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Alabama Preservation Conference 2014 - Preserving Alabama: Finding Your Historic Rhythm

Make your hotel reservations now for the 2014 Alabama Preservation Conference to be held in Alabama's Rhythm & Blues Capitol - the world famous Shoals. Explore historic Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield and Tuscumbia, Thursday, April 24 through Saturday, April 26. For conference hotel rate at \$119 per night, contact the Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa at 1-800-593-6450. Reservations for conference hotel rate is open through March 24.

Alabama Trust's Second Annual Preservation Roundtable & Luncheon - February 7

Join the Alabama Trust for the Preservation Roundtable and Luncheon on Friday, February 7, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 113 Madison Avenue, Montgomery. In response to needs determined during the first Roundtable in February 2013, the Alabama Trust has gathered experts from around the state to discuss Alabama's Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit legislation, new Main Street Alabama program, successful advocacy strategies for local governments and marketing tips on promoting local historic assets. Don't miss these important conversations with, among others, Robert Gamble of the Alabama Historical Commission, Mary Helmer of Main Street Alabama, JoJo Terry of the Alabama Department of Tourism and David Fleming of RevBirmingham. For more information, visit www.alabamatrust.info/. To register, email alabamatrust@athp.org or call 205-652-3497.

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Meets - Welcomes the Public - February 7

The board of directors for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation will meet Friday, February 7. The first quarter's meeting is open to the public, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 113 Madison Avenue, Montgomery.



Barton (Academy) Foundation Seeks Alumni

The Barton Foundation is seeking information on graduates of Alabama's oldest public school. A homecoming for alumni is planned for May. Information about alumni should be sent to Rhonda Davis at RhondaPDavis@comcast.net.

Call for Conference Presentations - Deadline April 1

The Alabama Trust invites submissions of successful preservation projects to be presented during

the Friday Luncheon, April 25, at the 2014 Alabama Preservation Conference. Projects may include successful fundraising events, marketing campaigns, streetscape programs, historic site event/celebrations and restoration/re-adaptive projects. For more information, visit www.alabamatrust.info/ or email alabamatrust@athp.org.

Call for Nominations - 2014 Preservation Awards - Deadline April 1

Nominations are sought to honor preservation efforts in Alabama. Categories include awards for preservation projects in small towns and, for cities, downtowns; restoration projects; re-adaptive use projects; and lifetime service. Award recipients will be recognized at the Alabama Preservation Conference in April. For more information and online nomination form, visit www.alabamatrust.info/.

National Trust for Historic Preservation Grants Available - Deadline Extended to February 3

Funds for preservation projects are available through several grant programs administered by the National Trust. Among these is the Gwyn Turner Preservation Fund for projects in Alabama. A common application for grant requests with application guidelines can be found at www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/preservation-funds-guidelines-eligibility.html#.UsXXCTOA2M8.



To Kill A Mockingbird Tickets Now on Sale

Tickets for groups of 10 or more and to the members of the Monroe County Heritage Museum are available for purchase. Based on the best-selling novel by Harper Lee, the play is performed during April and May in the historic Monroe County Courthouse. For tickets, call 251-575-7433. For walk-in ticket purchases, the Old Courthouse Museum, Monroeville from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Tuesday - Friday. For more information, visit www.monroecountymuseum.org.

Be a Preservation Sweetheart - Make a Valentine Gift - Save Alabama's Historic Treasures

Share the spirit of giving with a holiday gift to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. To make a contribution to support Alabama's historic treasures, call 205-652-3497 or donate online at www.alabamatrust.info.

Events

BALDWIN COUNTY

Saturday, February 15 - Friday, February 28 - Exhibition *Museum on Main Street*

A traveling Smithsonian exhibition *The Way We Work* focuses on how Alabamians worked over a period of time and place. The exhibition highlights the work experience of Alabamians as a part of the national story. Enhancing the exhibition is an oral history component training local teachers and high school students how to conduct interviews with local community members. These oral histories, when collected, will assist in the documentation of Alabama's history. Location: Fairhope Museum of History, 24 North Section Street, Fairhope. Sponsors: Alabama Humanities Foundation and Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Service. For more information, visit www.alabamahumanities.org/projects/moms-the-way-we-worked/ or call 251-929-1471.

COVINGTON COUNTY



Saturday, February 1 - Saturday, February 8 - Exhibition *Museum on Main Street*

A traveling Smithsonian exhibition *The Way We Work* focuses on how Alabamians worked over a period of time and place. The exhibition highlights the work experience of Alabamians as a part of the national story. Enhancing the exhibition is an oral history component training local teachers and high school students how to conduct interviews with local community members.

These oral histories, when collected, will assist in the documentation of Alabama's history.

Location: Alatex Memorial Park, 700 River Falls Street, Andalusia. Sponsors: Alabama Humanities Foundation and Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Service. For more information, visit www.alabamahumanities.org/projects/moms-the-way-we-worked/.

MACON COUNTY

Thursday, February 12 - Sunday, March 2 - *Moton, A Moment of Crisis*

Make reservations for this play about the story of the creation of the Tuskegee VA Hospital for Negroes. Performance by the Tuskegee Repertory Theatre. Location: Jessie Clinton Arts Center (former historic Tuskegee U.S. Post Office building), corner South Main and Oak Streets. Admission: Adults, \$20; Students, \$10. For more information, visit www.tuskegeerep.com.

MOBILE COUNTY

Tuesday, February 4 - Friday, February 28 - Exhibition *History and Quilts*

Exhibition of antique and applied quilts from the private collections of Mobilians. Quilts will be on display at the Historic Oakleigh Mansion and Cox-Deasy Cottage. Location: Historic Oakleigh Complex, 350 Oakleigh Place, Mobile. Admission: Adults \$10; Ages 12 and younger, \$5; Groups of 10, \$7 ea. For more information, visit www.historicoakleigh.org or www.historicmobile.org.

MONROE COUNTY

Friday, February 7 - Saturday, February 8 - Annual Genealogy and Research Seminar

The 13th annual seminar will cover such topics as navigating the Web in search of ancestors, using library collections as genealogical sources for research and maps to chart family migrations. Location: Alabama Southern Community College, Monroeville. Registration: Friday only \$10; Saturday Only, \$20 includes lunch. Sponsor: Monroe County Heritage Museum. For more information or to register, email mchm@frontier.net or call 251-575-7433.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Saturday, February 1 - Friday, February 28, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Black Heritage Tours

Honoring the sacrifices and struggles endured by Alabama's early African-Americans, the tours include, among the 48 structures at Old Alabama Town's 19th century village, three of importance to African-American history: an 1850s quarters for slaves serving the residents of the Antebellum Ordeman House; an 1880s post-Civil War era shotgun-style house typically available to former slaves; and an 1885 church, which housed the First Colored Presbyterian Church of Montgomery. Individual self-guided tours are available Monday-Saturday. Guided tours are available for groups of 10 or more by advanced reservation only. Location: Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. For admission fee and more information, visit www.aldalabamatown.com or call 334-240-4617.



Saturday, February 1 - Friday, February 28 - Exhibition *Black Women During the Reconstruction Period*

Exhibition includes mural *We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest* by Vincent Morgan and juried works by NAAHBCU members. Location: National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture, Alabama State University, 1345 Carter Hill Road, Montgomery. Admission: Free. For more information about the reception and exhibition, email civilrightscenter@alasu.edu.

Saturday, February 8, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Cultural Crossroads XIII

Another Step to Becoming Alabama speakers will focus on Alabama-Georgia Creek Indians, their traditional homeland, 19th century events that disrupted the lives and culture, and their following life and heritage. Location: Farley Auditorium, Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Sponsors: Alabama Dept. of Archives; Alabama Humanities Foundation; Caroline Marshall Draughon Center, Auburn University; Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery; and Alabama Dept. of Archives and History. For registration and program information, call 334-353-4693 or visit

Thursday, February 20, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreasures: Food for Thought Lecture

Presentation *The Gentle Giant of Dynamite Hill: The Untold Story of Arthur Shores and His Family's Fight for Civil Rights* by Barbara S. Shores, daughter. Learn more about the life and times of this courageous African-American, Birmingham Civil Rights attorney. 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.

SHELBY COUNTY

Sunday, February 2, 2:00 p.m. - Shelby County 196th Birthday Celebration

Join the festivities in celebrating the history of Shelby County. Events will focus on local Civil War history. Location: Shelby County Museum & Archives, 1854 Old Courthouse Circle, Columbiana. For more information, visit www.schsociety.org.

SUMTER COUNTY



Sunday, February 23, 3 p.m. - My Name is Julia

Enjoy an intimate evening with famed educational advocate and prison reformer Julia Strudwick Tutwiler, the first and the only female president of what is now the University of West Alabama. The one-woman play will feature actress Carole Armistead, the UWA Singers and The Seasoned Performers of Birmingham. Location: Bell Conference Center, 201 Washington Street, Livingston. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$2 students. Sponsors: the Alabama Humanities Foundation, UWA's Division of Educational Outreach and the Sumter County Fine Arts Council. For more information, call 205-652-3828.

Tuesday, February 25, 5:30 p.m. - Out of Whole Cloth Book-Signing and Reading

Hear how Alabama folklorist Joyce Cauthen took recorded interviews and crafted *Out of Whole Cloth* to record the life of Alabama Quilter and National Heritage Fellow Bettye Kimbrell. Event will feature book signing and discussion with author, along with a quilt exhibit of Kimbrell's work. Location: Campbell Environmental Education Center on the campus of the University of West Alabama. Sponsor: Center for the Study of the Black Belt. For more information, call 205-652-3828 or visit www.centerforblackbelt.org.

Wednesday, February 26, 2:30 p.m. - From Attics to Archives

Discover how to evaluate family collections and use basic archival techniques to preserve treasured heirlooms for future generations. Participants are encouraged to bring one item they wish to learn how to conserve. Location: Kelly Land Hall, University of West Alabama campus, Livingston. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Black Belt Archives, Center for the Study of the Black Belt, University of West Alabama. For more information, call 205-652-3828 or visit www.centerforblackbelt.org.

TALLAPOOSA COUNTY

Tuesday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Go Mobile, Get Social

Discover the economic impact of mobile apps, social media and tourism for your community. Learn how social media plays an intrinsic role in every aspect of the travel and tourism industry. Speakers include Lee Sentell, Director, Alabama Tourism Dept.; JoJo Terry, Digital Marketing Director, Alabama Tourism Department; Casey Woods, Executive Director, Emporia Main Street, Kansas; and Jennifer Gregory, CEO, Greater Starkville Development Partnership. Location: City Hall, 4 Court Square, Alexander City. For more information, call Mary Helmer at 205-910-8819 or email mary@mainstreetalabama.org.

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

Saturday, February 1 - Friday, February 21 - The Scottsboro Boys Photography Exhibition

This traveling exhibition, *The Scottsboro Boys Trials: The Fred Hiroshiege Photographs* documents the 1933 re-trial of the Scottsboro Boys. Photographs on loan courtesy of the Morgan County Archives. Location: Paul R. Jones Gallery, Dept. of Art and Art History, University of Alabama, 2308 Sixth Street, Tuscaloosa. For hours and more information, visit <http://art.ua.edu/site/galleries/paul-r-jones-collection/>.

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Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) Has Some New Faces

Jennifer Bailey, Historic Rehab Tax Credit Coordinator, has an M.A. in History from Oklahoma State University and a Master's in Historic Preservation from the University of Georgia. With this strong academic background, she is guiding the rehabilitation program that is bringing new revenues to Alabama.

Stephen McNair, Historic Sites Director, a Mobile native and Alabama graduate with a new Ph.D. in Architectural History from the University of Edinburgh. His M.A. in Historic Preservation from Tulane University led to work as an architectural historian and plans examiner for the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission and the Vieux Carré Commission. In Scotland, he served as Director of Advocacy and Outreach for the Cockburn Association, Scotland's oldest historic preservation organization. **Mark Driscoll**, who headed the division for 12 years, will develop exhibits and overall design for the agency.

Lisa Franklin, Executive Assistant, formerly at the Goat Hill Museum Store at the Governor's Mansion is assistant to AHC Director Frank White. Her background in design and education will add value to the agency. **Darren Hassler** is the new maintenance person at Fort Morgan, a carpenter foreman and an accomplished plumber, he brings much-needed skills to this National Historic Landmark.



Alabama Public Television Celebrates State History and Culture with Folklife Series

Journey Proud airs two new episodes produced by Alabama Public Television (APT) and hosted by Alabama's beloved folklorist Joey Brackner. The series documents Alabama's historic, cultural traditions and sites. Watch *Juke Joints* with visits to Gip's Place in Bessemer and *Joe Cain Day* with Mobile's Mardi Gras widows and mistresses. Air dates are Monday, February 24 at 9:00 and 9:30 p.m. and Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. For more information visit, <http://www.aptv.org/docs/detail.asp?DocID=14>.



Also airing in February, APT's award-winning cultural history documentaries, *The Quiltmakers of Gee's Bend*, February 3 at 9:00 p.m. and *Mr. Dial Has Something To Say*, February 17 also at 9:00 p.m.

Alabama Public Television To Air *STAND* - Miles College Students Take a Stand

In the spring of 1962, a group of students from Miles College led a boycott of Birmingham's downtown merchants, supported by Miles College's president, selected faculty, local housewives and members of Birmingham's white community. *STAND* tells the often overlooked story of this chapter in the fight against segregation, the success of which led Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to come to Birmingham. Air date: Thursday, February 6 at 9:00 p.m.

Alabama Voices Exhibition - Grand Opening - Alabama Dept. of Archives and History

Alabama Tourism names Museum of Alabama "Attraction of the Year." The highly anticipated, new centerpiece exhibition at the Museum of Alabama, located in the Alabama Department of Archives and History, officially opens to the public this month on Saturday, February 15. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the front terrace of the Archives building. From 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., visitors will enjoy tours of the exhibition, presentations by contributors to the project. Alabama food, art and music will be celebrated on the front lawn with children's activities and more. The opening is free. Make plans now to join us for this historic day! Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue,

Montgomery. For more information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov/.

The Rhythm of Preservation Offers Conference Goers a Way to Avoid the Blues

The 2014 Alabama Preservation Conference will be held on Thursday, April 24 through Saturday, April 26 in The Shoals. Preserving Alabama: Finding Your Historic Rhythm will focus on historic preservation and its economic effect on local communities with presentations on relevant preservation topics, including everything from using historic tax credits and incentives to leverage restoration projects, to the promotion of the Main Street approach, to downtown revitalization. The 2014 Preservation Conference schedule and registration forms will be available in March.

"We are so pleased to be bringing the 2014 Alabama Preservation Conference to the historic Shoals area - an area experiencing a successful preservation renaissance," stated Rhonda Davis, conference organizer and Alabama Trust board vice president. "This year's conference will address vital economic needs related to preservation as well as some fun events and tours planned so everyone can explore the historic Shoals area and enjoy the strong music heritage here. We are fortunate and grateful to Shoals' volunteers, led by board member Bo Osborn, who are helping with the conference arrangements and program."

Among the Friday sessions will be panel discussions, hands-on workshops, presentations and site visits of historic downtown Florence. Conference goers will have an opportunity to learn the benefits of Historic Tax Credits and how to prepare applications for preservation projects. Main Street Alabama director Mary Helmer will introduce the four-point Main Street Program to communities interested in the revitalization of their historic downtowns. This track will offer presentations that include establishing small business incubators and the use of social media in marketing plans.

Saturday's schedule will include a tour of area historic house museums and a tour of The Shoals music industry sites. On Friday evening, the Alabama Preservation Awards will be presented, followed by a screening of the documentary The Muscle Shoals Sound on the campus of the University of North Alabama.

The 2014 Alabama Preservation Conference is presented by the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Alabama Historical Commission and Black Heritage Council of Alabama. For more information about the conference, email alabamatrust@athp.org.



Live, Web-Interactive Field Trips Teach Middle and High School Students about the Civil Rights Movement

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* takes students and teachers online using historic Alabama Civil Rights events to teach the importance and practice of civic engagement. A three-year series of field trips focusing on anniversary events in Birmingham,

Selma and Montgomery, the second webcast is Thursday, February 6 at 10:30 and 12:30 (CST). The first *Project C* webcast in October reached more than 93,000 Alabama students and more than 644,000 nationally. For more information or to register, visit <http://aptv.org/Project-C/index.asp>. *Project C* is supported by the generosity of Wells Fargo, the Alabama Humanities Foundation, Robert Meyer Foundation and Stephens Foundation.

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Send Event Information and News Stories to the ATHP

For spring issue of the *Trustee* newsletter, send information by February 15. For the ATHP's *Preservation e-Newsletter*, send submissions by the 20th of each month for publication in the next month's issue to alabamatrust@athp.org. For March *Preservation E-newsletter*, send information by February 20.

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