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## Alerts

### **Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation - Board Meets - Public Welcome**

The board of directors for the Alabama Trust will hold its fall meeting on Friday, November 1 from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church/Unitarian-Universalist Church, 450 East Thatch Avenue, Auburn. Members of the organization and the general public are welcome to attend meetings.

### **Fall Preservation Lyceum Weekend - One Day Left to Register!**

Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation in exploring the religious roots and architecture of Lee and Macon counties, Friday, November 1- Saturday, November 2. Visit local sacred spaces from historic churches, to old cemeteries, to early revival campgrounds. For program schedule and registration information, visit [www.alabamatrust.info](http://www.alabamatrust.info).

### **Historic Mooresville Holiday Home Tour and Progressive Dinner Ticket Sales Open**

Payment required with reservation via PayPal or check mailed to P.O. Box 42, Mooresville, AL 35649. For more information visit [www.mooresvilleal.com/progressive-dinner](http://www.mooresvilleal.com/progressive-dinner) or call 256-355-2683.

### **Oakleigh Historic Holiday Tour Reservations Opens**

December holiday tour reservations for groups of ten or more can be made now by [emailingmanager@oakleighmansion.org](mailto:emailingmanager@oakleighmansion.org) or calling 251-432-1281 or 251-454-1967.

### **Promote Holiday Historic Events - Promoting Historic Preservation Locally**

For historic preservation or history organizations, send information about December holiday fundraising events for listing in the December e-newsletter to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at [alabamatrust@athp.org](mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org). Deadline for inclusion in the newsletter is November 20th.

## Events

## **DALLAS COUNTY**

### **Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - How to Publish Your Story**

Take advantage of this second genealogy workshop and learn how to publish the history of your family from guest presenter Sharon Diggs-Jackson. Location: Selma-Dallas County Library, 1103 Selma Ave., Selma. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Black Belt African American Genealogical and History Society. For more information, visit [www.bbaaghs.org](http://www.bbaaghs.org) or call 205-540-2806.

## **ELMORE COUNTY**



### **Wednesday, November 6 - Sunday, November 10 - Alabama Frontier Days**

Visit Fort Toulouse/Jackson Park, the historical backdrop for Alabama Frontier Days. Learn what life was like in the frontier South during the early years of European and American exploration and settlement, 1700-1820. Experience period trades and crafts demonstrated by living history specialists and craftsmen in costume. Location: Fort Toulouse/Fort Jackson, 2521 West Fort Toulouse Road, Wetumpka. Sponsor: Alabama

Historical Commission. For information about times, admission and program, email [ftjack1@bellsouth.net](mailto:ftjack1@bellsouth.net) or call 334-567-3002.

## **JEFFERSON COUNTY**

### **Friday, November 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](http://www.bcric.org) or call 205-328-9696, extension-234.

## **MOBILE COUNTY**

### **Sunday, November 3, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Preservation Pedals Old Mobile**

Take a bike tour of historic Mobile architecture and help raise money for bike racks and a bike parking station on the grounds of the Oakleigh. Hot dogs and dessert will be served. A tour of Oakleigh will commence following the ride. Tour Start: Oakleigh Historic Complex, 350 Oakleigh Place, Mobile. Sponsors: Mobilians On Bikes, Historic Mobile Preservation Society. Proceeds benefit Oakleigh Historic Complex. For more information, call (251) 432-6161 or email [hmps@bellsouth.net](mailto:hmps@bellsouth.net).

### **Saturday, November 9, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Old Cahawba Bus Trip**

Visit Old Cahawba Archeological Park with a fall tour of Alabama's first state capitol city and early Native American village site. Includes presentations, a two-hour wagon or bike tour, barbeque lunch and transportation. For cyclist, bring your bike, storage is available under the bus. Location: Bus departs and returns to Oakleigh Historic Complex. Tickets: \$60 per person. For reservations, mail check to HMPS, 300 Oakleigh Place, Mobile, AL 36604.

## **MONROE COUNTY**

### **Thursday, November 7 - Saturday, November 9, 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Pioneer Days & Cane Syrup Making**

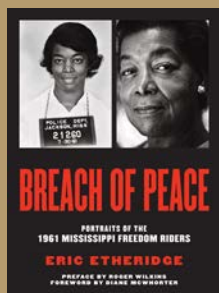
Teachers statewide are invited to bring their history and social studies classes of all ages. Students visit a restored 1845 grist mill for a full day of interactive learning with hands-on experiences, such as helping wash clothes, seeing yarn being made, observing basket making, playing old-timey instruments, walking nature trails and much more. Mac the Mule helps grind sugar cane into juice to make cane syrup. Water turns stones to grind fresh cornmeal. Lend a hand as candle makers dip wicks into wax, while the local blacksmith creates unique pieces from raw metals. The general public is invited for Saturday activities. Location: Rikard's Mill Historic

Park, Beatrice. Sponsor: Monroe County Heritage Museum. Admission: \$5 per student; teachers and chaperones free on Thursday and Friday. For more information, visit <http://www.tokillamockingbird.com/#!calendar/c1dl8>.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

### Friday, November 1, Noon - Breach of Peace: Portraits of the 1961 Mississippi Freedom Rides, Lecture

Eric Etheridge, *Breach of Peace* photographer and national magazine editor, will explore the questions of "Who were the 1961 Freedom Riders?" among other questions contemplated as he photographed those willing to brave jails and racial segregation in America. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Alabama Historical Commission and Freedom Rides Museum.



### Friday, November 1, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 2, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Road to Equality, The 1961 Freedom Bus Rides Exhibition, Gallery Tour and Book Signing

Gallery tour by photographer and author Eric Etheridge of the exhibition taken from his book *Breach of Peace*. The exhibit contrasts mug shots of Mississippi Freedom Riders with contemporary portraits and commentary offering deep insights. The exhibit 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. For more information, visit [www.freedomridesmuseum.org](http://www.freedomridesmuseum.org) call 334-242-3188.

### Thursday, November 21, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreasures: Food for Thought

*Diamonds in the Rough: A History of Alabama's Cahaba Coal Field* lecture presented by James. S. Day. 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](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call 334-353-4726.

## SUMTER COUNTY



### Friday, November 8, 7:00 p.m. - "Sucarnochee Revue"

"The Sucarnochee Revue" will feature "Duck Dynasty's" guitar phenom Tony Pasko as well as young up and coming artists New Country artists Jackson Capps, Anna Tamborello and Jessica Strenth. Pasko's music and guitar work is heard on the top rated TV show "Duck Dynasty." First aired in 2005, "The Sucarnochee Revue" has been featured on radio worldwide via the Internet, public and commercial television. Location: Bibb Graves Auditorium, University of West Alabama, Livingston. Admission: Tickets \$5 each. For more information, please call Jacky Jack White at (205) 499-9988 or email [jack.white@bellsouth.net](mailto:jack.white@bellsouth.net).

## TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

### Tuesday, November 5 - Century Club Party

Annual Century Club membership event for the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society. Membership includes special social events, discounts for use of the Battle-Friedman House, free admittance for guests at the Battle-Friedman House and the participation in nominating Tuscaloosa Belles. For more information about the Century Club or to make reservations for the November 5 event, visit [www.HistoricTuscaloosa.org](http://www.HistoricTuscaloosa.org) or call 205-758-2238.

# News

Alabama History On-Air



**WWII: Alabama Remembers**, Alabama Public Television's (APT) award-winning documentary, produced in 2007 as a companion to Ken Burns' documentary series *The War*, will air on APT Friday, November 7 at 9:00 p.m. For more information about Alabama Remembers, visit <http://www.aptv.org/docs/detail.asp?DocID=12>. For video streaming, visit APT at <http://www.aptv.org/watch/index.php>.

**Journey Proud**, a documentary series about Alabama's folk traditions and practitioners, with Alabama's favorite cultural anthropologist Joey Brackner as host, airs two new episodes on Sunday, November 17 at 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 21 at 9:00 and 9:30 p.m. *Journey Proud* visits the Black Belt's Sumter County BBQ Clubs and Alabama's Appalachian foothills of Calhoun County for Sacred Heart Singing. *Journey Proud* is produced by Alabama Public Television and the Alabama State Council on the Arts. For more information, visit <http://www.aptv.org/series/1915/Journey-Proud>.

**Mama Called**, the story of Paul "Bear" Bryant, will air on APT Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Marking the centennial birth of the legendary University of Alabama coach, *Mama Called* was produced by the Paul W. Bryant Museum and the University of Alabama Center for Public Television and Radio.



**The Tuskegee Airman**, the historic documentary about the WWII African-American pilots trained at Moton Field in Tuskegee, airs on APT at 10:00 p.m., Monday, November 11. These pilots broke the color barrier in the air and on the ground - a battle on two fronts fighting the Axis powers in Europe and North Africa and racism on the home front.

### **Birmingham Uses Preservation to Liven Up the City - Why Main Street Programs Are Important**

As part of the major overhaul of the historic **Lyric Theater** in downtown Birmingham, the theatre's new marquee was lit during a ceremony attended by thousands. More than \$5 million has been raised in a \$7 million campaign to restore the former historic Vaudeville theatre due, in large part, to support from the Birmingham business community, which understands that historic preservation is a vital economic tool for today's livable cities. To see a slideshow of the Lyric theatre lighting, click [here](#). To read more about the Lyric's restoration, click [here](#).

Birmingham's **Pepper Place** received an Award for Excellence from the Urban Land Institute's Atlanta division for its reuse of an old **Dr. Pepper Syrup Plant** transforming a sagging part of the city into a thriving area of Birmingham. For more information about the award and to see a video of developer Cathy Sloss Jones talking about the 20-year project, click [here](#).

James Beard Award-winning chef Frank Stitt, owner of **Highland's Bar & Grill** and **Bottega**, restaurants located in Birmingham historic structures, was a guest chef on *CBS This Morning*. To see the video from the show, click [here](#). Stitt's venerable Highlands Bar and Grill also was highlighted in a *New York Times* magazine "Food & Drink" issue (click [here](#) to read) in which Highland's was praised for its 30-year longevity in the City's historic Five Points neighborhood. Stitt was also favored in the August issue of *Garden and Gun* [read](#). Chef Frank Stitt one of Alabama's culinary masters as well an active preservationist with four restaurants located in historic venues in Birmingham.

### **Alabama Historic House Museum Trail In Development**

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) is partnering with the Alabama Tourism Department in creating an on-line Alabama House Museum Trail guide. During the fall, a survey will be distributed to historic house museums, collecting pertinent descriptive data and photographs for each museum house. This information will be gathered and organized with a target date of publishing the online guide of Alabama's Historic House Museums during the spring to promote heritage tourism statewide. Directors, managers or public information officers of historic period house museums in Alabama are asked to send contact information to [alabamatrust@athp.org](mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org) marked attention to Rhonda P. Davis, ATHP board of director.

### **Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Application - Status Report**

The law provides tax credits for rehabilitating historic commercial and residential properties. With \$20 million in tax credits available each year, the AHC is reviewing applications and reserving credits in the order in which applications were received beginning October 1, 2013. The Historical Commission accepts applications on a continuing basis. When more than one application is received on the same day, a lottery determines the order of review. Once the annual tax credit allocation of \$20 million is reserved for a year, remaining applications are placed on a waiting list.

The AHC invites comments on the Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit regulations until 5:00 p.m. on November 4, 2013. Send written comments to Attention: John R. Powell, Jr., Alabama Historical Commission, 468 South Perry Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900. Phone: 334-230-2654.

Regulations detailing the program and application materials are posted on the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) website. Applications for the first round were due October 1st. For more information, visit [http://preserveala.org/taxcredits.aspx?sm=i\\_b](http://preserveala.org/taxcredits.aspx?sm=i_b). For information about the program, contact Jennifer Bailey at [jennifer.bailey@preserveala.org](mailto:jennifer.bailey@preserveala.org) or 334-230-2643.

### **Battle to Save B.B. Comer Bridge Stands Firm**

Efforts in Scottsboro to save the historic B.B. Comer Bridge from being demolished continues to gather strength. Recent information from the Comer Bridge Preservation Group reports the Comer Bridge preservation group indicates the contractor to demolish the bridge has agreed to consider preservation plans during a December site visit. The Comer Bridge Foundation is seeking \$11,000 in charitable contributions to fund bridge preservation consultants and a site plan development. For more information, visit <http://comerbridge.org/support-cbf.html> or the Friends of the B.B. Comer Bridge at [www.facebook.com/groups/123231444445454/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/123231444445454/).

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

The preservation of Alabama's historical sites and artifacts tell the story of Alabama, its people and the places that define what it means to be an Alabamian. Support the preservation of Alabama's historic treasures with a gift to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and your local preservation organization.

To make a contribution to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, visit [www.alabamatrust.info](http://www.alabamatrust.info) or call 205-652-3497 or send a check to ATHP, Station 45, UWA, Livingston, AL 35470.

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

To send EVENT information and NEWS stories for November issue of the Preservation E-newsletter by November 20. Email [alabamatrust@athp.org](mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org). Please flag for Preservation E-News.

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