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Alerts

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation - Spring Board Meetings - April 24

Board meeting of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation directors are open to the Trust membership and the public. Spring Meeting Date: Friday, April 24, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Location: Union Springs Public Library, 103 North Prairie Street. *The library building is one of two remaining operating Carnegie Libraries in the state of Alabama.*

Mark Calendars for the Spring Preservation Lyceum Weekend - April 24 - 25

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Preservation Lyceum in Union Springs, Alabama - the Bird Dog Field Trial Capitol of the World. Explore Union Springs and Bullock County with the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Visit the county's historic sites and buildings from antebellum homes to Alabama's oldest jails and cemeteries. Weekend program includes dinner and theatre production *Conecuh People* at the Red Door Theatre, a re-adapted 100-year-old Episcopal Church building. Watch for announcement of posting of the Lyceum program and registration form at www.alabamatrust.info.

Spring Into Action

Don't forget to make your 2015 gift to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. The Trust relies on the generosity of our membership to make our programs possible - programs such as the Preservation Roundtable, Lyceums and annual Places In Peril. A gift from you, will help pay for these programs and other statewide preservation efforts undertaken by the Trust on behalf Alabama's historic places. To make a gift, visit <http://www.alabamatrust.info/> and DONATE.



Historic House Museum Conference - June 12 - Register Now!

The Reinventing the Historic House Museum one-day conference is designed to offer current thinking, practical information and solutions to the challenges facing historic sites. Participants will be rethinking the field and renewing the world around the nation's historic

sites. Symposiums will include presentations, discussion, a boxed lunch, historic site visit and a brainstorming workshops at a historic house museums to test new ideas proposed during a symposium. Registration is limited to 50. Location: Margaret Mitchell House, 979 Crescent Avenue NE, Atlanta, Ga. Registration link: \$95; <http://learn.aaslh.org/event/reinventing-the->

[historic-house-museum-workshop-2/](#). Fee: American Association of State and Local History - (AASLH) and Southeastern Museums Conference (SEMC); Non-members, \$170. For more information, contact Bethany Hawkins at hawkins@aaslh.org.

Events

BARBOUR COUNTY

Thursday, April 9 - Sunday, April 12 - 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage Tour of Eufaula

Don't miss the 50th anniversary tour of Eufaula's historic homes. Tours are offered by daylight and candlelight of 13 historic homes and three gardens. Reservations required for pilgrimage picnic luncheon on the historic Shorter Mansion porch. Luncheon Speaker: Danielle Rollins, contributing editor, Atlanta House, *Veranda* magazine. For more information, visit www.eufaulapilgrimage.com or call 1-888-383-2852.

ELMORE COUNTY

Saturday - Sunday, April 18 - 19 - French and Indian War Encampment

Experience this program recreating the various Native American and European powers involved in the French and Indian War known as the Seven Years War (1755-1763). Location: Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson National Historic Park, 2521 W Fort Toulouse Rd, Wetumpka. Admission: Adults, \$2; Children \$1. Sponsor: Alabama Historical Commission. For more information, visit www.fttoulousejackson.org/visit or <http://fttoulousejackson.org/frenchandindian>.

MARENGO COUNTY



Monday, April 6 - Wednesday, May 2 - Exhibition *The Way We Worked*

Museum on Main Street traveling exhibition. Collaborating partners State Humanities Council, the National Archives, Smithsonian Institute and rural museums of the U.S. Location: Marengo County History and Archives Museum, 101 North Walnut Avenue, Demopolis. Admission: Free. Sponsors: Alabama Humanities Foundation, Alabama Power, Marengo County History and Archives

Museum Foundation and Norfolk Southern. For more information, visit www.museumonmainstreet.org/visit/twwwltninary.html.

Saturday, April 11 - Sunday, April 12 - Spring Pilgrimage

Tour Marengo County's historic homes. Open to the public will be six homes including Gaineswood. Tickets: \$20 at Bluff Hall, 407 North Commission Avenue, Demopolis. Sponsor: Marengo County Historical Society. For more information or to order tickets, call 334-289-9644 or email marengohistory@bellsouth.net.

MOBILE COUNTY

Sunday, April 5, 6:30 - 7:00 a.m. - Easter Sun Rise Service

Historic Fort Gaines will hold its Easter Sun Rise Service on the Great Lawn. The public is invited to attend. *The Fort opens from 6:00 a.m.* Location: 51 Bienville Blvd, Dauphin Island. Admission: Free. For more information, visit www.dauphinisland.org or call 251-861-6992.

Friday, April 10 - Saturday, April 12 - 50th Annual Reunion USS ALABAMA Crewman's Association

The USS ALABAMA, a National Historic Landmark, will host the 50th Annual Crewman's Reunion. These real life heroes will be aboard the ship on Saturday for tours, photo ops and their celebratory luncheon and banquet. Come and visit with the USS ALABAMA's Living History Crew.

See what life was like during WWII from those who fought in the war and from those who reenact that time in our history. Location: 2703 Battleship Parkway, Mobile. Admission: \$15, adults, \$6, 6 to 12, and free children 5 and under. For more information, visit www.ussalabama.com or call 251-433-2703.

Saturday, April 11 - 10:00 a.m. - Spring Plant Swap

The Old Dauphin Way Association will be holding their annual Spring Plant Swap. If you are a plant lover, this is a perfect way to spend your morning. The custom, you must bring a plant to swap, but not required. Location: Central Presbyterian Church, 1260 Dauphin Street, Mobile. Admission: Free. For more information, visit <http://odwa.org/gardening%205.html> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Old-Dauphin-Way-Association/178553228849730?fref=ts>.

Sunday, April 12 - 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Annual Benefit Garden Party

The Richards DAR House will host its beautiful spring event, *A Victorian Spring Garden Party*. Come and enjoy the legendary tea, silent auction, and hat contest with several categories to enter, including categories for children and men. Location: 256 N. Joachim, Mobile. Admission: \$20 per person. *Proceeds will benefit the \$75,000 historic cast ironwork restoration project.* For more information, visit <http://www.richardsdarhouse.com> or call 251-208-7320.

MONROE COUNTY



Monday, March 2 - To Kill a Mockingbird Tickets

Tickets are on sale for the 26th annual production of *To Kill A Mockingbird* performed in the Old Courthouse Museum in Monroeville. Location: Monroe County Heritage Museum, Courthouse Square, Monroeville. Tickets: Purchase by phone, call 251-575-7433. For more information and performance dates, visit www.monroecountymuseum.org.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Wednesday, April 1, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Rick Hall Book Signing

Rick Hall, legendary record producer and the founder of FAME Studios, will sign copies of his new autobiography *The Man From Muscle Shoals: My Journey From Shame to Fame*. When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was marching for freedom, Hall proved to be a civil rights pioneer through his music. Location: Farley Auditorium, Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free. For information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

Thursday, April 16, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreats: Food for Thought Lecture

Presentation *Mobile 1865: The Siege & Reduction of Spanish Fort & Fort Blakeley* by Robert Bradley. 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 information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

SUMTER COUNTY

Thursday, April 16, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Black Belt Symposium: "Clash of Empires"

A regional symposium focusing on the class of European and Native American empires in the Black Belt. Guest Speaker: Dr. Lawrence Clayton, Professor of History Emeritus, University of Alabama. Location: Bell Conference Center, The University of West Alabama, Livingston. Admission: \$10. Registration: <http://centerforblackbelt.org>. Sponsors: Center for the Study of the Black Belt and the Department of History and Social Science, University of West Alabama. For information, call 205-652-3828 or email jgentsch@uwa.edu.

Friday, April 17, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Connecting the Dots: Accessing State and Regional Resources for Your Local Organizations

Learn about funding opportunities, traveling exhibits, tax credits, fellowship programs and more. Location: Lyon Hall, The University of West Alabama, Livingston. Admission: Free. Sponsors:

Center for the Study of the Black Belt and UWA Office of Sponsored Programs, University of West Alabama; the Black Belt Museum; Alabama Humanities Foundation; Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

Registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/blackbeltconnection>. For information, call 205-652-3828 or email centerforblackbelt@uwa.edu.



Saturday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Sucarnochee Folklife Festival

The Sucarnochee Folklife Festival (SFF) celebrates the unique life ways of Alabama's Black Belt. "Feel the Vibe, Chew the Fat, Live the Tradition," and celebrate "The Year of Alabama BBQ!" Claim bragging rights in the annual Blue Ribbon contests for cornbread cook-off, pie baking, home canning and the new Gone Hog Wild BBQ Fixin's category. Bring a chair,

enjoy live music with the *Sucarnochee Revue's* stage show, the UWA Spotlight performers, the Black Belt Museum's Living History Camp, Ghost Walking Tour, craft vendors, demonstrator booths, color fun run and great food. Location: Sumter County Courthouse Square, Downtown Livingston. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Center for the Study of the Black Belt, University of West Alabama. For more information, visit www.centerforblackbelt.org, email grobbsins@uwa.edu or call 205-652-3828.

TALLADEGA COUNTY

Friday, April 10 - Saturday, April 11, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - April in Talladega Heritage Weekend

Tour includes free historic exhibitions at the Carnegie-Jemison Heritage Hall Museum and Talladega Public Library, a luncheon and fashion show at the St. Peter's Episcopal Church and special tours of the historic Ritz Theatre and ghost walk of Oak Hill Cemetery. Private historic homes open for touring include Idlewild (National Register of Historic Places) and Manning Hall, among others. Tickets: Ticketed events are individually priced. Free Events: Historic Courthouse and Ritz Theatre tours, Party on the Square and exhibitions. Tickets and schedule available from Talladega Chamber of Commerce. Sponsor: Talladega Pilgrimage Council. For more information, call 256-362-9075.

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

Thursday, April 9, 5:15 p.m. - Heritage Celebration Sundown Lecture Series

Presentation by Dr. Robert Mellown, "The Burning of the University Campus." Refreshments served at 5:15 p.m. Lecture at 5:45 p.m. Location: Dinah Washington Culture Arts Center, 612 24th Avenue, Tuscaloosa. Admission: Free, Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society members; \$5, Non-members.

Note: The Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center (CAC) is located in the former Allen & Jemison Warehouse Co. building and located in same block as the historic Bama Theatre. Built in 1903, the four-story, 50,000 square-foot red brick warehouse building has a special place in the hearts of Tuscaloosa residents.

News

Birmingham's Historic Rickwood Field Named Among Top Four Baseball Destinations

Built in 1910, Rickwood Field was hosting baseball games before Boston's Fenway Park or Chicago's Wrigley Field. Says Josh Pahigian, author of *101 Baseball Places to See Before You Strike Out*, Rickwood Field is "is kind of like a time machine you can visit as a fan and take a self-guided tour. It's a real treat for baseball fans." Today, the legendary field is the site of various events, including games, such as the annual Rickwood Classic fundraiser and the movie set for films about baseball greats, Ty Cobb (*Cobb*) and Jackie Robinson (*42*).

Journey Proud Visits Gee's Bend

May Day in Gee's Bend is the focus of the next episode of *Journey Proud*, an APT film series about Alabama's folk traditions. Series host Joey Brackner, with APT's award-winning team, visit Gee's Bend to document this Black Belt tradition of reunion and homecoming. *Gee's Bend May Day* premieres on Sunday, April 30 at 8:00 p.m. Airing on Thursdays during the month at 9:30 p.m. are episodes from seasons one and two: *Frankville Fiddlers' Convention*, April 9; *Bayou La Batre*, April 16; *Jubilees*, April 23 and *Sumter County BBQ* at 8:30 p.m. on April 30.



PBS's Antiques Roadshow Features Birmingham's Historic Treasures

Three episodes of television's longest-running reality show feature Birmingham treasures. Highlights include visits to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Birmingham Museum of Art and Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark. Appraisals featured during the episodes include an "Alabama baby doll" made in Roanoke, an autographed first edition copy of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a Titanic photograph and a Frederic Remington portrait and letter valued at \$600,000 - \$800,000. Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation's members were volunteers during the filming in June 2014. For more information and broadcast dates and times, visit www.aptv.org/story.asp?StoryID=220.

On the Road - Taking a Historic Church Home Again

What happens when a historic church has to be moved from one site to another? In 2006 - 2007, architectural students of Auburn University's Rural Studio moved the historic St. Luke's Church back to its originally location in Old Cahawba, the first capitol of Alabama. To watch video that documents the students work to disassemble, repair, relocate and rebuild St. Luke's Episcopal Church, visit the following website.

www.cahawba.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=33&Itemid=62 (Allow 60 seconds for video to load.)



Historic Barton Academy Restoration Begins

The scaffolding has been erected and the restoration process has begun on the historic Barton Academy in Mobile. The exterior restoration is part of the long-range plan to convert this historic building, owned by the Mobile County Public School System, into Barton Academy for Advanced World Studies. Barton Academy has been listed twice on Alabama's Places In Peril. For information, visit www.bartonacademy.org.

Conde Charlotte House Museum Launches New Website

The Conde Charlotte House Museum in Mobile launched their new website this past month. The site features a fresh new look and includes information on items from the collection as well as event and operational information. Please visit, www.condecharlotte.com.



A New Life for the Carlen House

Mobile's historic Carlen House, an 1843 cottage located on the grounds of Murphy High School, will soon have a new life. The Murphy High School Alumni Association has just signed a 20 year lease with the owners, the Mobile County Public School System, after several years of negotiations. Plans are to restore the cottage and open it as the Murphy High School Archives and to also use the house as a meeting place for the alumni association. Funding is needed to help with the exterior repairs.

The Carlen House was once the heart of a farm where present day Murphy High School stands in Mobile's mid-town area. Through the years it has operated as one of Mobile's period house museums. The home was closed many years ago and has been left vacant. It also received some damage from the Christmas Day tornado that swept through Mobile.

Donations may be made to the Murphy Alumni Association, P O Box 66158, Mobile, Alabama 36660, or through Pay Pal donations on the website: www.murphyalumni.org.

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