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Fall Preservation Lyceum Weekend - Friday, November 1 - Saturday, November 2 ***Register Now! Explore the Religious Roots of Lee and Macon Counties***

Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation in exploring the religious roots and architecture of Lee and Macon counties. Visit local sacred spaces from historic churches, to old cemeteries, to early revival campgrounds. For program schedule and registration information, visit www.alabamatrust.info or link directly at <http://www.alabamatrust.info/pdf/2013/peril/ATHPLYceumFall%202013.pdf>

Deadline Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Application - October 1

The new law provides tax credits for rehabilitating historic commercial and residential properties. Regulations detailing the program and application materials are posted on the Alabama Historical Commission website. For more information, visit http://preserveala.org/taxcredits.aspx?sm=i_b.

Deadline Board Nominations for Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation - October 1

Members of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation are invited to submit nominations for the 2013 board of directors. Nominations are sought for individuals with experience in preservation as volunteers, community leaders and/or professional organizations. Statewide representation on the ATHP board is desirable. Nominations are reviewed by the governance committee of the board chaired by board vice-president Devereaux Bemis for final selection of candidates to be elected in December. Deadline for nominations is October 1. For questions, email alabamatrust@athp.org marked attention D. Bemis. To nominate a candidate, visit www.alabamatrust.info/.

Events

BLOUNT COUNTY



Saturday, October 26, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Blount County Covered Bridge Festival

Festival features tours of Blount County's preserved and restored historic covered bridges. The festival starts with a pancake breakfast. Vintage cars, music and crafts add to the festivities. For hardy souls, the festival

hosts a 5K run. Location: Downtown Oneonta. For more information, visit www.blountoneontachamber.org or call 205-274-2153.

CULLMAN COUNTY

Saturday, October 19 - Sunday, October 20 - Alabama Gourd Festival

Celebrating Alabama's folk tradition and historical legacy of using gourds as dippers, bowls, bird houses and a host of other things. Don't miss this year's festival of juried gourd-geousness. Meet gourd artists and growers. Festival includes demonstrations for old and young alike and activities for children. Hours: Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Location: Civic Center, 510 5th Street SW, Cullman. For more information, visit www.alabamagourdsociety.org or call 256-355-4634.

Journey Proud Premiering October 20th at 6:00 p.m. with Gourd Houses

Watch the premiere episode of Alabama Public Television's *Journey Proud*, a documentary series about Alabama's folk practitioners and practices. See **NEWS** below for more information.

COLBERT COUNTY

Thursday, October 10 - Thursday, October 31, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Historic Quilt Show

Enjoy northwest Alabama with a trip to see an exhibit of beautifully crafted vintage quilts on display at Belle Mont Mansion. Combine the trip with a stop at Pond Spring, the historic home of Confederate General Fighting "Joe" Wheeler. Location: Belle Mont Mansion, Tuscumbia. Admission: Adults \$5; Seniors/Military \$4; Students \$3. *Proceeds benefit Belle Monte Mansion.* For more information, Sunday hours and directions, email psdirector@hiwaay.net or call 256-637-8513.

DALLAS COUNTY

Friday, October 18, 7:00 pm. - 10:30 p.m. - Haunted History Tours - Cahawba Spirits Investigated

At Old Cahawba, hear the voices of the past. Take a rare, moonlight tour to this abandoned 19th century town, reportedly one of Alabama's most haunted sites. Seats for the 90-minute deluxe wagon tour are limited. *(Some walking is required.)* Advanced tickets are required. For tickets, program information and starting location, call the Selma-Dallas County Tourism & Convention Bureau at (800) 45-SELMA.

Saturday, October 19, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Walking Tour for Archeology Fans

Hear The Dead Speak by joining Old Cahawba archeologists for a special walking tour of the historic park. Be an "above ground" archeologist and discover the messages of Cahawba's relic-ridden landscape. *Bring walking shoes, cameras and an abundance of curiosity.* Location: Old Cahawba Archeological Park, 9518 Cahawba Road, Orrville. For ticket and more program information, call 334-872-8058 or visit www.cahawba.com.

Saturday, October 19, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Genealogy 101

Take advantage of this first of two genealogy workshops and learn how to research your family history from guest presenter Elvin D. Lang. (Second workshop, *How to Publish Your Story*, to be held November 16.) 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 or call 205-540-2806.

GREENE COUNTY



Saturday, October 12 - Sunday, October 13 - Historic Eutaw Annual Tour of Homes

Spend a fall weekend touring historic Greene County, named for Revolutionary War hero Nathaniel Greene. Visit selected historic homes of Eutaw. Tour includes five historic homes and two churches. Tour Hours: Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Ticket Location: Vaughn-Morrow House, 310 Main Street, Eutaw. Ticket cost per person: Adults \$20; Groups of 10 or more \$15; Children under 12 yrs. \$10. Sponsor: Greene County Historical Society.

Proceeds benefit the Greene County Historical Society. For more information, visit www.greencountyhistoricalsociety.org or call Michael Tuner (205-292-0015) or Ralph Liverman (205-372-9878).

HOUSTON COUNTY

Saturday, October 26, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Wiregrass Heritage Festival

Learn how peanuts were harvested in the Wiregrass in the late 1800s. Enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of cane grinding, syrup making, butter churning, basket weaving, soap making and other traditional farm activities. There's food, music, antique farm equipment, an old fashioned tractor pull and parade, and the annual Landmark Park Quilt Show. Location: Landmark Park, 430 Landmark Drive, Dothan. For admission fee and festival schedule, visit www.landmarkpark.com or call 334-794-3452.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Sunday, September 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 and working men and women. Location: Vulcan Park and Museum, 1701 Valley View Drive, Birmingham. Admission: Varies by age. For more information, times and specifics, visit www.visitvulcan.com.

Sunday, September 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.bcricri.org or call 205-328-9696, extension-234.

MOBILE COUNTY

Saturday, October 12, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 20th Annual Colonial Isle Dauphine

A living history day exploring life on the Gulf Coast before Historic Fort Gaines was built. Meet pirates, colonial soldiers and craftsmen doing period demonstrations. Location: 51 Bienville Blvd., Dauphin Island. Ticket charge for admission to Fort Gaines. For more information, visit www.dauphinisland.org or call 251-861-6992.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Tuesday, October 1 - Monday March 31, 2014 - Road to Equality, 2013, The 1961 Freedom Bus Rides Exhibition

The new exhibit, "The Road to Equality, 2013," pairs freedom riders' 1961 mug shots with recent photographs and memories and includes a number of photographs of freedom riders taken by Eric Etheridge as part of his book, "Breach of Peace." 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.

Friday, October 4, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Fall Fest

Have a dancing good time at this annual fall fundraiser! Enjoy craft beer tasting, tavern fare by Jennie Weller, live music by the Goat Hill String Band and a Silent Auction full of goodies. Original artwork by Amos Kennedy will be for sale. Location: Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Ticket per person: \$10. Sponsor: Old Alabama Town/Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. *Proceeds benefit Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery.* For more information, visit www.oldalabamatown.com or www.facebook.com/oldalabamatown.

Thursday, October 17, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreasures: Food for Thought

Alabama and the War of 1812 presented by Jeannie and David Heidler. In the early 19th century, Alabama was the crossroads of conflict for both the Creek War and the War of 1812. During the final land phase of the conflict, Alabama's coast became the focus of British attempts to control the gulf and other American ports. Award-winning scholars and historians Jeannie and David Heidler discuss the pivotal role Alabama played during the War of 1812 and the impact this conflict had on the region. 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.

PIKE COUNTY



Friday, October 11 - Saturday, October 12, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Pioneer Days

Pioneer Days offers horse and wagon rides, trips on the Pioneer Express, Native American camps with demonstrations of candle making, spinning, weaving, quilt making, blacksmithing, drum and dance demonstrations. Friday is School Day. Location: Pioneer Museum of Alabama, Troy. For more information, visit www.pioneer-museum.org.

SUMTER COUNTY

Saturday, October 19, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Halloween in Historic Gainesville

Children will enjoy trick-or-treating, face painting, hayrides, costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest, moon bounce, and frightening good time in historic Gainesville! The event is at the Gainesville Town Square for children up to age 12. No admission. There will also be a chili cook-off for adults.

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

Thursday, October 24, 6:00 p.m. - What A Difference Preservation Makes

Annual Tuscaloosa County preservation awards banquet and ceremony. Join the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society in honoring the work and achievements of local preservationists. Enjoy an evening in re-adapted historic space - space slated for demolition, but saved by the dedication and work of local preservationists. The Cultural Arts Center is named in honor of the late, renowned musical artist and jazz singer Dinah Washington. Location: Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center, 600 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa. Tickets per person: \$50. Reservation Deadline: Tues., October 15. To make reservations, call 205-758-2238. For more information, visit www.HistoricTuscaloosa.org.

News

Advocates Work to Defeat Proposed Cuts to Federal Funding for Historic Preservation

America's Voice for Conservation, Recreation, and Preservation - a coalition of organizations and businesses that seeks federal support of outdoor recreation and the preservation of natural and cultural resources - sent a letter to Senator Harry Reid and U.S. Representative John Boehner in response to proposed cuts in historic preservation funding. The letter stressed conservation and preservation projects are funded by approximate 1% of the federal budget, yet yield significant

economic and ethical benefits to the United States. The letter to the Appropriations Committee is [here](#). The National Trust for Historic Preservation has signed both letters. To read the America's Voice letter and add your name as a signatory, visit www.avcrp.org.

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 marked attention to Rhonda P. Davis, ATHP board of director.



Alabama Public Television (APT) Premieres Series Documenting Alabama's Folk Traditions

Premiering the first two episodes Sunday, October 20 at 6:00 and 6:30 p.m., *Journey Proud* is a documentary series highlighting the folk traditions of Alabama. A joint production of APT and the Alabama State Council on the Arts, the series is hosted by Joey Brackner, Director of the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture. *Journey Proud* canvases the Alabama's highways and

byways interviewing and recording Alabama's folk practitioners. For more information, visit <http://journeyproudalabama.com/>.



Battle to Save B.B. Comer Bridge Stands Firm

Efforts in Scottsboro to save the historic B.B. Comer Bridge from demolition continues to gather strength. Friends of the bridge are focusing efforts on persuading the U.S. Coast Guard to strike the B.B. Comer from its list of bridges recommended for demolition in 2015. In the meantime, local supporters are awaiting the results of review by the Alabama Historical Commission to add the Comer to its state

register for historic places. Recognized bridge preservation consultant Julie Bowers is working with the Friends group and the B.B. Comer Bridge Foundation has been established.

The B.B. Comer Bridge was completed in 1931. It is the last of 15 original toll bridges remaining, which were built by the Alabama State Bridge Corporation in the late 1920s through the early 1930s. The structure is slated for demolition in 2015. Those interested in preserving this historic structure spanning the Tennessee River in North Alabama, visit the Comer Bridge Foundation at <http://comerbridge.org/support-cbf.html> or the Friends of the B.B. Comer Bridge at www.facebook.com/groups/123231444445454/.



Civil Rights Events in Alabama Focus for Live, Web-Interactive Field Trips

Designed for middle and high school civics, government and history classes, *Project C: Lessons from the American Civil Rights Movement*, is a Web-interactive experience spanning three years. Produced by Alabama Public Television, *Project C* will take Alabama students and teachers online using historic Alabama Civil Rights events to teach the importance and practice of civic engagement. Planned as a three-year series of field trips focusing on anniversary events in Birmingham, Selma and Montgomery, the first webcast is

Tuesday, October 29 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It will use Civil Rights events in Birmingham as a lens from which students can learn from past to address issues of injustice today. To register, visit <http://aptv.org/Project-C/index.asp>.



Tuscaloosa Preservationists Continue The Good Fight

News from the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society (TCPS) includes updates on the George Searcy House, which was sold last spring to a private citizen. The historic house needs a new home on which to be sited. To suggest a new site location and readaptive use, call the TCPS at 205-758-2239 or email kmauterTCPS@bellsouth.net.

While the Searcy House is looking for new home, new homeowners Stephanie and Kenny Massey

recently acquired the historic Carson-Mayfield-Sutley House (circa 1820). The Massey family plans to preserve the historic house and re-adapt it for use as a B&B.

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 or call 205-572-2257 or send a check to ATHP, Station 45, UWA, Livingston, AL 35470.

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