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Alabama Historic Tax Credit Program - Success for Local Municipalities

In its first two and a half years of availability, Alabama's tax credit program for the renovation of historic buildings has generated almost \$4 million in investment throughout the state. In Mobile, the program is in part responsible for the renovation of the Buick Building, Marine Street Lofts and The Admiral

Hotel...projects that are creating additional tax revenue for the city and state while also spurring additional development in the surrounding neighborhood.

Several other projects approved for the state tax credits are underway in the Port City, and many more renovations of distressed historic buildings would be undertaken if the credits, which have essentially expired, are extended by the Alabama legislature. Rep. Victor Gaston of Mobile has introduced a bill that would extend the program for seven years...just imagine how much investment the state would experience with a seven year horizon! As successful as the program is, however, it needs your support. To learn more about the state historic tax credit program, visit AdvanceAlabama.org. Then, contact your state representative and senator and ask for their support for this important economic development tool.

Contact your state representative and senator and ask for their support for this important economic development tool. For legislative update on re-authorization of the Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, see ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE UPDATES below in the NEWS section.

ALABAMA HISTORY AND PRESERVATION EVENTS - MARK 2016 CALENDARS!

Alabama Trust Spring Board Meeting - Friday, April 8, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Meetings of the board of directors of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation are open to Trust members and to the public. Location: B.B. Comer Memorial Library, 314 N. Broadway, Sylacauga.



Spring Preservation Lyceum - Friday Night, April 8 - Sunday Morning, April 10

Experience the historic Coosa River Valley of Sylacauga and Talladega counties. Lyceum participants will visit privately-owned Hamilton Place, Watters Farm and Welch Springs; and explore the histories of Sylacauga's historic marble and textile industries with historians Ruth Beaumont Cook and Craig Crockard. Enjoy a glass of wine at the historic log homestead of Faye and Marc Butts, break bread together at Hightower House, historic home of Martha and Joe Turner, dine on shrimp and locally milled grits at the Kamulga Grist Mill and partake in a wiener roast with Averiett and Travis Wesson at their historic Old Averiett Homeplace.



A Taste of the South, two culinary treats benefiting the work of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Coffee with the Chef and a Southern Sunday Brunch are additions to this Lyceum. Join Alabama native, award-winning chef, and culinary author Scott Peacock for Coffee with the Chef and a discussion of traditional southern foodways followed by the Sunday Brunch at the historic Chancellor House. (Reservations limited for Coffee with the Chef pre-brunch event.) For program information and registration, visit

www.alabamatrust.info or www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces.

Widely recognized as a culinary treasure of the South, Scott Peacock is one of the nation's most respected and influential chefs. Peacock has been at the forefront of the local food movement since the early 1990s, when he and his longtime friend and collaborator, the culinary legend Edna Lewis, co-founded the Society For the Revival and Preservation of Southern Food.



Alabama Preservation/National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Conferences - July 27 - 31

Plan now to attend the Alabama Preservation Conference being held in conjunction with the National Alliance of Preservation Commission (NAPC). NAPC is the only national conference focused on issues facing local historic preservation commissions. Whether it's mitigating the impact of sea level rise, protecting resources of the recent past or recognizing the contributions of diverse cultures to our shared heritage, historic preservation commissions play a key role in saving historic places. For more information go to [FORUM 2016](#). A preliminary conference program, Hip.Happening.Historic.Preservation@50, will be available online this month.

Hip.Happening.Historic.Preservation@50 celebrates the 50th anniversary of the National Preservation Act and 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service. The joint conference is for preservation lay people, professionals, and volunteers and includes educational sessions and discussion panels, mobile workshops and tours, and five days of non-stop networking for commission staff and volunteers representing local, state and national organizations and government agencies. Conference also includes special events at historic sites and the Alabama's Preservation Awards Ceremony and luncheon.

For more program updates and registration information, visit the Forum 2016 website at www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1772691.

ALABAMA PRESERVATION NOMINATIONS

Alabama's Places in Peril 2016 - Call for Nominations - Deadline Extended March 4

What are Alabama's most imperiled places in 2016? What historic homes, farms, public buildings, factories, stores, roads, bridges, or cultural landscapes are threatened with neglect, demolition, or insensitive development?

The Places in Peril program of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) needs your help to identify, document, and save threatened properties that have significant historic or architectural importance. Since 1994, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation has helped to publicize Alabama's Places in Peril and to coordinate efforts to protect and preserve them.

If an imperiled place is on the National Register of Historic Places, the Alabama Register, or is eligible for either of these designations, and it faces an imminent threat of demolition, neglect, or insensitive development, please notify the ATHP at once.

Call the ATHP at 205-652-3497 or email to alabamatrust@athp.org to take the next step towards protecting the historic built environment of Alabama. For more information about Places in Peril, including illustrated profiles of places listed in recent years, please see www.alabamatrust.info.

Alabama Historical Commission - Call for Nominations - 2016 Preservation Awards - Deadline May 15

The Alabama Historical Commission and the Black Heritage Council seek nominations for the 2016 Historic Preservation Awards. Recipients will be honored during the Alabama Preservation Conference being held in conjunction with the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) in Mobile, July 27-31.

Distinguished Service Award

Since 1969 the Alabama Historical Commission has celebrated achievements in preservation by presenting the Distinguished Service Award to individuals and groups whose contributions demonstrate excellence in historic preservation.

Roy Swayze Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievement by a private owner in the restoration of a major Alabama landmark.

Idella Childs Award

Each year the Black Heritage Council recognizes outstanding preservation projects that highlight Alabama's African American history and culture. The late Idella Childs established an enviable record as a preservationist of Alabama's black landmarks.

Click [here](#) to download the nomination form.

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) - Call for Nominations - 2016 Preservation Awards - Deadline May 27, 2016

The ATHP seeks nominations for the Trust's 2016 Preservation Awards described below. Awards will be presented to honorees during the Alabama Preservation Conference being held in conjunction with the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) in Mobile, July 27-31.

Restoration

Recognizes exemplary restorations of historic buildings or landscapes. Accurately returns a building to an earlier condition and appearance based on historical or physical evidence. May be awarded to the owner, architect, or designer.

Rehabilitation

Recognizes exemplary rehabilitation of historical buildings or landscapes, including compatible new additions. A rehabilitation project preserves significant portions or features of a building, including historic changes, while making possible an efficient contemporary use. May be awarded to the owner, architect, or designer.

Preservation Service

Presented to persons, groups, businesses, and government entities who demonstrate exemplary

activities and promotion of awareness in the field of historic preservation.

*Gwendolyn C. Turner Award

The Trust's highest honor commends an individual who has a long and outstanding history of dedication and distinguished statewide service in the field of historic preservation in Alabama.

**This award is selected solely by the officers of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Board of Directors (may not be presented annually).*

Click [here](#) to download the nomination form.

ALABAMA HISTORIC REHABILITATION TAX CREDIT - LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Alabama Legislature has a number of items to consider during the current legislative session, among these are proposed bills impacting historic preservation efforts in the state, particularly the reauthorization of the Alabama Historic Commission and renewal of the three-year old Alabama Rehabilitation Tax Credit. The first requires a re-authorization of the Commission, which also serves as the federally mandated Preservation Office for the State of Alabama. The second is a program that provides financial incentives, in the form of tax credits, to developers/owners of historic properties for capital costs associated with the preservation and re-adaptive renovations of Alabama's cultural assets - its historic built environment. To keep current on the status of each and for more information, watch the Alabama Trust's Advocacy webpage at www.alabamatrust.info/advocacy.php or www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces.

For ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, see NEWS section.

Events

BALDWIN COUNTY

Saturday, March 12, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Heritage of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, "The Power of Place: The Mobile-Tensaw Delta and Literary Inspiration"

Explore and learn more about the history of inspiration drawn from Mobile's very special Tensaw Delta. The day begins with a one-hour guided nature walk exploring the plant of the Delta led by botanist Fred Nation. After the walk, author Watt Key will talk about the connections between his writing and life in the Delta; at lunch, Alabama poet laureate, playwright and author Dr. Sue Brannan Walker will discuss the Delta's inspiration as seen in her works. Location: Wehle Nature Center, Historic Blakeley State Park, 34745 State Highway 225, Spanish Fort. Admission: Program, free - advanced registration required; Catered Bag Lunch, \$10 per reservation. *Registrants may bring their own brown bag lunch.* Sponsor: Alabama Humanities Foundation. For more information, call 251-626-5581.

Among the works of Watt Key - *Among the Swamp People* and *Terror at Bottle Creek*.

Among the works of Sue Brannan Walker - *In the Realm of Rivers: Alabama's Mobile-Tensaw Delta*.

Thursday, March 24, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Historic Eco Tour of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta

Join historian and author John Sledge on the *Delta Explorer* and follow the "wake of history" on the Mobile River. Sledge will narrate the tour. Start Location: Blakeley Park Dock, 34745 State Highway 225, Spanish Fort, Tensaw River. Reservations: Adults, \$40 each; Children, \$20 each. For more information, call 251-626-5581.

Among John Sledge's history books - *The Mobile River* will be on sale during the tour.

DALLAS COUNTY



Thursday, March 3 - Monday, March 7 - Bridge Crossing Jubilee

This weekend is a commemoration of the anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" and the Selma to Montgomery March. Activities include a pageant, a dance, women and youth conferences, a parade, festival, interfaith service and National Voting Rights Hall of Fame induction. Visit www.selmajubilee.com for more information.

Saturday, March 5, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Wagon Tour, "Road to Freedom"

One hundred years before the historic 1965 Voting Rights March, recently emancipated African Americans gathered around the 19th century Cahawba Courthouse to exercise their right to vote as U.S. citizens. Join this 21st century wagon tour of Old Cahawba and hear the story of Cahawba's African-American majority, trace their path from slavery to freedom, and see their dream of freedom's mark on this historic site. Location: Old Cahawba Archaeological Park, 9518 Old Cahaba Road, Orrville. Admission: Adults, \$10; Children, \$8. For more information, visit cahawba@bellsouth.net or call 334-872-8058.

Friday, March 18 - Saturday, March 19 - 41st Historic Selma Pilgrimage

Don't miss this annual pilgrimage of historic Selma spanning more than a century of architectural styles from the 1830s to the 1950s. Friday evening enjoy a home tour and reception followed by walk through Old Live Oak Cemetery, a favorite place of Alabama's foremost storyteller, the late Kathryn Tucker Windham. The tour includes, among other sites of historic interest, Sturdivant Hall, seven homes, two churches and several museums. Sponsor: Selma-Dallas County Historic Preservation Society. For more information and tour tickets, visit www.selmapilgrimage.com or email info@selmapilgrimage.com.

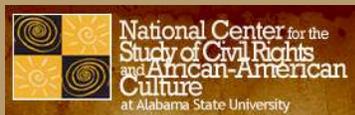
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Sunday, March 3, 2:00 p.m. - Trekking Through the Past

Join historian Mary Ann Neeley for a spring walking tour of the Western Ridge of Montgomery's historic Oakwood Cemetery. Tour includes Scott's Free Burying Ground, the Land of Peace, The Confederate Burying Ground and a visit to two Slave Graves. *Comfortable clothes, walking shoes and bottle of water recommended.* Start Location: Main Gate, Oakwood Cemetery, 829 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Admission: Landmarks Members, free; Non-Members, \$10. Sponsor: Old Alabama Town, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit www.landmarksfoundation.com/events/upcoming-events/ or e-mail rrussell@landmarksfoundation.com with questions. Note: If rain, check [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/landmarksfoundation) for news on possible cancellations or rescheduled rain date.

Thursday, February 17, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Food for Thought

A lunch-time lecture series offered the third Thursday of every month. Presentation by Chris McIlwaine, *Civil War in Alabama*. 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 more information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.



Through June 10, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - The 60th Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott: The Lessons and the Legacy Exhibit

A juried exhibition through June 10, by members of the National Alliance of Artists from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (NAAHBCU). Location: The

National Center, 1345 Carter Hill Road, Montgomery. Admission: None For more information, visit <http://www.lib.alasu.edu/natctr/> or call 334-229-4824.

SUMTER COUNTY



Tuesday, March 1, 4:00 p.m. - Lecture, "The Archaeology of Salt"

The Department of History and Social Sciences presents "The Archaeology of Salt." Presenters are by Al. I. Cuza University, Iasi, Romania, faculty members Dr. Marius-Tiberiu Alexianu and Dr. Roxana-Gabriela Curca. They will be discussing their ethnoarchaeological work in eastern Romania, where local animal herders have been making salt from springs for thousands of years. Their studies of traditional salt-gathering and how it is used help archaeologists interpret the importance of salt in the region over time. Location: Campbell Environmental Education Center, University of West Alabama campus, Livingston. Admission:

Free. Sponsor: Department of History and Social Sciences. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/uwadedo>.

TALLAPOOSA COUNTY

Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 22nd Anniversary of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend

This annual community event is an enjoyable and educational interpretation of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend, the War of 1812, and American Indian life in the southern United States. Location: 11288 Horseshoe Bend Road, Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, Daviston Admission: gena call 256-234-7111 and find out if there is a fee For more information, visit <http://www.nps.gov/hobe>.

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

Thursday, March 10, 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Sundown Lecture Series

Presentation, the "Tuscaloosa Area Virtual Museum: An Online Research Tool for Historic Tuscaloosa." Presenters will speak about the project and demonstrate how this virtual museum works. Presenters: Jennie Claybrook, Tuscaloosa Public Library; Taylor Watson, Paul W. Bryant Museum; Steve Davis, Alabama Department of Mental Health (Bryce Hospital); Crystal Mealer, Stillman College Library; and Elizabeth Bradt, demonstrating the virtual tour website. Location: Historic Jemison-Van de Graff Mansion, 1305 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa. Admission: TCPS Members; free; Non-Members, \$5. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/TuscaloosaPreservationSociety/>.

Sunday, March 20, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Hosted by the Junior Tuscaloosa Belles, the event includes the egg hunt, visits with the Easter Bunny, games and prizes, a petting farm from Tuscaloosa Barnyard and a raffle for the adults. Location: Battle-Friedman House, 1010 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa. Admission: Adults, \$5; Children, \$1. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/TuscaloosaPreservationSociety/>.

News

Alabama's Vintage Service Stations Find New Purpose in Interpreting the Past

Historic preservation fuels a new life for old gas stations in Athens and Trussville, Alabama. Thanks to local and city visionaries, vintage gas stations, colloquially known as "filling stations," are new engines for heritage tourism. A Gulf station (circa 1960s) in Trussville now houses the

Classic Cars and Garage Museum. Northward in Athens, the old College Inn, part gas station and part diner, was moved to Big Springs Memorial Park. Now it serves the public as a museum and offices for Keep Athens Limestone Beautiful. To read more, visit www.al.com/living/index.ssf/2016/01/these_vintage_alabama_service.html.



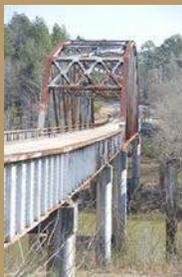
Black Belt Students Engage in Historic Preservation Field Research

Students from the University of West Alabama are engaged in field research documenting a part of Alabama's Black Belt heritage.

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation board member and Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Site Direct for Fort Tombeche, Dr. Ashley Dumas and Anthropology students in her AN 498 class have been updating the Black Belt Slave Housing Survey. The purpose of the Survey is to document, including photographing, drawing, and measuring, standing slave houses to create a database that can be used by anthropologists and historians to study these important structures.

In addition to completing readings on slavery and slave narratives, students Natalie Mooney, Valencia Moore, and Cory Sly have worked together to document three houses in two counties and plan to record two more in the coming months. In total, the Survey has records on thirteen houses across five Black Belt counties.

For more information, contact adumas@uwa.edu.



Historic Alabama Bridge Imperiled - Announcement Available for Relocation

The Jefferson County Commission, in conjunction with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) propose the replacement of a bridge, the Buckshort Hewitt Bridge, determined to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, there are no plans to preserve the bridge in place. The Buckshort Hewitt Bridge is located on Mt. Olive Road (CR-77) over the Locust Fork of the Black Warrior River in Jefferson County, Alabama.

As stipulated in Section 123(f)(4) of the Surface Transportation Act of 1987 and the Memorandum of Agreement with the Alabama Historical Commission, Jefferson County is announcing the availability of this bridge. The structure will be donated to the appropriate recipients and Jefferson County, FHWA and ALDOT will pay the expense of moving the bridge and associated reestablishment costs up to the expense of bridge demolition. For this service the recipient will agree to preserve the historical integrity of the bridge and to properly maintain the structure.

Any potential recipient interested in further information concerning acquisition of this bridge, please provide an immediate written request to:

Ms. Tracy Pate, P.E., County Engineer, Jefferson County Department of Roads & Transportation, 716 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd N, Room A-200, Birmingham, AL 35203. Phone: 205-325-5154. Email: patet@jccal.org.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION LEGISLATION UPDATES - 2016 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Updates provided by the Alabama Historical Commission.

House Bill 3 - The Moving or Renaming of Monuments

Sponsor: Representative Paul Beckman, District 88

Status: HB 3 will before the House of Representatives committee on Agencies and Commissions on March 2.

Senate Bill 13 - The Moving or Renaming of Monuments

Sponsor: Senator Gerald Allen, District 21

Status: SB 13 passed out of Senate Committee and is ready for the third reading on the Senate floor.

Senate Bill 51 - Alabama Historic Commission Sunset Legislation

Sponsor: Senator Paul Bussman, District 4

Status: SB 51 passed House Committee of Boards, Agencies and Commissions with favorable review. Third reading of the bill on the House Floor expected March 1.

House Bill 62 - Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit

Sponsor: Representative Victor Gaston, District 100

Status: HB 62 was heard last week in the House Committee. An amendment was added, "If any fiscal year in which the Governor declares proration of the General Fund or the Education Trust Fund or if the General Fund appropriation Act or the Educations Trust Fund Appropriation Act is level-funded based on the prior year act, any tax credits authorized in this chapter shall be suspended and carried over for that calendar year." HB 62 is expected to go to the House floor on March 8.

Senate Bill 125 - General Fund Budget

Sponsor: Senator Trip Pittman, District 32

SB 125 proposes a reduction in state appropriations for Alabama state agencies funded from the General Fund. The General Fund was debated on the floor of the Senate last week and passed out of the Senate.

The Alabama Historical Commission's (AHC) annual budget is an allocation from the General Fund. As most state agencies, the AHC received a 5% reduction in funding from its Fiscal Year 2016 General Fund appropriation.

Senate Bill 133 - Adding Representation from the Black Heritage Council of Alabama to the AHC Commission

Sponsors: Senators Vivian Figures, District 33, and Paul Bussman, District 4

SB 133 bill will be in the House of Representatives Board, Agencies and Commissions Committee on March 2.

Montgomery Historic Properties for Lease - Old Alabama Town

Not to be missed is the opportunity to lease the historic Martin-Barnes or Moulton houses of Montgomery's Old Alabama Town for office space. Of the 50 properties that have been restored by the Landmarks Foundation, 17 are included in Old Alabama Town tours. The remaining properties are leased for commercial use by local businesses, including law offices, non-profit headquarters, small corporations and catering businesses. For more information, visit www.landmarksfoundation.com/about-us/lease-office-space or call Marion Baab at 334-240-4500.

2014 Places in Peril Saved by City of Tuscaloosa

Another antebellum structure, the old Tuscaloosa jail, has been saved with the sale of the historic property to the City of Tuscaloosa. The building served as Tuscaloosa County's jail from 1856 to 1890, then as a boarding house in the early 1900s and later a hall for the local Veterans of Foreign Wars group from 1951 to 1979. In 1980, the old jail became an educational center when the city school system's American Studies program was located in it from 1980 to 2003. Subsequently, the Capitol School used the old jail until leaving in 2007. Thanks to the City of Tuscaloosa, the historic jail now has a chance to serve the community in another way. For more information, visit www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20160224/NEWS/160229829?p=1&tc=pg.

Alabama Archives and History Accepting Summer Internship Applications

The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH), the nation's oldest state department of

archives and history, offers valuable work experience and educational opportunities through its internship program. Internships at the ADAH provide undergraduate and graduate students with a meaningful and realistic work experience, which complements their formal academic training. ADAH internships are unpaid; students can obtain academic credit depending on the guidelines of their individual educational institutions. For information visit, www.archives.alabama.gov/employ/internshipannouncementsummer2016_final.pdf. For online application, visit www.archives.alabama.gov/employ/internship%20online%20application.pdf.

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