315-0000 or visit [www.talladegamardigras.com](http://www.talladegamardigras.com)<<http://www.talladegamardigras.com>> or [www.talladegaritz.com](http://www.talladegaritz.com)<<http://www.talladegaritz.com>>.

## NEWS

### **Alabama History Documentaries On Air on Alabama Public Television**

February is a good month for viewing documentaries about Alabama's historic peoples and place). Coming to you during the evenings on APT are the award-winning films *The Quilmakers of Gee's Bend* (2005) on Monday the 4th at 9:00 and Sunday the 10th at 10:00 and *Justice without Violence: The Montgomery Bus Boycott* (2006) on the 10th at 4:00 and Tuesday the 19th at 8:30. Rounding out the month is *Missile to Moon* (2012), the story of rocket scientist Wernher von Braun and Huntsville's U.S. Space and Rocket Center, on Monday the 11th at 9:00, Tuesday the 19th at 7:00 and Thursday the 21st at 9:00.

### **Raising the Roof for Preservation**

Damaged by fire in January 2011, Birmingham's oldest school building has been saved and is looking for a new owner. Interested in developing a historic school into a new purpose? Contact Mike Calvert, Powell School Project Director at [michaelalancalvert@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelalancalvert@yahoo.com) or David B. Schneider, Sr. Director of Preservation Services at 256-310-6320. For more information, visit [www.alabamatrust.info/powell.php](http://www.alabamatrust.info/powell.php) or [www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10200342633992309&set=o.103223442413&type=1&theater<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10200342633992309&set=o.103223442413&type=1&theater>](http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10200342633992309&set=o.103223442413&type=1&theater=http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10200342633992309&set=o.103223442413&type=1&theater)

### **Demolition Saves Mobile's Historic Cook's House**

Sounds counter-intuitive? Sometimes demolition work is just what is needed to save a historic building. February 1st, the Historic Mobile Preservation Society began the first stages of restoration for the Cook's House, located on the Oakleigh Historic Complex. Phase One of the restoration will be the selective removal of none historic materials from the structure. Architect and Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation board member, Ben Cummings, will oversee the project and guide the delicate phase to uncover the original materials and footprint of the cottage. One of the last standing detached kitchens and servant's living quarters standing in Mobile, once restored the Cook's House will open in August as Mobile's first African-American period house museum. Dedicated to the post-Emancipation life experience in

Mobile, it will be a tour stop on the Dora Franklin Finley African American Heritage Trail of Mobile.

*To make a contribution toward the \$225,000 needed for restoration of the historic structure, mail checks made payable to The Cook's House Restoration Fund, 300 Oakleigh Place, Mobile, AL 36604 or visit go to [www.historicmobile.org](http://www.historicmobile.org)<<http://www.historicmobile.org>>.*

### **SHARE PRESERVATION NEWS AND STORIES STATEWIDE**

To send Event information and News stories to the ATHP for the March e-newsletter, email the ATHP at [alabamatrust@athp.org](mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org)<<mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org>> by February 20<sup>th</sup>.