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## Alerts

### 2015 Preservation Roundtable-Alabama Bicentennial Summit meeting

Share the news and mark calendars now to attend the 3rd Annual Preservation Roundtable and Luncheon - an Alabama Bicentennial Summit meeting for planning Alabama's 200th anniversaries marking the state's designation as a U.S. territory (1817) and two years later as a state (1819). Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Date: Friday, February 6, 2015. Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sponsors: Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Alabama Bicentennial Commission and the Alabama Department of Archives and History. To receive information about the Preservation Roundtable/Bicentennial Summit, send name of organization, contact person and email address to [alabamatrust@athp.org](mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org).

### Alabama Historical Commission To Meet In December

The Alabama Historical Commission board will meet on Thursday, December 11, 2014. Time and location to be announced. Meetings of the Commission are open to the public. For more information, call 334-242-3184.

### Black Belt Symposium - Call for Papers

The Symposium Program Committee welcomes proposals from historical organizations and societies, professors, teachers, scholars, and public historians for *The Black Belt Symposium, "The Clash of Empires in the Black Belt and the Southeast United States"* to be held April 16, 2015 at the University of West Alabama, Livingston. Please submit a one-page abstract and curriculum vita or resume for each presenter. E-mail proposals for individual papers and panels to: Jeff Gentsch, Associate Professor of History, Department of History and Political Science, University of West Alabama, at [jgentsch@uwa.edu](mailto:jgentsch@uwa.edu).

**Submission Deadline: December 15, 2014**

### PRESERVATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

*Plan now for securing funds for preservation projects in 2015.*

### National Trust for Historic Preservation Grants

National Trust grants are available for preservation-related conferences, consultants, educational programs and feasibility studies or historic preservation studies.

**Website:** [www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/](http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/)

## Gwendolyn Turner Preservation Fund

The Gwendolyn Turner endowed fund is administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in partnership with the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Alabama nonprofits and government agencies can obtain funding 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. Those interested are encouraged to discuss their project with the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at 205-652-3497, email [alabamatrust@athp.org](mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org) or the Southern Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at 843-722-8552.

Website: [www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/](http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/)

## Our Town

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) supports creative place-making grants that contribute towards the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful and resilient places with the arts at their core. Historic theatres are eligible as arts venues. The NEA anticipates funding five grants at one of six funding levels: \$25,000; \$50,000; \$75,000; \$100,000; \$150,000 or \$200,000.

Deadline: December 15, 2014

Website: <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/introduction>



## Preservation Loans for Alabama Historic Places

The Endangered Properties Trust (EPT) fund of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation provides loans for the emergency rescue of significant properties or for acquisition, easement resale, preservation and rehabilitation of threatened landmarks. Created in 2005 by funding provided through the Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and charitable contributions, the EPT accepts loan applications year-round. Current projects include a loan for the preservation of the historic Selma Y.M.C.A. building. For more information, visit [www.alabamatrust.info/endangered-properties.php](http://www.alabamatrust.info/endangered-properties.php).

# Events

Watch for the special **Holiday Events Preservation e-Newsletter** to reach your email box this week. The winter holiday season is a time when preservation organizations across the state dust-off and light-up their historic treasures with tours of historic buildings and festive events to benefit local preservation efforts. Support the preservation of Alabama's historic places by participating in one or more of these events.

## JEFFERSON COUNTY



### Monday, December 1 - December 31 - Hester Bateman: Setting the Table for Female Enterprise

Exhibition of Hester Bateman silver. An 18th century English silversmith, Bateman successfully ran her family business for thirty years following the death of her husband. The Bateman family silversmith company lasted until the middle of the 19th century. The exhibition includes examples of 50 silver works wrought by Hester and her descendants over a span of 50 years. Location: Birmingham Museum of Art, 2000 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd, Birmingham. Sponsors: Alabama State Council on the Arts and the City of Birmingham. For more information, visit [www.artsbma.org/exhibition/hester-bateman-setting-the-table-for-female-enterprise/](http://www.artsbma.org/exhibition/hester-bateman-setting-the-table-for-female-enterprise/).

## MADISON COUNTY

### Monday, December 1 - Wednesday, December 31 - Grandma Moses: Visions of America

Exhibition of approximately 30 original paintings by the legendary American artist including works

on loan from the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Phoenix Art Museum, Lauren Rogers Museum of Art and the Eisenhower Library. Location: Huntsville Museum of Art, 300 Church St SW, Huntsville. For more information, visit <http://hsvmuseum.org/art/current-exhibits/>.

## MOBILE COUNTY



### Monday, December 1 - Wednesday, December 31 - The Art and Design of Mardi Gras

Exhibition includes historical artifacts of Mobile's Carnival seasons including costumes, trains and gowns. Location: Mobile Museum of Art, 4850 Museum Drive, Mobile. Sponsors: History Museum of Mobile, Mobile Carnival Museum and Mobile Museum of Art. For more information, visit [www.mobilemuseumofart.com/exhibitions/costumes-trains-gowns-art-design-mardi-gras/](http://www.mobilemuseumofart.com/exhibitions/costumes-trains-gowns-art-design-mardi-gras/).

## MONROE COUNTY

### Thursday, December 4 - Friday, December 5 - Fifth Annual Fruitcake Festival

Inspired by Truman Capote's heart-warming *Christmas Stories*, locally made fruitcakes in specially designed tins will be for sale. Following the Fruitcake Festival a special theatrical performance at 7:00 p.m. in the world-famous courtroom of the Old Courthouse Museum. Admission: \$10 per ticket includes a holiday reception with fruitcake, of course! Location: Monroe County Heritage Museum, Courthouse Square, Monroeville. For more information, email [mchm@frontiernet.net](mailto:mchm@frontiernet.net) or call 251-575-7433.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY



### Monday, December 1 - Wednesday, December 31 - Into the Light: American Works on Paper of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Exhibition includes 42 paintings, prints and drawings only rarely available for exhibition by American artists: Bill Traylor's watercolors on cardboard; Edward Hopper's *Light at Two Lights*; and the works of John James Audubon, Winslow Homer, Charles Burchfield, Andrew Wyeth, Frank Stella and Thornton Dial, Sr. Location: Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, One Museum Drive, Blount Cultural Park, Montgomery. Sponsors: Sponsored Corinna and Barry Wilson, Joe and Sandra McInnes, Doug Lowe; Co-Sponsors - MAX. For more information, visit <http://mmfa.org/art/exhibitions/>.

### Monday, December 1 - Wednesday, December 31 - An American Collection: Gifts to the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts From Babette and Charles Wampold

Exhibition highlights 27 works given to the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts or promised gifts of art from Babette and Charles Wampold. An American Collection contains works by three members of the group of artists known as "The Eight": Everett Shinn, William Glackens and Ernest Lawson; as well as later 20th examples by John Heliker, William Gropper and Philip Evergood. Location: Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, One Museum Drive, Blount Cultural Park, Montgomery. For more information, visit <http://mmfa.org/art/exhibitions/>.

### Monday, December 1 - Sunday, January 4 - Imprinting the West: Manifest Destiny, Real and Imagined

Exhibition explores the potent imagery of popular prints with western subject matter produced during the decades following the 1803 Louisiana Purchase - the period that set the stage for the nation's great exploration, discovery, migration and settlement. Convinced that God wanted the country to extend to the Pacific coast, "Manifest Destiny" sent many American citizens, including painters and printmakers, westward. The works of these artists, engravings and lithographs, shaped perceptions of the West and its Native American inhabitants, some of whom were dislocated by the Indian Removal Act of 1830. Several artists documented the so-called "vanishing race," while others portrayed the western landscape. Much of this imagery was created with an eastern or international audience in mind, and it both drew from and promoted fantasies about Native Americans and the west as much as it documented reality. Location: Montgomery

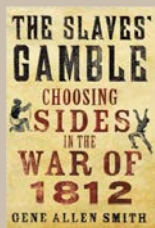
Museum of Fine Arts, One Museum Drive, Blount Cultural Park, Montgomery. Sponsors: Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts; ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance; the National Endowment for the Arts; and Trustmark. For more information, visit <http://mmfa.org/art/exhibitions/>.

### Monday, December 1 - Tuesday, December 30 - Alabamians in the Great War

Exhibition tells the story of Alabama's contributions to winning World War I. Artifacts on exhibition include items from the Museum of Alabama's extension collections and new acquisitions as well as items on loan from private collections. Location: Alabama Treasures Gallery, Museum of Alabama, Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free. For more information, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov).

### Saturday, December 13, 1:00 p.m. - Curator's Tour Museum of Alabama

Tour "Alabama's Civil War Soldiers" with Bob Bradley, Chief Curator. Learn about Alabama during the Civil War and the life of a soldier. This tour will be followed by a period rifle firing demonstration. No pre-registration for Curator Tours is required. Location: Farley Auditorium, Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free. For more information, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov).



### Thursday, December 18, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreats: Food for Thought Lecture

Presentation *The Slaves' Gamble for Freedom: Choosing Sides in the War of 1812* by historian and author Gene Allen Smith. Event includes book signing. 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 book information visit,

<http://us.macmillan.com/theslavesgamble/geneallensmith>. For Event information, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov).

## News

### PRESERVATION NEWS

#### Update - Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC), which administers the Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program reports the following. In effect since October 2013, the program has awarded tax credit status to 31 projects statewide with four new projects awaiting a review order. Of the 31 projects, four are owner-occupied residential projects and 27 are commercial projects. Representative cities include Birmingham, Mobile, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery, Anniston, Huntsville, and Selma, with Downtown Birmingham as the state's most populated city having the most projects at 13.

According to a June 2014 study from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, every \$1 of tax credits leverages a minimum of \$4 of private investment to state and local economies and every \$1M spent on historic rehabilitation equates to an estimated six jobs and \$2.1 million in economic activity. The total amount of current tax credits awarded by the AHC is \$60M. This investment is expected to generate an estimated minimum of \$240M in private investment and 4,000 jobs generating \$733,776,846 in economic activity over the next three years.

Although the 2013 and 2014 allocations are essentially reserved, the AHC reports there is money available in the 2015 allocation, which becomes available on January 1, 2015. The Alabama Historical Commission accepts applications on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### KATIE COURIC FAMILY STANDS FOR PRESERVATION OF NORTH EUFAULA AVENUE

Katie Couric, award-winning journalist and TV personality, and siblings brother John and sister

Clara stand with the Eufaula community in opposition to the Alabama Department of Transportation's proposed plan to widen North Eufaula Avenue. To read Couric family appeal to the State of Alabama, visit [http://www.al.com/opinion/index.ssf/2014/11/preserve\\_eufaulas\\_history\\_and.html](http://www.al.com/opinion/index.ssf/2014/11/preserve_eufaulas_history_and.html).



### UPDATE - Eufaula's Historic Heritage Threatened

Eufaula's *Sweet Home Alabama* street, site of the Reese Witherspoon major motion picture by the same name, may not be such a sweet image come April when the Eufaula Heritage Association celebrates its 50th Spring Heritage Tour. The three-day heritage tour brings to the City of Eufaula an estimated \$1.5M annually.

Governor Robert Bentley announced November 19th that the Alabama Department of Transportation plans for highway construction to four-lane the historic two-lane streetscape of North Eufaula Avenue.

"There is a traffic problem in Eufaula, and a solution has been needed for many years to resolve the backup on North Eufaula Avenue. I have personally visited Eufaula and met with residents and local officials on the issue. My Department of Transportation has also been working to find a solution in conjunction with the locals in Eufaula. After much work and compromise, the Alabama Department of Transportation has reached a solution to solve the traffic issues on North Eufaula Avenue with little to no interruption to the historical nature of the area. I fully support the Department of Transportation's decision."

According to local sources, the compromised offered was the reduction of a proposed 12 to 11 foot encroachment of new roadways in to the North Eufaula alley of historic trees, which includes live oaks. Bidding for the highway work opens December 5 with roadwork to be completed by April 1.

Recognizing that the loss of North Eufaula Avenue as a premiere Alabama historic site paves the way for similar losses throughout the state, preservation advocates, such as the Alabama Trust and National Trust for Historic Preservation, City of Eufaula and Eufaula Heritage Association, among others, are collaborating on options to prevent the destruction of the historic avenue. For more information, read Associated Press article [http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_SOUTHERN\\_CHARM\\_VS\\_TRAFFIC?SITE=RIPRJ&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_SOUTHERN_CHARM_VS_TRAFFIC?SITE=RIPRJ&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT).

## NEWS FOR EDUCATORS



### Project C: Lessons from the American Civil Rights Movement Available Online

Episode 4 of *Project C* is available to students and teachers for video streaming at <http://www.aptv.org/aptpplus/Adventures.asp>. Episode 4 focuses on the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Episode 5 to be webcast March 12, 2015 will feature the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March. March 2015 will mark the 50th anniversary of the historic march.

## SHARE PRESERVATION NEWS AND STORIES STATEWIDE

### Send Event Information and News Stories to the ATHP

Send information for the January issue of the Preservation e-Newsletter by December 20 to [alabamatrust@athp.org](mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org). Please mark as Attention: E-News.

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