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Alabama Preservation Conference 2014 - Make Hotel Reservations Now

Make your hotel reservations for the conference now, *Preserving Alabama: Finding Your Historic Rhythm* to be held at Alabama's Rhythm & Blues Capitol - the world famous Shoals. For conference hotel rate at \$119 per night, contact the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa at 1-800-593-6450. Conference hotel rate is open through Monday, March 24 at \$119 per night. Conference Dates: Thursday, April 24 - Saturday, April 26. *For more information about the conference see NEWS section.*

Call for 2014 Preservation Conference Presentations - April 1 Deadline

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation 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 2014 Places in Peril Nominations - March 31 Deadline

Since 1994, ATHP and AHC have collaborated to compile an annual list of endangered properties in Alabama. The program's goal is to increase awareness of urgent threats to endangered historic places and to serve as a catalyst to preserve those places. Places in Peril are selected on the basis of 1) architectural and/or historical significance, 2) scale and/or urgency of threat, 3) existing and/or potential support, and 4) benefits of publicity gained from the listing. To nominate an endangered historic place, email the ATHP at alabamatrust@athp.org for a nomination form. Nominations for the 2014 Places in Peril program are due March 31. For more information and online nomination form, click [here](#) to download a nomination form or visit us at www.alabamatrust.info.

Call for 2014 Preservation Awards Nominations - 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, click [here](#) to download a nomination form or visit us at www.alabamatrust.info.

Call for 2014 National Preservation Awards Nominations - Deadline March 3

The National Trust for Historic Preservation celebrates the best of preservation by presenting the annual Richard H. Driehaus National Preservation Awards to individuals and organizations who have demonstrated excellence in historic preservation. To nominate an individual, organization, agency, or project, visit <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/awards/>.

Call for National Trust 2014 "Most Endangered" Nominations - Deadline March 3

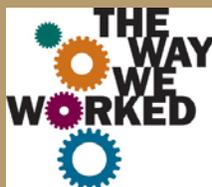
Every year the National Trust for Historic Preservation highlights 11 historic places facing a range of threats, such as demolition, harmful alteration, or disrepair. The Most Endangered list draws nationwide media attention to these significance sites and, in the past, helped save all but a handful of historic sites. To nominate a site or for more information, visit www.preservationnation.org or call 202.588.6141.

Old Photos Wanted - Tuskegee's Brown's Department & Dry Goods Store

Hank Brown, descendent of the owners of Tuskegee's historic Brown's Dry Goods Store, contacted the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation in hopes of locating old photographs and images of the formerly family owned business. The family owned this Tuskegee institution until 1966 and is seeking images that pre-date 1960. If any photographs are known, please contact Mr. Brown at hank@grandviewmedia.com.

Events

BALDWIN COUNTY



Saturday, March 1 - Saturday, March 29 - 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 schools 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/programs/museum-main/ or call (251) 929-1471.

DALLAS COUNTY

Saturday, March 1, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Tour, Old Cahawba's African American Community After Emancipation

Following emancipation at the close of the Civil War, local African American residents began reshaping Old Cahawba. The tour will trace how the once enslaved residents of Old Cahaba and its surrounding plantations breathed new life into the community during the Reconstruction Era. Their efforts made Old Cahawba a place to pursue dreams and exercise civil rights previously denied under slavery. Location: Old Cahawba Archaeological Park, 9518 Cahaba Rd, Orrville. For more information, call 334-872-8058 or visit www.cahawba.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1.

Saturday, March 1, 6:00 p.m. - Play, *Jimmie Lee*

Memorializing one of the Civil Rights Movement's most beloved figures, this play about Jimmie Lee Jackson is not to be missed. His 1965 death in Selma helped spark the Voting Rights March from Selma to Montgomery, which, in turn, led to the Federal Voting Rights Act. Location: Alumni Auditorium, Judson College, 302 Bibb Street, Marion. For ticket information, call 334-683-5125.

Thursday, March 6, 6:00 p.m. - Play, *Jimmie Lee*

Location: Larry D. Striplin Performing Arts Center, 1000 Selma Avenue, Selma. For ticket information, call 334-874-2145.



Thursday, March 6 - Sunday, March 10 - Bridge Crossing Jubilee

A weekend long commemoration of the anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" and the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March. Activities include a pageant, a dance, women and youth conferences, a parade, festival, interfaith service and National Voting Rights Hall of Fame induction. Location: Edmund Pettus Bridge, 1410 Water Avenue, Selma. For more information, visit www.selmajubilee.com.

MACON COUNTY

Saturday, March 1 - Sunday, March 2 - Performance *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.

MONROE COUNTY

Monday, March 3, 10:00 a.m. - On Sale, General Admission Tickets for *To Kill A Mockingbird*

The Mockingbird Players of Monroeville open the 25th season of the acclaimed two-act play based on Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. The annual performance occurs at the historic Monroe County Courthouse, film site for the classic movie *To Kill A Mockingbird* starring Gregory Peck. Tickets go on sale by phone or walk-in only at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 3. For tickets, call 251-575-7433. For more information, visit <http://www.monroecountymuseum.org/#!/functions/cq4e>.

Thursday, March 6 - Saturday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Alabama River Museum Festival

Annual festival recreating an early frontier settlement, comes with a Creek Indian "stick ball" and "stomp dance" demonstrations plus more than 30 costumed characters of the era. "Ask the Expert" will provide information about found artifacts. Food vendors will feed visitors, while crafts will draw many an eye (and wallet). Thursday and Friday reserved for school groups. Saturday activities will be open to the public. Location: Alabama River Museum, Claiborne Lock and Dam, 31 Isaac Creek Road, Franklin. Admission: \$5 per person. Sponsor: Monroe County Heritage Museum. For more information, email mchm@frontiernet.net or call 251-575-7433.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Saturday, March 1 - Monday, March 31- Exhibition *Black Women During Reconstruction*

Exhibition includes mural *We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest* by Vincent Morgan and juried works by NAAHBCU members. A Brown Bag Lunch, free to the public, is scheduled for noon on Wednesday, March 12. 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 or call 334-229-4824.



Sunday, March 9, 2:00 p.m. - Historic Oakwood Cemetery Tour

Join Mary Ann Neeley, historian, for a stroll through a part of Montgomery frequented by the City's past residents, who have stories to tell from the grave. Saints and sinners, rich and poor, all are entombed in Oakwood, Montgomery's oldest and most historic cemetery. Comfortable shoes are recommended. Bring water as well. Location: Oakwood Cemetery, 1304 Upper Wetumpka Rd, Montgomery. Admission:

\$5 per reservation. Sponsor: Old Alabama Town/Montgomery Landmarks Foundation. To make reservation or for more information, call 888-240-1850.

Friday, March 14, 10:00 a.m. - Montgomery Civil Heritage Trail Unveiled

Montgomery was the birthplace of the Confederacy and, a century later, the destination of the Voting Rights March. Commemorating the City's contribution to Alabama's and the nation's history, the Montgomery Downtown Business Association debuts the city's Civil Heritage Trail. Location: Historic Union Station, 300 Water Street, Montgomery. Admission: Free. For more information, call 334-240-4512 or visit, www.facebook.com/downtownmgmbusinessassociation.

Thursday, March 20, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreats: Food for Thought Lecture

Presentation Horseshoe Bend by Ove Jensen. 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

Saturday, March 15, 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - We'll all Sing Hallelujah: Sacred Sounds of Alabama

Join the Alabama Folklife Association for several programs about Alabama's sacred sounds. At 1:00 p.m., an exhibition opening at the Shelby County Arts Council plus singer and author Buell Cobb will read from *Like Cords Around My Heart: A Sacred Harp Memoir*.

At 2:00 p.m., University of Mississippi professor of music and southern culture, Dr. Warren Steel, will present a topical lecture followed by local scholars and singers Cobb, David Ivey, Bridgett Hill Kennedy, and Judy Caudle will serve as panelists about Alabama's Sacred Harp traditions. Dr. Nathan Rees will provide introductions and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg will moderate.

From 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m., all can enjoy singing in the Sacred Harp tradition. Dinner on the grounds will be held at Bernie's on Main Street where visitors can enjoy a taste of southern hospitality. Location: Old Shelby County Courthouse, North Main Street, Columbiana. For more information and reservations, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/well-all-sing-hallelujah-sacred-sounds-of-alabama-registration-10016257897.

SUMTER COUNTY



Friday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. - Black Belt Hall of Fame

The University of West Alabama's Black Belt Hall of Fame's annual induction ceremony and dinner recognizes and honors those associated with the Black Belt region who have had a positive impact on the region, the State, the nation, and the world through contributions in art, business, education, industry, medicine, politics and science. Inductees for 2014 include Betty Craft Banks, the late Ruby Pickens Tartt and Dr. Billie Jean Young. Location: Bell Conference Center, University of West Alabama campus, Livingston. Dinner Admission: \$15 registration by Friday, March

7. Sponsor: Center for the Study of the Black Belt. For more information, call (205) 652-3828 or email centerforblackbelt@uwa.edu.

Tuesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. - Campbell Environmental Education Center Dedication

Join the University of West Alabama, in Livingston, for the dedication of the historic double dogtrot Campbell Environmental Education Center (formerly the historic Campbell-Strickland House in Whitfield), one of only five double dogtrot houses in the state. A preservation success story, the house is home to the offices of the Division of Educational Outreach's Black Belt Museum and Black Belt Garden. In addition, an educational classroom and community meeting room (which is rentable to the public) are located in the building. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Center for the Study of the Black Belt. For more information, call (205) 652-3828 or email centerforblackbelt@uwa.edu.

Saturday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. - Sucarnochee Revue

The "Sucarnochee Revue" celebrates musical and literary artists from the Black Belt region, preserving original music and the works by original artists while capturing the evolution of that music and its current generation of performers. Join host Jacky Jack White and guests for a live stage show radio broadcast. Location: Bibb Graves Auditorium, University of West Alabama campus, Livingston. Admission: \$10. Sponsor: Center for the Study of the Black Belt. For more information, call (205) 499-9988, email centerforblackbelt@uwa.edu or visit www.jackyjack.com.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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Federal Legislation

The new five-year Farm Bill passed by Congress included a measure to continue an existing program that allows farm and ranchland containing archaeological sites to qualify for conservation easement grants.

Pending before the full Senate is **H.R. 1033-American Battlefield Protection Program Amendments Act of 2013**, sponsored by Rep. Holt (D-NJ). This legislation would make Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields eligible for acquisition through the use of federal funds under the Battlefield Acquisition Grant Program. It also extends the program's authorization through 2018. An amended version of the bill was approved by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on November 21, 2013.

Pending before the full House is **H.R. 1459-Ensuring Public Involvement in the Creation of National Monuments Act**, sponsored by Rep. Bishop (R-UT). This is one of the numerous measures introduced to limit the authority of the President to declare National Monuments under the Antiquities Act. Passed by the House Natural Resources Committee on July 24, 2013, by vote of 26 to 14, this bill would require that new monuments larger than 5000 acres undergo a National Environmental Policy Act review. The bill would also require congressional approval for the designation of more than one monument in any one state during a single, four-year presidential term of office. It is unclear when the full House will take up the legislation, but its prospects for passage in the Senate are very dim.

State Legislation

There have been no pre-filed bills regarding Alabama's historic or cultural resources.

News

Florentine Beauty and Sisters Awaken

Thanks to the 2013 Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit legislation, Birmingham and other cities across the state are experiencing an awakening of its sleeping beauties - historic structures left to decay and decline. No longer is this bed without dreams. In Birmingham alone, historic buildings are being roused from their slumbers to rise and be players in the City's future. Construction has begun on the iconic Florentine Building (circa late 1920s), a Birmingham landmark structure. When the \$2.5M restoration and renovation is completed, it will house Corretti Catering and create 45 new jobs. Also on the wake-up line is Birmingham's Thomas Jefferson Hotel designed by the same architect as the Florentine Building. For more information, visit www.al.com/business/index.ssf/2014/01/.

Malbis Plantation: From Greece to America Premieres on Alabama Public Television

Broadcast premiere of the one-hour documentary *Malbis Plantation: From Greece to America* is scheduled for 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, on Alabama Public Television. The documentary, produced by the Foundation for New Media and directed by Alabama native son Robert Clem, tells the story of this Baldwin County 1906 Greek immigrant settlement, which was one of the most successful communal colonies in America. The site of a magnificent Greek Orthodox Church draws thousands of visitors annually. Malbis Plantation was added to the National Registry of Historic Places in 2013. For more information and to view the documentary trailer,

visit <http://malbisplantation.com> and www.foundmedia.org/malbis.htm.

Spring Conferences Excite Preservationists Statewide

April's Alabama Preservation Conference Offers Participants a Way to Avoid the Blues

The 2014 Alabama Preservation Conference will be held on Thursday, April 24 - 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.

States 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.



3rd Alabama Trails Conference Planned for April

Celebrating 75 Years of Service of Alabama State Parks conference will be held April 10 - 11 at the beautiful Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge located in Guntersville. The conference will highlight Alabama's top trails from the initial development through the entire growth process. Participants will learn how trails become successful across the state and beyond. Speakers include Jeffrey Lusk of the nationally known Hatfield-McCoy Trails in West Virginia, William Prince of the Great

Allegheny Passage in Pennsylvania and Edwin McBrayer of the Path Foundation in Georgia. Learn more and register online by visiting www.landoftrails.org.

16th Annual Your Town Alabama Workshop Coming Planned for May

Wednesday, May 14 - Friday, May 16 are the dates set for this year's *Your Town Alabama* workshop to be held at Camp McDowell. The workshop offers highly informative presentations and problem-solving activities for participants. It is also a great opportunity to network with other community leaders and make contacts with presenters who work throughout Alabama in the planning, design, economic development, and resource preservation fields.

Your Town Alabama will introduce small town and rural technical assistance providers and decision makers to the role of design in community planning. Former participants remark that the workshop is fun and invigorating; it opens minds to many possibilities. Those interested in registering for *Your Town Alabama* should complete the application on-line by April 25, 2014. The number of participants accepted is limited, apply early. For the online application and information, visit www.yourtownalabama.org/workshop/.

National Trust for Historic Preservation Hosts New Orleans Partners Network Retreat in April

Registration is now open for the NTHP's Partner Network Spring Retreat, April 15 - 18, in New Orleans. This year's retreat is being held in conjunction with Tulane University School of Architecture's *Preservation Matters III - The Economics of Authenticity: How US Cities Have Reversed Decline through Historic Preservation Programs*.

For more information, visit <http://architecture.tulane.edu/event/2013/699>.

To register, visit

https://secure2.convio.net/nthp/site/SSurvey;jsessionid=360D54F3922DEA78CBE5BABC656D993E.app246a?ACTION_REQUIRED=URI_ACTION_USER_REQUESTS&SURVEY_ID=18360.

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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 April *Preservation E-newsletter*, send information by March 20.

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