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Alabama's Places In Peril Announced

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation announces its 2015 listing for Places in Peril. Among this year's most imperiled places of historical and architectural significance are buildings, bridges and cultural landscapes. For more information,

visit <https://www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces?fref=ts>.

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Launches New Facebook Page

Check out the Alabama Trust's new Facebook page. Get the latest preservation news here at <https://www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces?fref=ts>.

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

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

NEH Grant Requests for Cultural Heritage Programs - June 25 Deadline

The National Endowment for the Humanities' Common Heritage grant program aims to capture the vitally important part of the nation's country's heritage and preserve it for future generations. Grants support both the digitization of cultural heritage materials and the organization of public programming at community events, which explore these materials as a window on a community's history and culture. For more information, visit

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/common-heritage>.



NEA Grant Request for Museums - July 23 Deadline

The National Endowment for the Arts - The Museum grant program supports activity that reflects aesthetic investigation and meaningful community engagement.

Specifically, grants assists 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#sthash.fvNOhveJ.dpuf](https://www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces).

Summer Preservation Lyceum - July 10 - July 11

Make plans now to attend the Alabama Trust's summer Preservation Lyceum Weekend in historic Tuscaloosa. For more information, email alabamatrust@athp.org.

Update - Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit - Update

With two days left in the 2015 Alabama Legislative Session, it seems unlikely that HB 214 will leave the Senate's Marketing and Tourism Committee and go the floor for a vote. The bill, if passed, would extend the 2012 tax credit legislation until 2022. House and Senate leaders in favor of the renewal and preservation advocates are planning now for 2016 legislation. Stay tuned for updates on the Alabama Trust's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces?fref=ts>.

Vote Your Support for Historic Preservation!

Make a gift to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, the voice for Alabama's historic places and heritage. Donate now by clicking [here](#).

Events

COLBERT COUNTY



Every Friday and Saturday in June, 8:00 p.m. - *The Miracle Worker*

One of Alabama's traditional summer events begins this weekend at Ivy Green, the childhood home of Helen Keller. *The Miracle Worker* will be held every Friday and Saturday in June, continuing through July 11. Location: 300 N. Commons Street West, Tuscumbia. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Admission:

\$15 per person and group rate of \$13. For more information visit www.helenkellerbirthplace.org.

JACKSON COUNTY

Saturday, June 20, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Cruisin' Comer Corner

Enjoy a great day at the Jackson County Fairgrounds for Cruisin' Comer Corner. Live music, a car show, food trucks and more are offered. Location: 220 Cecil Street, Scottsboro. Admission: \$20 adults and \$10 children. Sponsor: In part by Comer Bridge Foundation. *Proceeds from the event help raise money for matching grant funds designated for an economic impact study for the area around Comer Bridge.* For more information, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/comerbridgefoundation>.

MADISON COUNTY

Sunday, June 7, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Hidden Gardens of Old Town Tour

The Historic Huntsville Foundation will hold their annual "Hidden Gardens of Old Town Tour." This year's tour will feature nine private homes on Calhoun & Steele Streets, and Clinton, Holmes and Walker Avenues. Admission: \$10 at the door. For more information, email info@oldtownhuntsville.org or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/oldtownhistoricdistrict/photos/gm.985536898164505/1182302301795707/?type=1&theater>.

Friday, June 12, 8:15 p.m. - Movies in the Park

The Historic Huntsville Foundation will present their summer movie series, *Movies in the Park*, at Big Spring Park. Admission: Free. For more information visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HistoricHuntsvilleFoundation>.

Sunday, June 14, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Historical Society Meeting

The Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society will hold their Quarterly Meeting. Location: Huntsville Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe Street, Huntsville. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please call Jacque Reeves, (256)509-3940.

MOBILE COUNTY

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 2 and 3, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Public Workshop for Historic Districts

The Mobile Historic Development Commission will hold a Public Workshop for Historic Districts On Tuesday, June 2, to review newly proposed historic guidelines and on Wednesday, June 3, to review guidelines for establishing Conservation Districts in Mobile. Location: Toolen Auditorium, McGill Toolen High School campus, 1413 Old Shell Road. For more information call the MHDC Office at (251)208-7281.



Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Living History Crew Aboard

The USS ALABAMA Living History Crew will be aboard ship for their quarterly drill. Step back in time and see what life was like during WWII. Fire drills, battle scenes, and life aboard ship will be demonstrated. The USS ALABAMA

is one of four National Historic Landmarks in Mobile. Location: 2703 Battleship Parkway, Mobile.

For more information, visit Facebook pages at

<https://www.facebook.com/USSALABAMABattleshipMemorialPark>

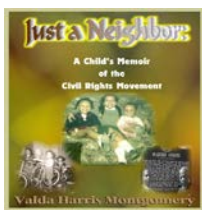
and <https://www.facebook.com/UssAlabamaLivingHistoryCrew>.

MONROE COUNTY

Monday thru Friday, June 8 - 12 - History Adventure Camp

Looking for a fun-filled week of adventure? Check out the History Adventure Camp at the Monroe County Museum. Children in grades 2nd through 6th can learn about their area history, enjoy great adventures and swim. The camp runs 8:00 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Friday. Admission: \$50 for first child, \$40 for second child. For more information, visit www.monroecountymuseum.org.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Saturday, June 6, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Freedom Rides Museum Book Signing by Dr. Valda Harris Montgomery

The Freedom Rides Museum will host a book signing by Dr. Valda Harris Montgomery of her book, *Just A Neighbor: A Child's Memoir of the Civil Rights Movement*. Location: Freedom Ride Museum, 210 S. Court Street, Montgomery. For more information, visit www.freedomridemuseum.org or call (334)242-3935.

Thursday, June 18, Noon, Architreats: Food For Thought

The Alabama Department of Archives and History presents the June edition of Architreats featuring Steve Flowers who will present *Goats and Governors: Alabama Political Stories*. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy this monthly lecture. Location: 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free. For more information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

SUMTER COUNTY

Saturday, June 13 - 1:00 p.m. - Science Saturday: Jurassic World movie event

Enjoy dinosaurs and a movie at the University of West Alabama's Science Saturday *Jurassic World* movie event as the history of dinosaurs in Alabama is explained. The fossil record of Alabama chinks includes several dinosaur species such as the Lophorhothon atopus, a hadrosaur (duck-billed dinosaur) discovered in Dallas County and the Appalachiosaurus montgomeriensis, an important transitional

member of the tyrannosaur lineage discovered in the Demopolis Formation in Montgomery County. Location: University Cinema, 16 Franklin Street, Livingston. Admission: Children/Students free, adults \$4. Sponsors: UWA's Division of Educational Outreach and the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. For more information, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/blackbeltmuseum>.

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

Saturday, June 6, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Ramble to Selma

The Tuscaloosa Preservation Society will hold a "Ramble to Selma." Tour several houses including the Moseley House, the Baker House, Sturdivant Hall, and the Washington-Smith-Quarles House. Location: Tour begins at the Battle-Freidman House, 1010 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa. Admission: \$60 per person. For more information, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/380842835432222/>, or contact the executive offices at (205)758-2238 or PreserveTusInfo@att.net.



Thursday, June 11, 5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. - Sundown Lecture Series

The Tuscaloosa Preservation Society will hold their Sundown Lecture Series in the Jemison-Van de Graff Mansion. Guest speaker is R. L. Guffin who will present "Genealogy 103." Light refreshments will be served at 5:15 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 5:45 p.m. Admission: members free and non-members \$5. For more information, visit <http://www.historictuscaloosa.org/index.php?page=events>, contact the executive offices at (205)758-2238 or

email PreserveTusInfo@att.net.

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Mobile To Host Conference for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions - July 2016

Scheduled for July 2016, the biennial nationwide conference for preservation commissioners will be held in Mobile. The Mobile Historic Redevelopment Commission is coordinating local arrangements and the Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation are participating partners. Open to any who are interested in preservation, watch for information this summer at <https://www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces?ref=ts>.



National Trust for Historic Preservation Awards Preservation Grant for B. B. Comer Bridge.

The Comer Bridge Foundation and North Skunk River Greenbelt Association/Workin' Bridges were awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Gwen Turner Preservation Service Fund of the National Trust. The grant will support an economic impact study for the preservation and repurposing of the historic, iconic truss bridge.

Dr. Anthony Dixon of Troy University will do an impact study. Dixon prepared a similar study for the Eufaula Heritage Association to assist with its efforts to preserve North Eufaula Avenue's historic streetscape, which was threatened by Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) plans for a four-lane highway. ALDOT owns the Comer Bridge and has plans to demolish the memorial structure. The impact of ALDOT's Eufaula Avenue construction, which was completed this spring, and its threat to the Comer Bridge put at risk some of Alabama's historic heritage.

B.B. Comer Bridge, completed in 1930, is the last of the 15 memorial toll bridges built by the Kansas City Bridge Company. Selected for the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage in 2013, the historic bridge will be submitted for recognition to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

The Gwyn Turner Preservation Fund supports preservation services in Alabama. The fund is named for Gwyn Turner, one of Alabama's leading preservationists and funded through gifts made in her honor.

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