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Alerts

Alabama Preservation Roundtable Luncheon/Bicentennial Summit - REGISTER TODAY!

Preservation and history affiliates and organizations are invited to attend this inaugural meeting for bicentennial events and programs. The 3rd Annual Preservation Roundtable Luncheon will focus on planning for the Alabama Bicentennial in 2017 - 2019. Presenters/Speakers: **Dr. Edwin Bridges**, Director Emeritus, Alabama Dept. of Archives and History; **Dr. Carroll Van West**, Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission; and **Dr. Keith Hebert**, Alabama Public History Consortium. Location: Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Date: Friday, Feb. 6, 2015. Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sponsors: Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Alabama Bicentennial Commission and Alabama Dept. of Archives and History. To view program and/or register, visit www.alabamatrust.info or call 205-652-3497.

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation - Winter Board Meeting - February 6

Meetings of the Alabama Trust board of directors are open to the Trust membership and the public. Winter Meeting Date: Friday, Feb. 6, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Location: Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. *Board meeting immediately following the Alabama Preservation Roundtable Luncheon/Alabama Bicentennial Summit meeting.*



Alabama's Places in Peril - Call for Nominations - March 1 Deadline

What are Alabama's most imperiled places in 2015? What homes, farms, commercial or industrial buildings, bridges, or roads are threatened with demolition or insensitive development? Help save Alabama's historic treasures. A threatened property is eligible with significant historic or architectural importance facing an imminent threat of demolition, neglect, or insensitive development is eligible for nomination as an Alabama Place In Peril (PIP). For more information, a PIP nomination form or illustrated profiles of places listed in recent years, visit www.alabamatrust.info.

Endangered Historic Properties - Loans for Preservation

The Endangered Properties Trust (EPT) Fund of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation provides loans for the emergency rescue of significant properties and/or acquisition, covenanted resale, preservation and rehabilitation of threatened landmarks. Created in 2005 through funding

provided by the Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and charitable contributions, the EPT accepts loan applications year-round. For more information, visit www.alabamatrust.info/endangered-properties.php.

Events

ETOWAH COUNTY

Sunday, February 22, 23 & 24 - 2015 Annual Meeting, Alabama Museum Association

The Alabama Museum Association will be hosting "Community Collaboration in the City of Champions," its 2015 Annual Meeting in Gadsden. Enjoy workshops, guest speakers, and networking opportunities. Registration deadline is Feb. 6. For a complete program, registration form and hotel information, visit www.alabamamuseums.org.

JEFFERSON COUNTY



Wednesday, February 25, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Main Street Alabama Quarterly Training

"Building a Better Board" with Carol Weisman, president of Board Builders and internationally known speaker, author, trainer and consultant specializing in volunteerism, fund raising and governance. Weisman works primarily in the US, Canada, Australia and the UK and has served on 38 boards and been president of eight. She has worked with Main Street Programs all across the United States. Location: 5529 1st Avenue South, Birmingham. Admission: \$101.95, includes hot breakfast, parking, taxes and internet. For more information, contact Marylon Barkan, 205-516-4506 or info@mainstreetalabama.org.

MACON COUNTY

Thursday, February 26, 3:00 p.m. - Trailfest 2015

John Davis plays Blind Tom: Music as Storytelling. Davis, a Julliard graduate and Steinway Artist, will portray Thomas Wiggins, popularly known as "Blind Tom." Wiggins, an enslaved musical prodigy, toured the opera houses of the South, including Alabama's. He was the first African-American entertainer to perform in the White House. Location: The Chapel, Tuskegee University, 1200 W. Montgomery Road, Tuskegee. Admission: Free. Presented by: Southern Literary Trail through grants from Alabama State Council on the Arts and the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state agency of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more info call 334-725-2383.

MADISON COUNTY

Sunday, February 1 - Sunday, March 1 - Grandma Moses: Visions of America Exhibition

Exhibition of approximately 30 original paintings by the legendary American artist including works on loan from 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/>.

MARENGO COUNTY

Friday, February 27, 7:00 p.m. - Trailfest 2015

John Davis plays Blind Tom: Music as Storytelling. Davis, a Julliard graduate and Steinway Artist,



will portray Thomas Wiggins, popularly known as "Blind Tom." Wiggins, an enslaved musical prodigy, toured the opera houses of the South, including Alabama's. He was the first African-American entertainer to perform in the White House. Location: Demopolis High School, 710 US Highway 80, Demopolis. Admission: Free. Presented by: Southern Literary Trail through grants from Alabama State Council on the Arts and the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state agency of the National Endowment for the Humanities in conjunction

with: Two Rivers Arts Council, Tiger Arts Guild, Marengo County Historical Society, Marengo County History & Archives Museum, Demopolis Public Library, Canebrake Players.

MOBILE COUNTY

Sunday, February 1 - Sunday, May 3 - The Art and Design of Mardi Gras Exhibition

See the art of Mardi Gras in this unique and sparkling exhibit. Exhibition includes historical artifacts of Mobile's Carnival seasons including costumes, trains and gowns along with works of bead art, colorful masks and more. 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.

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MONROE COUNTY

Monday, February 2, 10:00 a.m. - To Kill A Mockingbird Group Tickets Go On Sale

Group tickets for the Monroe County Heritage Museum's 26th annual production of To Kill A Mockingbird will open on Monday, February 2. Tickets to the 2015 season will go on sale, by telephone 251-575-7433, or walk-in only, to Museum members and groups of 10 or more. Tickets will then go on sale to the general public on Monday, March 2. Location: 31 North Alabama Avenue, Monroeville. For a complete production schedule and for more information, visit www.monroecountymuseum.org or call 251-575-7433.

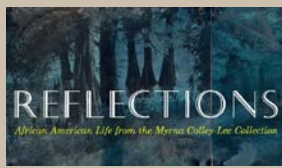
Saturday, February 28, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Annual Heritage Arts Festival

The Courthouse Square will be transformed into a crafter's dream with paintings, quilts, books, woodcrafts, floral designs, clothing, jewelry, hats, purses and more. There will be many activities featuring local and out of town talent: gospel singing and music, praise dances, ethnic dances, poetry recitations and dramatizations. Location: Old Courthouse Museum, 31 North Alabama Avenue, Monroeville. For information, contact Sandra Lambert, 251-267-3253, or Carolyn Lee, 251-575-3754 or email carolynsnelllee@hotmail.com.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Sunday, February 1 - Sunday, March 8 - Reflections: African American Life from the Myrna Colley-Lee Collection Exhibition

Exhibition tells a highly personal story of community and place through a selection from the extensive collection of costume designer and arts patron, Myrna Colley-Lee. The exhibition



includes approximately 50 paintings, works on paper, and fabric works that present the lives, traditions, and environments of African Americans in the 20th century, providing a snapshot of life within the African American community. Location: Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, One Museum Drive, Blount Cultural Park, Montgomery. For information, visit <http://mmfa.org/art/exhibitions/>.

Sunday, February 1 - Sunday, March 8 -

Invitation to the Ball: Marjorie Merriweather Post's Fancy Dress Costumes Exhibition

From the collection of the Hillwood Museum, the exhibition features the fancy dress costumes designed specifically for Post for the elaborate balls popular in the 1920s. Costume balls were often organized as benefits for charity and Post, along with her second husband E.F. Hutton, were regulars at these occasions. The heiress commissioned her costumes from theatrical costume designers. Included in the exhibition are actual costumes worn by the Post, as well as many of the accessories that completed the ensembles such as headdresses, shoes, and fans. Exhibition also includes archival materials such as invitations, correspondence, and the press notices that documented these social events. Location: Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, One Museum Drive, Blount Cultural Park, Montgomery. For information, visit <http://mmfa.org/art/exhibitions/>.

Monday, February 2 - Tuesday, September 8 - Tuesday, September 8 -

The Whole World Saw Your Pictures: Spider Martin & The Voting Rights Campaign Exhibition

Exhibition of iconic photographs taken by Birmingham News photographer Spider Martin during the Voter's Right March from Selma to Montgomery, March 1965. Civil Rights leaders credited Martin's images as bringing national and world attention to the disenfranchisement of Black citizens. Location: Milo B. Howard Auditorium, Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free. Exhibition courtesy of the Martin family. For information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.



Wednesday, February 4, Noon - Historic Marker Unveiling Honoring Fred D. Gray

A new historic marker honor the life of one of Montgomery's most prominent native, civil rights attorney and activist, Fred D. Gray. The unveiling is scheduled on the birthday of Rosa Parks, one of Gray's most famous clients. In 1955 Gray represented Parks and Claudette Colvin, who were both charged with disorderly conduct for refusing to give up their seats on Montgomery city buses to white passengers. The action of Colvin and Parks led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955. Location: Dexter Avenue in downtown Montgomery at the southwest corner of Dexter Avenue and Hull Street, where Gray once had law offices. Admission: Free. Sponsors: Alabama Tourism Department and the Tuskegee History Center. For more information, contact Richard Bailey, 334-224-2346; scholarship111@bellsouth.net.

Wednesday, February 4, 5:15 p.m. - Historic Neighborhood's Coalition Meeting

Christy Anderson, Historic Preservation Coordinator, City of Montgomery, will conduct "Montgomery's Architectural Review Board, Questions & Answers About Its Function." Location: Ware-Farley-Hood House, Old Alabama Town, 450 N. Hull Street, Montgomery. Admission: Free. For more information contact, Carole King, Landmark Foundation, 334-240-4512.

Saturdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Black Heritage Tours at Old Alabama Town

Get an up-close and moving look at how African Americans lived in early Alabama. Follow the journey from slavery on an urban plantation (1850) to the turn of the century (1890) in Alabama. Sites include the Ordeman House Slave Quarters, the Shotgun, the Cleveland Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Adams Chapel School. Location: 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Admission: Adults - \$10, Children 5 to 18 - \$5, Children under 4 - free. Groups of 10+ can make reservations. For information, call 334-240-4517 or email f.giles@oldalabamatown.com.

Saturday, February 14, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Cultural Crossroads XIV: The Rivers In Becoming Alabama Symposium

Learn about the role of Alabama's central and southwestern rivers in the exploration, settlement and early development of those regions of state. Location: Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Sponsors: The Alabama Dept. of Archives and History; Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities, Auburn University; and the Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, with the support of the Alabama Humanities Foundation. For program and registration information, visit

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eaeow6pcc534c6da&llr=aozlx9sab>.

Thursday, February 19, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreats: Food for Thought Lecture

Presentation When Histories & Memories Collide: How Huntsville Made Sense of its German Rocket Team's Nazi Past by Monique Laney. 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 information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

Tuesday, February 24, 5:15 p.m. -

Sundowners Series: Montgomery's Historic City of St. Jude

Sundowners Series will host historian Jeff Benton discussing "The City of St. Jude, an important piece of history during the Selma to Montgomery March in 1965." Location: Old Town Alabama, 301 Columbus Street. Admission: Free. For more information, call 334-240-4517 or email f.giles@oldalabamatown.com.

SUMTER COUNTY

Wednesday, February 25, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. - *From Attics to Archives: How to care for your family treasurers*

Learn to preserve grandmother's Bible or a photograph of great-grandfather at the Black Belt Archives workshop. where you can learn how to document and preserve your family history. The free workshop will provide basic archival techniques for storing family heirlooms, documenting family history and other memorabilia. For a personalized experience, please bring an item and request preservation advice. Location: Bell Conference Center, University of West Alabama, Livingston. For more information, call 205-652-3655 or email blackbeltarchives@uwa.edu.

TALLADEGA COUNTY



Saturday, February 14, 6:00 p.m. -1:00 a.m. - 2015 Valentine Mardi Gras Gala

Time to bring Mardi Gras to Alabama's racey Talladega. Enjoy dinner, music, live and silent auctions. Location: Talladega Superspeedway, 3366 Speedway Boulevard, Lincoln. Admission: \$90 per person, \$180 per couple, \$720 for a table for eight. Proceeds benefit the Historic Ritz Theater. For information and tickets, call 256-315-0000, or visit

www.talladegamardigras.com.

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

Saturday, February 7, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Mardi Gras Jazz Brunch

Enjoy Tuscaloosa's annual Mardi Gras Jazz Brunch with carnival masks, beads, friends, food, drinks and live jazz music by the Shelton State Jazz Combo. Location: Battle Friedman House, 1010 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa. Location: 1010 Greensboro Avenue. Admission: Society Members - \$5, Non-members - \$10, children 12 and under - \$2. Proceeds benefit repairs to the Battle-

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News

Alabama Historical Commission Announces 2015 Grants

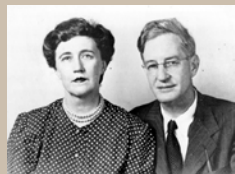
Alabama Historical Commission has announced more than 80 grants totaling \$400,000 in awards to local historical sites and parks operated by, non-profit or tax exempt organizations, county or municipal governments. For a listing of awards, visit http://preserveala.org/grantsprogram2.aspx?sm=i_a.

ALABAMA HISTORY ON PUBLIC TELEVISION



APT Premieres New *Journey Proud* Episodes In February

Journey Proud, a documentary series produced by Alabama Public Television, premieres two new episodes this month with *Fireball Throwing* in Pike County and *Bayou La Batre* in Mobile County. Episodes will air on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. and repeat on Monday, Feb. 23 at 9:00 and 9:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.aptv.org/series/1915/Journey-Proud. Carnival episodes re-air also. *Joe Cain Day* from Season 1 airs Sunday, February 8 at 12:30 p.m. and *Mobile Brass Bands* from Season 2 airs Sunday, Feb. 15 also at 12:30 p.m. For related *Journey Proud* educational related resources and to ask questions of Alabama folklife scholars and practitioners, visit <http://iqlearnonline.org/course/view.php?id=138>.



Award-Winning *The Durrs of Montgomery* Airs On APT

Produced by Alabama Public Television, documentary tells the story of Alabama civil rights advocates Virginia and Clifford Durr. *The Durrs of Montgomery*, winner of three southeast Emmy Awards, will air on APT, Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 8:00 p.m.

Slavery By Another Name

Airing on Monday, Feb. 16 at 9:30 p.m., the documentary is drawn from the 2009 Pulitzer Prize winning book *Slavery By Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans From the Civil War to WWII*. Directed by Sam Pollard, produced by Catherine Allan and Douglas Blackmon, written by Sheila Curran Bernard, the film challenges one of the nation's assumption that slavery ended with Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. For more information, about the film, visit <http://www.slaverybyanothername.com/pbs-film/>.

Project C: Lessons from the American Civil Rights Movement

Produced by Alabama Public Television for middle and high school students. Episodes 1 through 4 filmed in Birmingham, Montgomery and Tuscaloosa air at 11:30 a.m. on consecutive Thursdays beginning Feb. 5. For more information, visit <http://aptv.org/Project-C/>.



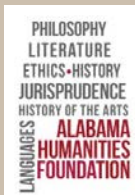
Alabama Senator Places Value on Historic Preservation

The *Anniston Star* reports Senate President Pro Tempore Del Marsh has submitted a proposal to purchase and renovate the city-owned Victoria Inn. Built in 1888, the historic Victorian house was home to three prominent Anniston families before its preservation as a country inn and restaurant in 1985. If the deal goes through, the City of Anniston will get the hotel back into private hands as planned. Meanwhile, Marsh will get to save a historic structure and help with the redevelopment of the Anniston's downtown. Taking action that promotes historic preservation makes good economic sense and cents. To read more, visit www.annistonstar.com/news/article_57b5baf-ea1c0-11e4-ab75-5759ee01a980.html.

Birmingham's Historic Florentine Building Re-Opens for Business

The Venetian Mode-Italian Renaissance style building (circa 1926) has re-opened for business after re-adaptive restoration. The Sims Building, as it was known, catered to prominent tenants, such as the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and the Club Florentine. An extravaganza of marble and terra cotta, the *Birmingham News*, quoted Sims intention to make the Florentine "... the most elaborate structure of its kind in Dixie". Purchased and retro fitted for Corretti Catering, the Florentine will add yet another flavor to Birmingham's culinary scene and downtown economy. To explore The Florentine, visit www.florentinebuilding.com/#!/2/featured/Renovations/3.

NEWS FOR EDUCATORS



The AHF's Super Teacher Institute Offers Alabama Educators Study Opportunities

The AHF's Super Teacher Institute offers Alabama educators the opportunity to study Alabama history and literature: *Selma and Montgomery: A Tale of Two Cities - An Examination of How The Events Changed America*, March 5-8. Scheduled for June, *Slave Narratives: Their Impact on Fiction and Film*. For information and to register, visit

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sDUT6NzxitSgJF5ezXW_xx6EPJKmOhQHi3u86YTVt6k/viewform?c=0&w+1.

Online Resources for Teaching Alabama History and Culture

Journey Proud, a documentary series produced by Alabama Public Television, offers students and teachers related education resources. For these resources and to ask questions of Alabama folklife scholars and practitioners, visit <http://iqlearnonline.org/course/view.php?id=138>.



Project C: Lessons from the American Civil Rights Movement Airing On APT

Produced by Alabama Public Television, *Project C* is a three-year series of live, Web-interactive field trips taking place throughout the anniversary years of historic, pivotal Civil Rights events that occurred in Alabama. The field trips use the lessons learn from these events to teach the role of citizenship in a democracy, to examine the importance of civic engagement in support of a humane, civil and just society.

Taped episodes, 1 through 4, will air on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26. For more information, visit <http://aptv.org/Project-C/>.

SHARE PRESERVATION NEWS AND STORIES STATEWIDE

Send Event Information and News Stories to the ATHP

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



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