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Alerts

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation - Board Meets - Public Welcomed

The board of directors for the Alabama Trust will hold its summer quarterly 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.

Preservation Lyceum Weekends - Mark Your Calendar

Mark calendars for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation's (ATHP) quarterly Preservation Lyceums for the first weekends in August and November.

- **2013 Summer 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/.

- **2013 Fall Preservation Lyceum, November 1 - 2**

Join the ATHP to 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.



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.

Events

BALDWIN COUNTY



Tuesdays in July - 1861 Civil War Candlelight Tours

A summer evening walking tour in historic Ft. Morgan - most famous for its role in the Civil War Battle of Mobile Bay. Tours end with a firing of one of Fort's canons.

- July 2 - Visitors experience historical vignettes of mid-nineteenth century fort life.
- July 9 - Visitors experience historical vignettes of mid-nineteenth century fort life.
- July 16 - Visitors experience historical vignettes of mid-nineteenth century fort life.
- July 23 - Visitors experience historical vignettes of mid-nineteenth century fort life.
- July 30 - Visitors experience historical vignettes of mid-nineteenth century fort life.

Location: Fort Morgan State Historical Park, 51 Hwy 180-W, Gulf Shores. For admission fees, times and more information, visit <http://www.fortmorgan.org/> or call (251) 540-7202.

Thursday, July 4, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Salute to American Independence

Celebrate the Fourth of July at historic Fort Morgan (circa 1834) with tours of the historic fortification, Civil War small arms demonstrations and artillery (canon) firings on the Water Battery. Fort Morgan was active during Civil War, Spanish-American War and World Wars I and II. Location: Fort Morgan State Historical Park, 51 Hwy 180-W, Gulf Shores. For admission fees and more information, visit <http://www.fortmorgan.org/> or call (251) 540-7202.

BARBOUR COUNTY

Monday, July 8 - Wednesday, July 10, 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Hand-On History Day Camp

Morning camp program includes history and art projects. Location: Fendall Hall, Barbour Street, Eufaula (*one mile west from intersection of Barbour and US Hwys 431/82*). For more information, call (334) 687-8469 or email fendallh@bellsouth.net.

Sunday, July 14 - Historic Fendall Hall Yard Sale

Annual yard sale at historic Fendall Hall to benefit the Friends of Fendall Hall. Location: Fendall Hall, Barbour Street, Eufaula (*one mile west from intersection of Barbour and US Hwys 431/82*). Sponsors: Eufaula volunteers. For more information, call (334) 687-8469 or email fendallh@bellsouth.net.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Thursday, July 4, 9:00 p.m. - Thunder on the Mountain

Birmingham's annual Independence Day fireworks display will illuminate the historic Vulcan statue and from Red Mountain. Viewing of the fireworks is best from clear site lines north of the Iron Man. Location: Red Mountain, Birmingham. Sponsors: City of Birmingham, Callahan Eye Foundation, Dale's Seasoning, Good People Brewing Co., Pyro Productions, Summit Media and FOX6-WBRC-TV. For more information, visit www.visitvulcan.com or call (205) 933-1409.

Monday, July 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.

HOUSTON COUNTY

Sundays in July, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Landmark Park Heritage Forums
Landmark Park's annual Heritage Forum lecture series kicks off. Lectures qualify for Continuing Education or Professional Development credit. See details below.

- July 7 - *The Omussee Creek Indian Mound and Peoples Who Built It: A Discussion of Recent Archaeological and Historic Analysis* presented by Dr. Steven Harris, ENTCare of Dothan.
- July 14 - *The Tuskegee Airman* presented by Dr. Daniel Haulman, Air Force Historical Research Agency.
- July 21- *Voices from the Margins: Common Whites in Confederate Alabama* presented by Dr. Victoria Ott, Associate Professor of History, Birmingham-Southern College.
- July 28 - *Loggin' and Farmin': How Forest Industries and Agriculture Changed the Wiregrass Landscape* presented by Dr. William (Billy) Byrd, Brookstone School.

Location: Landmark Park, US Hwy 431, Dothan. Admission: Lecture free; gate fee for entrance to the Park (Adults \$4; Kids \$3, Members free). Sponsor: Wells Fargo. For more information, email laurav@landmarkspark.com or call (334) 794-3452.

Monday, July 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 1900s 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.

MONROE COUNTY

Wednesday, July 17, 9:00 a.m. to noon - *Scenes and Stories of Monroeville: A To Kill a Mockingbird Workshop*

Celebrate America's most beloved novel with a morning in Monroeville's Old Courthouse as the citizens of Monroeville share their life stories to help teachers and readers of *To Kill a Mockingbird* understand the connections between Harper Lee's hometown of Monroeville and the fictional Maycomb of Lee's novel.

Location: Old Courthouse Museum, 31 North Alabama Avenue, Monroeville. Admission: Free. *Note: SARIC credit given for teachers.* Sponsor: Monroe County Heritage Museum. For more information, contact the Museum at (251) 575-7433.

Wednesday, July 24, 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. - *Monroe County History Tour*

Learn more about Monroe County's historic places - a county that's older than the state of Alabama. Attendees will learn about historical events and sites that focus on early Alabama history, including the Indian Territory era, pioneer settlement, and the significance of the Federal Road, mill towns, and steamboat traffic on the Alabama River. Teachers are given first priority; the general public is welcomed. Seating is limited. SARIC credit for teachers. To register, email mchm@frontier.net by July 12th. Location: Old Courthouse Museum, 31 North Alabama Avenue, Monroeville. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Monroe County Heritage Museum. *Bus loads at 7:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch.* For more information, contact Wanda Green at (251) 575-7433.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Monday, July 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 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.

Thursday, July 18, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreats: Food for Thought

Cars Fell on Alabama: The Automotive Industry Comes to Alabama presented by Bill Taylor, President of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama (EDPA), and Archie Craft, Vice President of Human Resources at Mercedes-Benz International, Inc. The year 2013 marks the 20th anniversary of Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. (MBUSI)'s decision to locate an assembly plant in Alabama. The arrival of MBUSI ignited the car industry in Alabama heading the caravan of other automobile manufacturers to travel the similar road to Alabama. 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 <http://www.archives.alabama.gov/> or call (334) 353-4726.

Thursday, July 18, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Shape Note Singing

Don't miss this performance by shape-note singers using Alabama historical hymnals published during an earlier century. Shape Note hymns include those drawn from the *The Sacred Harp*, *Christian Harmony* and *The Colored Sacred Harp* hymnals with the Sacred Harp songs performed in a cappella (voice only). Note: "Shape Note" hymnals have the musical score printed not in the uniform musical notes, but rather in special shapes. Admission: Free. Location: Loeb Reception Center, Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Old Alabama Town/Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit www.oldalabamatown.com or call (334) 240-4500.

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

July 11, 5:15 - 7:00 p.m. - Sundown Lecture Series

Genealogy 102 presented by Mr. R. L. Guffin. Enjoy an evening learning more about Tuscaloosa County's history. Refreshments served promptly at 5:15 p.m.; lecture begins at 5:45 p.m. Location: Jemison-Van de Graaff Mansion. Admission: Free to Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society members; Non-Members \$5. 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 Historic 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.

To read the legislation, click [here](#).

2013 Places in Peril Announced

A 20-year program of the Alabama Historical Commission and Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Places In Peril is an annual listing calling attention to some of Alabama's most endangered historic places. This year's list includes ten sites in Colbert, Hale, Jefferson, Madison, Marshall, Mobile, Montgomery, Pickens, Pike, Tuscaloosa counties. For more information and view the 2013 Places in Peril sites, visit www.alabamatrust.info/advocacy.php.

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 Lost

Historic Kilgore House, Tuscaloosa

Local and state efforts to save the historic Kilgore House (circa 1890) in Tuscaloosa failed. The Kilgore House, located on the University of Alabama campus, was demolished (rather than moved) to make room for development of the campus. The Kilgore House was the last remaining campus structure marking the admittance of women to the University. In a day and age when today's coed could not image being denied admittance to higher education based on her gender, the Kilgore House was a symbol of a historically significant event for women then and now.

Historic Stage Coach Inn, Bibb County

Noted as "too important to lose" by Robert Gamble, senior architectural historian for the Alabama Historical Commission, the 19th century inn is no longer standing. Efforts find a new owner and relocate the building by the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, the trustees of the ATHP's Endangered Properties Trust fund and preservation consultant David B. Schneider were unsuccessful. The building was sold for salvage. Its demise is a lost opportunity to preserve and interpret the history of 19th century Alabama.

<http://tour.ua.edu/tourstops/kilgore.html>

<http://cw.ua.edu/2013/05/15/ua-tuscaloosas-marriage-not-enough-to-save-historic-kilgore-house/>

Battles In Progress

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

Historic Chappell House, Montgomery

In Montgomery, a different story is evident in local efforts to save the Chappell House, a key corner structure in the City's historic Capitol Heights Neighborhood. Slated for demolition by the City, the Capitol Heights Investment Club, with the assistance of Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, purchased the building in May. Preservation volunteers have cleared brush obscuring the house from the view of potential buyers. Current efforts to preserve the Chappell House and repair it for sale to a preservation-minded owner are underway. The investment club and Landmarks are soliciting donations, grants and materials to help with the preservation of this key property. For more information about how to join the effort or purchase the home, contact Christy Anderson at (334) 625-2041 or Steve Jones at (334) 625-3633.

<http://The1802MadisonProject.blogspot.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Save1802MadisonProject>

Historic Searcy House, Tuscaloosa

Owned by the Tuscaloosa County Board of Education, the historic Searcy House (circa 1904) was up for sale and, if not sold, scheduled for demolition by the City of Tuscaloosa. The Neoclassical home was constructed by Tuscaloosa banker and business man George Searcy. Architectural features include original mantles and a large decorative window on the second floor. During a later renovation, an 1840s circular staircase from E.N.C. Snow was installed. To rescue the historic home, a Limited Liability Partnership association developed through the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society purchased the building. The LLP will put the Searcy House up for public sale. Watch the Alabama Trust website at www.alabamatrust.info/ for posting of the sale.

www.lightscameraalabama.com/secure/videopages/searcy.html

www.lightscameraalabama.com/secure/videopages/searcy2.html

Battles Won!

Good news for preservationists are the success stories of historic structures previously imperiled and saved. Among these is the Hassinger-Daniels Mansion.

Historic Hassinger-Daniels Mansion, Birmingham

Shelia and Ira Chaffin are the heroes of this story. Located on Birmingham's historic Highlands Avenue in Five Points South, the mansion was closed in 1976. Built in 1898, the structure was among the Alabama 2013 Places In Peril listings. Recently renovated and re-adapted as a B&B, the Victorian Queen Ann-styled house reopened in June to applause by Birmingham

preservationists.

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