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# Alerts

### **Alabama Preservation Conference 2014 Announced - April 24 - 26**

The Preservation Conference planning committee announces dates and location for the 2014 statewide conference to be held in the historic Florence, Muscle Shoals and Tusculumbia cities, Thursday, April 24 through Saturday, April 26. Mark these dates on your preservation calendar of events and watch for more information in the February issue of the Alabama Trust *Preservation E-newsletter*.

### **Alabama Humanities Foundation Grants - Proposal Deadline February 15**

For historic museums and sites open to the public, proposals request for oral history and other collections, exhibitions and program events are available. For more information, visit [www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/](http://www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/).



### **National Trust for Historic Preservation Grants Available - Deadline February 1**

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](http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/preservation-funds-guidelines-eligibility.html#.UsXXCTOA2M8).

### **Second Annual Preservation Roundtable Announced**

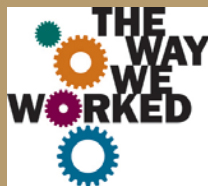
Mark the first Friday in February to attend the Preservation Roundtable Luncheon. Updates on work addressing Preservation Needs determined in last year's February Roundtable, pending Preservation Legislation will be discussed. Watch for forthcoming information as to time and location. For more information, call the Alabama Trust at 205-652-3497.

### **Start the New Year Right - Make a Gift to Preserve Alabama's Historic Treasures**

Share the spirit of giving with a 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](http://www.alabamatrust.info).

# Events

## COVINGTON COUNTY



**Saturday, January 4 - Friday, January 31- Exhibition *MUSEUM ON MAIN STREET***

The Smithsonian's *The Way We Worked* exhibition focuses on how Alabamians worked over time and place and highlight the work experiences of Americans as part of the nation's story. An oral history part of the exhibition trains public school teachers and high school students how to conduct interviews with local residents. The oral history component of the exhibit and the exhibit itself will allow students to engage in documenting the history of their local community while encouraging the public to help preserve Alabama's historical legacy. Location: Alatex Memorial Park. Sponsors: Alabama Humanities Foundation and Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Service. For more information, visit [www.alabamahumanities.org/projects/moms-the-way-we-worked/](http://www.alabamahumanities.org/projects/moms-the-way-we-worked/).

## ELMORE COUNTY

**Saturday, January 18 - Sunday, January 19 - Military Encampment**

French garrison living history encampment. Location: Fort Toulouse National Historic Site. West Fort Toulouse Road, located off Highway 231, Wetumpka. Sponsor: National Park Service. For information about times, admission and program, visit [www.forttoulouse.com/index.htm](http://www.forttoulouse.com/index.htm) or 334-567-3002.

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

**Monday, January 20, 7:30 a.m. - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast**

Held in celebration and honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy in the Civil Rights Movement. Location: Concert Hall, Birmingham Jefferson County Convention Center, 2100 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. North, Birmingham. Sponsors: Birmingham Metro Diversity Coalition, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Metro Birmingham NAACP, REV Birmingham and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. For reservations and more information, call 205-324-8796.

## MACON COUNTY



**Wednesday, January 1 - Friday, January 31 - *Showing Their Skills: The Airplanes of the Tuskegee Airman***

Program will focus on the WW II Tuskegee Airmen's rigorous training while stationed at Kennedy, Moton and Tuskegee Army Air Fields in Alabama. Location: Tuskegee Airman National Historic Site, 1616 Chappie James Avenue, Tuskegee. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/tuai/planyourvisit/directions.htm](http://www.nps.gov/tuai/planyourvisit/directions.htm).

## MOBILE COUNTY

**Thursday, January 16, 5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - An Evening in History**

LaVada Raouf, Art History Instructor at Spring Hill College will discuss *History's Influence in Art as illustrated in the HMPS Collection*. Location: Historic Oakleigh Mansion Complex, 350 Oakleigh Place, Mobile. Tickets: Free to Members; \$10 for non-members. Sponsor: Historic Mobile Preservation Society. For more information, call the Oakleigh Gift Shop at 251-432-1281 or e-mail [manager@oakleighmansion.org](mailto:manager@oakleighmansion.org).

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Alabama Women: Their Lives and Times (teacher symposium)**

Showcasing presentations by nine scholars who are contributing essays to a new book titled, *Alabama Women: Their Lives and Times*. Attendees will gain valuable resources for incorporating

women's history into the classroom. The symposium is composed of four one-hour sessions, each focused on a particular period in Alabama history. Professional Development credit available. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free. Lunch provided to registered participants. Sponsors: University of Alabama College of Arts and Sciences and Oxford College of Emory University. For more information, call visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov).

#### Thursday, January 16, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreasures: Food for Thought Lecture

Presentation, *Alabama's Civil War* Revisited by Ken Noe. 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](http://www.archives.alabama.gov).

#### Sunday, January 26, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Opening Exhibition Reception, *Black Women the During Reconstruction Period*

Reception for opening of exhibition with gallery talk by Dr. Peggy Blood, President, National Alliance of Arts from Historically Black College and Universities. Event includes unveiling and dedication of mural *We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest* by Vincent Morgan. Exhibition includes 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](mailto:civilrightscenter@alasu.edu).

### TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

#### Friday, January 10 - Friday, January 31 - 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/>.

## News

### Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Welcomes New Board Members and Officers

The Alabama Trust announces and welcomes new directors Elizabeth Brown of Montgomery, Melissa Hamilton, Esq. of Thomasville, Cooper Jones of Marion, Ralph Liverman, Esq. of Eutaw, Jansen Tidwell of Dothan and Dorothy Walker of Montgomery.

Officers for 2014 are Dr. Tina N. Jones of Livingston as president, Rhonda P. Davis of Mobile as 1st vice president, Ben Thompson of Birmingham as 2nd vice president and treasurer, Dr. Ashley Dumas of Greensboro as 3rd vice president for membership, Florence Hamilton Young of Montgomery for 4th vice president for programs and Bill Tharpe of Vestavia Hills as secretary.

The Alabama Trust expresses its appreciation to its outgoing members of the board of directors for their service in preserving Alabama's historic treasures, Devereaux Bemis of Mobile, Pat Camp of Birmingham, Donna Castellano of Huntsville and Linda Vice of Thomasville.



### Documentary about the Natural History of Alabama's Tensaw Delta Airs on APT

Airing on APT January 6, 7 and 8 evenings is *America's Amazon*, an independently-produced film. Alabama native and renowned biologist E.O. Wilson, among others, tell the story about the fragile and abundant biodiversity of the Mobile River basin. Monday night at 9:00 p.m., Tuesday at

10:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.aptv.org/episodes/25390/Americas-Amazon/>.

### Historic Searcy House - Architectural Elements for Sale

Not all historic preservationist efforts are success. In Tuscaloosa, gallant efforts to save the historic Searcy House by relocation to a new site by the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society (TCPS) was unsuccessful. But, not all is lost. The TCPS reached an agreement with the First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa, which currently owns the house and property, to delay demolition until the important architectural elements of the Searcy House can be salvaged. An estate sale for the purpose of removing and preserving its architectural elements will be held Monday, January 13 through Friday, January 17. To schedule an appointment to see the historic elements for sale, call the following: Ruby Anderson (205-393-1997); Arrice Faught (205-331-8668); Patsy Bolden (205-799-8125); or Betty Cochran (228-219-0829). Proceeds from the estate sale will benefit the missions programs and services of the First Baptist Church Student Ministry. For more information, visit [www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20131212/NEWS/131219922/0/search?p=1&tc=pg](http://www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20131212/NEWS/131219922/0/search?p=1&tc=pg).



### Journey Proud Documentary Series Returns

Produced by Alabama Public Television and hosted by Alabama's beloved folklorist Joey Brackner, the series documenting Alabama's historic, cultural traditions and sites, brings two new historic topics to the screen with *Short Track Racing* in Montgomery County and *Redhorse Fish Snaring on the Cahaba River*. Air dates are Sunday, January 19 at 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, January 23 at 9:00 and 9:30 p.m. For more information visit, <http://www.aptv.org/docs/detail.asp?DocID=14>.

### Main Street Alabama Announces January Workshops

Mary Helmer, executive director of Main Street Alabama is definitely wheels rolling in traveling the highways of Alabama offering the state's historic cities and towns programs to strengthen their communities. Main Street lunch-workshops are scheduled this month in Athens (January 15), Monroeville (January 23) and Prattville (January 29). For Athens workshop, email [trisha.black@charter.net](mailto:trisha.black@charter.net). For Monroeville, email [centerforblackbelt@uwa.edu](mailto:centerforblackbelt@uwa.edu). For Prattville, email [mary@mainstreetalabama.org](mailto:mary@mainstreetalabama.org).

## WHY HISTORIC PRESERVATION MATTERS

### B. B. COMER BRIDGE ADDED TO ALABAMA'S REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE

The B. B. Comer Bridge has joined the list of Alabama's Register for Landmarks and Heritage. The Alabama Historic Commission (AHC) administers the Alabama Register program, which officially recognizes and honors buildings, sites, structures, objects and historic districts that are at least 40 years old. As a result of its selection to the state register, the historic bridge is being submitted for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Comer Bridge, completed in 1930, is the last of the 15 memorial toll bridges enacted by legislation in 1927 and built by the Kansas City Bridge Company, which, in turn, contracted for its construction through the Alabama State Bridge Corporation. The B. B. Comer Bridge is slated for demolition in early 2015 when a new span across the Tennessee River is completed. Historic bridge preservation consultants see repurposing of the bridge for pedestrian use as viable.

The historic bridge, which spans the Tennessee River near Scottsboro, is the focus of intense efforts by Jackson County residents who argue the B. B. Comer Bridge is particularly worthy of preservation and special recognition as historic, architectural and archaeological landmarks. The Alabama Trust concurs.

To make a contribution, donate online at <http://comerbridge.org/donate-to-cbf.html> or by mail to CBF, PO Box 609, Scottsboro, AL 35768. For more information about the CBF and efforts to save the bridge, visit [www.comerbridge.org](http://www.comerbridge.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/comerbridgefoundation>.

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