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Alerts

ALABAMA TEACHERS



Register Now for Free Web-Interactive Field Trip

Project C: Lessons from the American Civil Rights Movement Airing

Don't forget to register for the next episode of Project C coming to classrooms on March 12. Take students on a Web-interactive field trip of the Selma to Montgomery Voter's Rights March. The field trip will include pre-recorded interviews and with about the Selma to Montgomery marchers, including U.S. Congressman John Lewis, visits to historic sites of the March and live Q&A segments with Civil Rights scholars. For more information and to register, visit <http://aptv.org/Project-C/>.

Register Now for Super Teacher Institute

Selma and Montgomery: A Tale of Two Cities - An Examination of How The Events Changed America

This Alabama Humanities Foundation's Super Teacher Institute offers Alabama educators the opportunity to study Alabama history and literature about the Voter's Rights March of 1965. Scheduled for March 5 - 8, registrations are limited. For information and to register, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sDUT6NzxitSgJF5ezXW_xx6EPJKmOhQHi3u86YTVt6k/viewform?c=0&w+1.

Events

DALLAS COUNTY

Thursday, March 5, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Road to Freedom Wagon Train

One hundred years before the 1965 Voter's Rights March in nearby Selma, a brave community of recently emancipated African-Americans gathered around an older courthouse in Old Cahawba. These 19th century "foot soldiers" exercised their right to vote and - for a brief time - gained great

political power. The special wagon tour tells the story of Cahawba's African American majority from slavery to freedom with a special emphasis on how these freedmen reshaped Cahawba as they pursued their dreams of equality. Location: Old Cahawba Archeological Park, 9518 Cahaba Road, Orrville. Tickets: Adults \$10, Children \$8. Seating first come, first served. Additional tours and or special group tours also available. For more information, visit http://visitingmontgomery.com/dream/events_listing, email cahawbabarn@bellsouth.net or call 334-872-8058.



Saturday, March 7, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, BYOB Tour of Historic Cahawba

Bring your own bike and tour on two wheels historic Cahawba, Alabama's first state capital. Explore this 1819-1826 archeological town, its relics, ruins and graveyard. Bring bike, water and snack. Tour is guided. Location: Old Cahawba Archeological Park, 9518 Cahaba Road, Orrville. Fee: \$10 per person. For more information, email cahawbabarn@bellsouth.net or call 334-872-8058.

ELMORE COUNTY

Saturday, March 21 - French Garrison Encampment

Living history encampment demonstrating daily life during the 1750s. 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.

MOBILE COUNTY

Friday, March 13, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Spring Tour and Tea

Historic Bragg-Mitchell Mansion's annual historic tour and tea. Enjoy a tour of the mansion and tea with light hors d'oeuvres. Location: Bragg-Mitchell House, 1906 Spring Hill Ave, Mobile. Tickets: Adults, \$12; Children, \$8. For more information, visit www.braggmitchellmansion.com/.

MONROE COUNTY



Monday, March 2 -For To Kill a Mockingbird Tickets

Tickets go 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. Ticket purchase by phone, call 251-5757433. For more information and performance dates, visit www.monroecountymuseum.org.

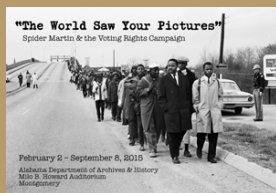
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Sunday, March 1 - Tuesday, March 31 - Freedom Rides Museum - Special Anniversary Hours

During the month of March, the Freedom Rides museum will be open an extra day. Times: Thursday - Saturday, Noon - 4:00 p.m. and also on Bloody Sunday, March 1. Location: 210 S. Court Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Alabama Historical Commission. For more information, visit <http://www.preserveala.org/greyhoundstation.aspx>.

Sunday, March 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, March 1 - Tuesday, September 8 - 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.

Saturday, March 7, 2:00 p.m. -The Plantation Heirs Concert

Enjoy this musical with the Plantation Heirs, the legendary singing group hailing from the Auburn area. The group is known for its unique presentation of traditional African-American spirituals, performed a cappella while dressed in 19th century clothing. Location: The Cleveland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Old Alabama Town, enter through Lucas Tavern site at 310 N. Hull St., Montgomery. Admission: \$5 per ticket includes historic tour.

Thursday, March 19, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreasts: Food for Thought Lecture

Presentation by Sheyann Webb-Christburg, "Dr. Martin Luther King's Smallest Freedom Fighter." 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.

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY



Thursday, March 12, 5:15 p.m. - Sundown Lecture Series

Lecture presentation by Delbert Reed, "Dr. George H. Denny, 1912-1936. Refreshments served at 5:15 p.m. Lecture at 5:45 p.m. Location: Jemison-Van de Graaff Mansion, 1305 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa. Admission: Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society members: Free; Non-members: \$5.

Sunday, March 29, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Join the fun. Activities include the egg hunt, visits with the Easter Bunny, games and prizes, petting zoo from Tuscaloosa Barnyard, and a raffle for the adults. Location: Battle-Friedman House, 1010 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa. Admission: \$5 adults; Free for 2 children \$2 for additional children. Sponsors/Host: Junior Tuscaloosa Belles.

News



City of Huntsville Welcomes New Historic Preservation Consultant

Jessica White joins the City of Huntsville to consult on local historic preservation projects and issues. A M. A. in public history with an emphasis on historic preservation from Middle Tennessee State University, she assumed her new role in 2014. Her career includes work as an Early American Fieldwork Preservationist for the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. Since becoming the city's historic preservation consultant, Jessica has made great progress assisting the Historic Huntsville Preservation Commission. Two of her high priorities is to engage the public and be a visible resource for local historic property owners. She may be

contacted by email at jessica.white@huntsvilleal.gov.



Historic Huntsville Foundation Names New Executive Director

The Historic Huntsville Foundation (HHF) has new executive leadership under the direction of Donna Castellano. Castellano, who assumed her new role with the HHF in January 2015, is a former board member of the Alabama Trust for the Historic Preservation and immediate past Chairman of HHF. Author of *Through the Garden Gate: The Gardens of Historic Huntsville*, Castellano brings to HHF a deep affection for Alabama history and a serious commitment to its preservation. She may be contacted at 256.508.5372 or

embark7@comcast.net.

Saving Montgomery Landmarks

The Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery has launched efforts to help preserve the Chappell House and the Montgomery Theatre aka the Webber Building.

Named as a 2013 Alabama Place in Peril, the **Chappell House** (circa 1850) is an early preservation success story. Recognizing its historical significance, the Montgomery Housing Authority restored the city's only surviving brick Greek Revival-style cottage in the 1930s. For nearly 70 years it served as business offices for the surrounding Riverside Heights housing project. With the housing project's demise, the vacant Chappell House is facing an uncertain future. In 2007, the City of Montgomery unanimously approved a municipal master plan that included saving the old house. The building was to be incorporated into any new development, just as it was in the 1930s. Funding to preserve the historic structure will help ensure its preservation as a historic landmark of the city.

Montgomery's **Webber Building**, formerly the **Montgomery Theatre**, is steeped in history. In more recent days, it was the Webber Department Store, but before that it was one of the most popular theaters in the south with John Wilkes Booth, among other celebrities, treading its stage. Reportedly, a musician penned the song, "Dixie," by writing the song and lyrics on one of the theater's walls. As with historic structures in downtown areas across the nation, the Webber Building has some structural challenges. The City of Montgomery with local preservationists are committed to securing a historic developer to preserve and retro-fit the Montgomery icon.

For more information on the Chappell House or Webber Building, contact Marion Baab, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery at 334-240-4500 or m.baab@oldalabamatown.com.

USS Alabama Welcomes New Marketing/Promotions Director



Rhonda P. Davis has joined the crew of the USS Alabama as director of sales and marketing. Her career in historic preservation and marketing historic programs and sites includes executive directorship of the Historic Mobile Preservation Society and the Oakleigh Historic Complex program manager for Main Street Mobile, where she earned her national certification as Certified Main Street Manager. Davis serves on the boards for the Alabama Governor's Mansion Authority, The War of 1812 Commission, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and Barton Academy Foundation. She may be contacted at 251-433-2703 or

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