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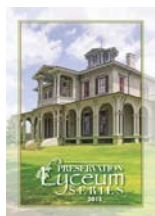
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Alerts

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation - Summer Board Meeting - July 10

On the agenda for the summer board meeting, Steve Murray, director for the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) and an executive committee member of the Alabama Historical Commission's (AHC) board, and Lisa Jones, acting executive director of the AHC, will be present to discuss the future of the ADHA and AHC. Recent legislative proposals, if approved in the forthcoming special legislative session, will significantly impact the ADHA, AHC and, by extension, all historic and preservation organizations in Alabama including the Alabama Trust. Also, forthcoming in August is a Sunset Review of the AHC.

Board meetings of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation directors are open to the Alabama Trust membership and the public. Meeting Date: Friday, July 10, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Location: Historic Jemison-Van de Graaff Mansion, 1305 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa. Host: Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society.



Alabama Trust Summer Preservation Lyceum - July 10 - July 11

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Governor's Conference on Tourism - August 2-4

The Alabama Governor's Conference on Tourism will be held in Mobile on August 2 through 4. This is a perfect opportunity for the managers of state historic sites and period museums to sharpen marketing and management skills while networking with state tourism partners. Of special interest will be a presentation by Karlos Finley on the formation of Mobile's African-American Heritage Trail and how the trail has impacted Mobile's heritage tourism. For a complete look at the conference, visit www.algovernorsconference.com. On-line reservation is available.

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Conference- July 2016

Save the Date! On July 28-August 1 plan to be in Mobile for the joint meetings of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions and the Alabama Preservation Conference. Conference partners are the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC), Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) and Mobile Historic Development Commission (MHDC). The conference is open to the public and provides national training to those who serve on local historic review boards and to governmental employees who regulate historic districts. This prestigious conference will feature national speakers, field visit and lots of fun. Hotel accommodations will be at the historic Battle House Hotel in downtown Mobile. Watch for on-line registration to open soon. More details to come.



NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE ARTS

National Endowment for the Arts - Grant Requests for Museums - July 23 Deadline

The National Endowment for the Arts' museum grant program supports activity that reflects aesthetic investigation and meaningful community engagement. Specifically, grants assist museums through the support of exhibitions, care of collections, conservation, commissions, public art works, community engagement, education activities and other museum work. Museum projects funded demonstrate artistic excellence in and across a variety of mediums, movements, eras and cultures. For more information, visit <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works/museums>.

Events

BALDWIN COUNTY



Saturday, July 4 - Salute to American Independence

Historical interpreters dressed in U.S. Army uniforms from different eras of the fort's occupation will conduct special guided tours throughout the day. Additionally, artillery, small arms and other presentations will demonstrate the complexities of military garrison life at Fort Morgan. Schedule of Events: 8 a.m. - Gates Open; 9 a.m. - Morning Colors/ Artillery Salute; 9:30 a.m. -

Artillery Drill by the Museum; 10 a.m. - Guided tour of the Fort; 11:30 a.m. - Artillery firing at the Water Battery; 1:30 p.m. - Artillery firing at the Water Battery; 2 p.m. - Guided tour of the Fort; and 3 p.m. - Retiring the Colors/Program Ends. Location: 110 State Highway 180, Gulf Shores. Admission: Seniors (ages 65+) - \$5; Adults - \$7; Children ages 6 to 12 - \$4; Children under 6 - Free; Family - \$18. For more info visit www.fort-morgan.org.

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28 - Tuesday Evening Twilight Tours

Fort Morgan's Civil War history comes to life every summer during the evening tours. Historical interpreters, portraying members of the garrison, tell about the lives of the soldiers during the fort's most turbulent years. Demonstrations of Civil War small arms drill will occur throughout the evening as well as the firing of one of the fort's artillery pieces at the conclusion of the tour. No reservations required: Event Hours: 7 p.m.-8 p.m. Location: 110 State Highway 180, Gulf Shores. Admission: Adults; \$5 after 5 p.m. Children (6-12): \$3 after 5 p.m. Veteran/Active Duty Free Group /Senior rates not available for this event.

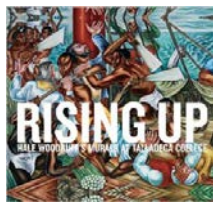
BULLOCK COUNTY

Thursday, July 30 - Saturday, August 1 - Dinner & Theatre - *The Mystery of Miz Arnette*

Theatrical performance set in 1934 in an Oklahoma's town devastated by Dust Bowl draught. Baby Face Nelson and Pretty Boy Floyd gangs roam the territory. From nowhere arrives Miz Arnette to stir up some more dust. Dinner Reservations (6:00 p.m.): \$15 person; Theatre Tickets (7:30 p.m.): \$15 per person. Location: Historic Red Door Theatre, Intersection of Prairie Street & U.S. Highway 82, Union Springs. For more information and reservations/tickets, email

conecuhpeople@knology.net or call 334-738-8687.

JEFFERSON COUNTY



Wednesday, July 1 - Sunday, September 6 - Exhibition: "Rising Up - Hale Woodruff's Murals at Talladega College"

Not to be missed! In 1938, Atlanta-based, African-American artist Hale Woodruff painted a series of murals for Talladega College, one of the first colleges established in 1867 for Black students in the United States. After completing a time in Mexico City studying and working with Diego Rivera, the world-famed Woodruff went to Talladega and completed a true documentation through art of *La Amistad* and its cargo. Woodruff's *Amistad* murals stand as a statement of pride and hope for racial equality and symbols of the centuries-long struggle for Civil Rights. A collaboration between the High Museum of Art and Talladega College, in 2012 the murals were presented to a national audience with an opening exhibition at the High Museum in Atlanta. Current Exhibition Location: Birmingham Museum of Art, 2000 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd, Birmingham. For more information, visit www.artsbma.org/exhibition/rising-up-hale-woodruffs-murals-at-talladega-college/. For article "5 Reasons You Can't Miss "Rising Up: Hale Woodruff's Murals at Talladega College," visit www.artsbma.org/5-reasons-you-cant-miss-rising-up-hale-woodruffs-murals-at-talladega-college/.

MOBILE COUNTY

Saturday, July 4, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - July 4th Celebration

USS ALABAMA Battleship Park will again be this year's for the City of Mobile's July 4th celebration. Enjoy food, musical entertainment by the show band "Emerge" from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The fireworks spectacular will begin at 9:00 p.m. Gates open at 5:00. Location: 2703 Battleship Parkway. Admission: \$5 per car. For more info call: 251-208-1550.

MONROE COUNTY



Wednesday, July 15, 9:00 a.m. - Noon - *To Kill a Mockingbird* Workshop: Scenes and Stories of Monroeville

In Part 1: "Growing up with Harper Lee," the famous author's classmates and acquaintances share stories and photos of Monroeville, what was it like in the 1930's and how closely the fictional setting of Maycomb resembles Monroeville. In Part 2: "Race Relations in the 1930's," a panel of Monroeville's African-American citizens discuss race relations from the 1930's to the present and recall the inspiring stories of great Monroe County citizens whose courage stood against all odds to bring equal rights, quality education and voter rights to all citizens. SARIC credit awarded to teachers. Admission: Free. Location: Old Courthouse Museum, 31 N. Alabama Avenue, Monroeville. Seating is limited, pre-registration is recommended. Sponsor: Monroe County Heritage Museum. For more information and to pre-register, email mchm@frontiernet.net or call Wanda Green at (251) 575-7433.

Wednesday, July 22, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Monroe County Historic Bus Tour/Workshop

Learn about Monroe County's history on this bus tour of its historic sites from early Alabama history, to the Indian Territory era, to pioneer settlement as well as the significance of the Federal Road, mill towns and steamboat traffic on the Alabama River. The workshop for teachers and history enthusiasts is a chance to tour some sites usually not open to the public. Teachers are given first priority, members of the public are welcomed with space available. Seating is limited and pre-registration, no later than July 10, is required. SARIC credit to teachers. Admission: Free. Bring a sack lunch & beverage. Tour Start: 7:30 a.m. for bus loading; Old Courthouse Museum, 31 N. Alabama Avenue, Monroeville. Sponsor: Monroe County Heritage Museum. For more information and to pre-register, email mchm@frontiernet.net or call Wanda Green at (251) 575-7433.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Thursday, July 16, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - 29th Annual Capital City Shape-Note Concert

Swing by and hum a few bars or just sit back and enjoy the traditional musical stylings of the Shape Note Singers! Admission: Free.

Location: Loeb Reception Center, Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Old Alabama Town, Landmarks Foundation

of Montgomery. For more information, visit www.aldalabamatown.com.

Tuesday, July 21, 5:15 p.m. - Sundowners Series - Maxwell Air Force Base

"Nosedive Into The Architecture of Maxwell AFB" with historian Jeff Benton for a glimpse into the architectural melting pot of Maxwell Air Force Base. Benton's presentation will include slides about the Maxwell's city planning and architecture. Founded during World War I, Maxwell's street plan and major buildings date from the late 1920s and reflect Alabama's history as French and Spanish empires. A "Sundowner," in colloquial British English, is the first drink taken after the workday. Relax and unwind with Old Alabama Town. Admission: Free. Location: Loeb Reception Center, Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Old Alabama Town, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit www.aldalabamatown.com.

Thursday, July 18, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreasures: Food for Thought

A lunch-time lecture series offered the third Thursday of every month. Jason J. Battles speaks about "The Freedmen's Bureau in Alabama, 1865 - 1867." Location: Farley Auditorium, Alabama Dept. 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, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY



Thursday, July 9, 5:15. - 6:45 p.m. - Heritage Celebration Sundown Lecture Series

Dr. Sarah W. Wiggins will present "Amelia Gayle Gorgas, 1826 - 1913." Mrs. Gorgas in living history will be welcoming guests before the lecture. Refreshments served at 5:15 p.m. Lecture at 5:45 p.m. Location: Jemison-Van de Graaff Manison, 1305 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa. Admission: Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society members: Free; Non-members, \$5. Sponsor: Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society. For more information, email preservetuscinfo@att.net or call 758-2238.

Friday, July 10 - Saturday, July 11 - Summer Preservation Lyceum Weekend

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WHY HISTORIC PRESERVATION MATTERS!



Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Places in Peril

Among Alabama's most imperiled places of historical and architectural significance are those on the 2015 Places In Peril list. Neglect, redevelopment pressures, and disregard for the importance of Alabama's heritage threaten to rob Alabamians of distinctive buildings, bridges, and cultural landscapes, thereby depriving citizens and visitors of irreplaceable elements of the state's heritage.

To raise awareness of historically and architecturally distinctive places that face immediate risks to the character-defining features that make them special-or risks to their very existence-the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) and the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) have published a list of those places annually from 1994 through 2014. This year, in the wake of reduced state appropriations to the AHC, the ATHP has assumed sole responsibility for the Places in Peril program.

The Alabama Trust's 2015 Places in Peril listing brings public attention and support to the preservation of these important pieces of the state's heritage. Nominations for the 2015 Places In Peril were made by local organizations wishing to preserve important historic places in their communities. The ATHP presents the following 2015 Places In Peril - significant historic sites to be preserved for telling Alabama's history.

To view the 2015 Places in Peril listing, visit

<http://www.alabamatrust.info/pdf/ATHP%20PIP%20SINGLE%20PAGE%20FILE%20WEB.pdf>.



A.G. Gaston Motel Name Named One of Nation's Most Endangered Historic Places

"Al.com" reported this week that Birmingham's A.G. Gaston Motel was named by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) as one of American's 11 most endangered historic places. The Gaston Motel was also named a National Treasure by the NTHP. Awarded Alabama Historic

Rehabilitation Tax credits, a \$10M plan to renovate the historic motel into the Freedom Center will garner momentum from the NTHP's attention.

Built in 1954 by African-American businessman A.G. Gaston, the motel was an overnight stopping place for entertainers, such as Aretha Franklin, Duke Ellington, Harry Belafonte and Count Basie. Even more important to the City of Birmingham's, Alabama's and the nation's history is the motel was headquarters for significant Civil Rights figures including Martin Luther King. The facility closed in 1986 and the city later bought the property when Gaston was in the process of divesting his business assets.

Plans for the historic Gaston Motel include restoring Room 30, the Civil Rights' "war room," to resemble the time when King was there. When completed, the new Freedom Center will complement its adjacent Birmingham Civil Rights Institute serving as an annex for much needed space for the Institutes' archives.

For more information, visit www.preservationnation.org/issues/11-most-endangered/locations/ag-gaston-motel.html#.VY3BoNLbKM8.



Alabama Heritage Sites Among "Best Historic Southern Attraction"

Readers of *U.S.A Today* voted the Edmund Pettus Bridge (#4) and Dexter Street Parsonage Museum (#8) among the ten best historic southern attractions to visit. Memphis' Gracelands (#1) topped the list followed by Harper's Ferry as #2 and Little Rock High School as #3 of best attractions.

Virginia's colonial Mount Vernon was #10. From a list of 20 historic sites for popular vote, Alabama's scored two of the ten winning places for historic attractions. Nominated among the 20 were two other Alabama historic sites, Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church and Natchez Trace Parkway (Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee). To read more, visit

Thirty-Nine Huntsville Historic Homes Named to the National Register

More than 3 dozen Rocket City historic homes have been named to the National Register of Historic Places. With the leadership of the Historic Huntsville Foundation, historic homes built between the 1920s and 1950s on Huntsville's Adams, Estes and California streets and Lowe Avenue are now recognized among the nation's historic places. As important, if not more important, is the National Register application provides to members of the Huntsville Historic Preservation Commission "current, accurate" information for reviewing policies and decisions about the city's historic fabric. To read more, visit,

www.al.com/news/huntsville/index.ssf/2015/06/39_huntsville_homes_added_to_n.html.



History Exhibitions Set to Tour Alabama, 2016 - 2017

Thanks to the Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF), Alabama will host, in 2016 and 2017, two forthcoming national exhibitions. In 2016, the exhibition *Hometown Teams*, focusing on sports as a nation, will tour Alabama with stops in Anniston, Brewton, Enterprise, Gadsden, Haleyville and Livingston. In 2017, the *Water Works* exhibition will tour the state. The Smithsonian's

Museum on Main Street program brings traveling exhibitions to the nation's towns. In partnership with the AHF and the Smithsonian Institution, these forthcoming exhibitions are made possible with support from Alabama Power, Norfolk Southern Railroad, AAA Cooper Transportation and ALFA. For more information, visit www.alabamahumanities.org/host-cities-announced-for-2016-exhibit/.



Move to Restore Funding for Historic Civil Rights Sites (Official Press Release)

Recently released to the public media is an announcement from Alabama Congresswoman Terri Sewell. Excerpts follow:

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Terri Sewell announced her amendment to increase funding for the Civil Rights Initiative has been adopted into the Fiscal Year 2016 Interior Appropriations Bill.

President Obama requested \$40M for the Civil Rights Initiative; however, the Interior Appropriations Bill for the 2016 Fiscal Year only contained \$9.5M in funding for these historic sites. The Sewell Amendment restored an additional \$7M in funding for the Civil Rights Initiative.

Sewell's Amendment proposes the following:

- Restores \$2.5M for the rehabilitation and preservation of significant historic properties on the campuses of Historically Black Colleges and Universities,
- Increases funding by \$2.5M for documenting and preserving civil rights history, and
- Increases funding by \$2M for competitive grants for underserved communities under the Historic Preservation Fund.

For more information, contact the Office of Congresswoman Terri Sewell at (202) 225-2665.

Why Your Support for Historic Preservation Matters!

Your gifts help preserve Alabama's historic treasures, its history, its legacy. Historic Preservation makes Alabama a better place to live and a better place to visit. Give your support today to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and your local preservation organization. To make a gift to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, visit www.alabamatrust.info, click on Donate.

Travel Channel Names USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park as Top Vacation Spot

Travel Channel named the USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park as one of ten Travel's Best All-American Vacations for 2015. The Park, home of two National Historic Landmarks, is the only representative listed from the state of Alabama. For more information and a look at the complete list please visit, <http://www.travelchannel.com/interests/travels->

best/articles/travels-best-all-american-vacations-2015.

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Email information for the August issue of the *Preservation e-Newsletter* by July 20 to alabamatrust@athp.org. Please mark as Attention: E-News.



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