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ALABAMA TRUST'S UPCOMING PRESERVATION EVENTS

Programs coming to you from the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation include the following. Mark calendars now to join the Alabama Trust for these events. Watch www.alabamatrust.info/ and www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces?fref=ts for more information.

Fall Board Meeting - Friday, November 20

Meetings of the board of directors of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation are open to Trust members and to the public. November Location: First Partners Bank, 2121 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. Meeting Time: 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

4th Annual Preservation Roundtable and Luncheon - January 15

Program includes briefings on the status of Alabama Historic Commission's (AHC) Sunset Review, upcoming preservation legislation and the status of plans for Alabama Bicentennial Commemorations. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery.

Spring Preservation Lyceum - April 8 - 10

Experience historic Sylacauga. Visit a log home and grist mill, learn about Sylacauga marble and the annual Marble Festival, tour some of Fayetteville's heritage farms and Columbiana's collection of George Washington artifacts. End the weekend with a Southern Sunday Brunch at a restored 19th century private home.



Alabama Preservation/National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Conferences - July 27-31, 2016

Save the Date! Plan to be in Mobile for the joint meetings of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions and the Alabama

Preservation Conference. Conference partners are the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC), Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) and Mobile Historic Development Commission (MHDC). The conference is open to the public and provides national training to those who serve on local historic review boards and to governmental employees who regulate historic districts. This prestigious conference will feature national speakers, field visit and lots of fun. Hotel

accommodations will be at the historic Battle House Hotel in downtown Mobile. Watch for online registration to open soon. For more information, visit

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THE BLACK BELT FORUM - NOVEMBER 12

Enjoy panelist discussion on Heritage Area designation, infrastructure, public/private partnerships and next steps for the Black Belt region at "The Black Belt Forum: The Heritage Area and Beyond." The forum is open to the public and is on Thursday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Milo B. Howard Room, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Sponsored by The University of West Alabama. For more information, call 205-652-3828 or click here for an information flyer.



FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL AND EXPO - NOVEMBER 12 - 14 - REGISTER NOW!

Join the Alabama Folklife Association for a celebration of Alabama's folk legacies - legacies that make Alabama a leader in the stewardship of the folk and traditional arts. Experience the sounds and works of master artists, Alabama's living heritage being passed down to future generations. For more information and to register, visit

http://alabamafolklife.homestead.com/FIF-2015.html.

JEREMIAH - AN HISTORICAL DOCUMENTARY

Original documentary film about Alabamian Jeremiah Denton, Jr., Vietnam War hero, POW and U.S. Senator. Airing on Alabama Public Television, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. and November 12 at 9:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.aptv.org/story.asp?StoryID=452.

MOORESVILLE ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER/TOUR - MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW

Make reservations now for this favorite annual holiday event. The Village of Mooresville (1818) offers a progressive holiday tour of its historic buildings and six private homes decorated for the season. Homes open and shopping available 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Dinner begins with a salad course in the Brick Church. Dinner in the town square, seating at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and at 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Dessert and coffee in Peebles' Barn. Reservations required, Tickets: \$70 per person. To make reservations, visit www.mooresvilleal.com. Proceeds benefit the preservation of Historic Mooresville.



PASTFORWARD - NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

If you can't make the National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual conference, *PastForward*, November 3 - 6 in Washington, DC, you can be part of the important discussions and dialogues taking place at the conference. Be a virtual attendee by live streaming the conference. *PastForward* streaming is free. For more information and to register as a

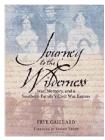
virtual conference attendee, visit http://pastforwardconference.org/virtual-attendee/.

WHY YOUR SUPPORT FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION MATTERS!

Your gifts help preserve Alabama's historic treasures, its history, its legacy. Historic Preservation makes Alabama a better place to live and a better place to visit. Give your support today to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and your local preservation organization. To make a gift to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, visit www.alabamatrust.info, click on Donate.

Events

BALDWIN COUNTY



Wednesday, November 11, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Historic Battlefield Tours and Lecture

A special multi-faceted Veterans Day program highlighted by park rangernarrated tours of the Fort Blakeley Civil War Battlefield, followed by lunch and lecture by noted author Frye Gaillard, a descendant of veterans of the Battle of Fort Blakeley. Gaillard will talk about his latest book *Journey to the Wilderness: War, Memory and a Southern Family's Civil War Letters.* Two 45minute tours include: a guided walking tour of seldom seen intact sections of the Confederate earthworks, and a bus trip to the sections over which the

Federal army charged during the last major battle of the Civil War. Reservations required. Tickets: \$20 per reservation. Location: Fort Blakeley State Park, Ala. State Highway 225, Spanish Fort. For more information or to make reservations, email blakeleypark@aol.com or call 251-626-0798.

LIMESTONE COUNTY

Tuesday, November 17, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Main Street Alabama Entrepreneurial Readiness Workshop

Lean how to cultivate entrepreneurs in your downtown district? Learn how to develop a Kidz Biz Program and make an Economic Restructuring program that works for your historic district. Registration: \$125 per person. Location: Athens Renaissance School, 405 South Street East, Athens. Sponsors: Main Street Alabama and InAlliance. For more information and to register, email marylon@mainstreetalabama.org or call 205- 516-4506.

MOBILE COUNTY

Sunday, November 8, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Premiere Screening of Jeremiah A premiere screening of the APT original documentary Jeremiah, the story of Vietnam War hero and POW Jeremiah Denton. Admission: Free. Seating is limited. For reservations, call 251-4382834 or email lprice@ussalabama.com by Thursday, November 5. Location: Aircraft Pavillion, USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park, 2703 Battleship Parkway, Mobile. Sponsors: Alabama Public Television and USS ALABAMA Battleship Commission. For more information, email lprice@ussalabama.com.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Sunday, November 8, 2:00 p.m. - Oakwood Cemetery, Eastern Ridge

Join Jeff Benton as he launches the first tour of the Eastern Ridge of Montgomery's historic Oakwood Cemetery. Visit the graves of Civil War heroes, a Union burial plot, the Jewish Eternal Rest area, Hank and Audrey Williams, and more. Admission: \$10. Tour Start Location: Hank Williams gravesite, Oakwood Cemetery, Gate, Lower Wetumpka Road, Montgomery. Sponsors: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For

more information, visit <u>www.landmarksfoundation.com/events/detail/trekking-through-the-past</u> <u>or call 334-240-4500</u>. (Rain date December 5.)

Thursday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. - Curator's Tour

Experience Old Alabama Town's collections of artifacts and historic interiors. Explore OAT's historic treasures with the museum's curator. Location: Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Old Alabama Town, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit www.oldalabamatown.com.

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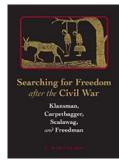
Sunday, November 15, 2:00 p.m. - Trekking through the Past : Montgomery's Perry Street from St. John's Episcopal to I-85

Join architectural historian Robert Gamble and historian Mary Ann Neeley for this walk from St. John's Episcopal Church along historic Perry St. toward the I-85 Bridge. Referred to in the 1850s as the "Fifth Avenue of Montgomery," Perry Street's houses date from the 1820s and include cottages, Greek Revival mansions and turn-of-the-20th Century Revivals. Admission: \$10. Tour Start Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Perry St. and Madison Ave. Sponsors: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit www.landmarksfoundation.com/events/detail/trekking-through-the-past or call 334-240-4500. (Rain date TBD.)

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

A lunch-time lecture series offered the third Thursday of every month. This month, David Robb presents Alabama's "Invisible Map" of 1818 & the Origins of the Great Seal. 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 more information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY



Thursday, November 12, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Heritage Celebration Sundown Lecture Series

Dr. Guy Hubbs, Professor Emeritus/Archivist, Birmingham-Southern College, will present Reconstructed Tuscaloosa based on his award-winning publication Searching for Freedom after the Civil War: Klansman, Carpetbagger, Scalawag, and Freedman. Admission: Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society Members, Free; Non-Members, \$5. Location: Wynn Center Presentation Room, Stillman College, 3601 Stillman Blvd., Tuscaloosa. Sponsors: Stillman College and the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society. (Stillman College, established during Reconstruction was authorized in 1875 by the General

Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States and opened its doors to students in 1876.) For more information, call 205-758-2238.

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DOWSING FOR GRAVES WITH APTV

Produced by Alabama Public Television, *Journey Proud* documents the historic folkways, the cultural traditions, of Alabama. During November, *Journey Proud* premieres *Dowsing*, with folklorist Fred Fussell and cultural anthropologist Joey Brackner. Follow *Journey Proud* as it travels Henry County in search of lost gravesites. Broadcasts: Alabama Public Television, Sunday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 p.m.



BIRMINGHAM OPENS NEGRO LEAGUE MUSEUM

Adding to Alabama's historic heritage is Birmingham's new **Negro Southern League Museum**. Featuring more than 8,000 feet of exhibit space and perhaps "the largest collection of original Negro League artifacts on display in the United States." The Museum celebrates the contributions of the South's African American players. Among the exhibitions are a tribute to the Birmingham Black Barons' 1948 Negro American League championship team (with an 18-year-old **Willie Mays**),

the legacy of Jackie Robinson and historical baseball artifacts -Satchel Paige's uniform and Louis

Santop's wooden bat. As all "real" baseball fans know, Robinson was the first black player to integrate a white team, Paige was unarguable one of the best players in American baseball history, and Santop was one of the first Black home run sluggers. For more information about the Negro Southern League Museum, visit http://birminghamnslm.org.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE PAST - WHO ARE THEY?

The Alabama Department of Archives and History, with *Prime Magazine Montgomery*, launched a new project to identify people and events captured in historic photographs held in the collections of the Archives. Each month, photographs will be posted for public view on the Archives website. Information from the public is sought about the persons, events or locations captured in the historic photographs. To view monthly posting of historic photographs, visit www.archives.alabama.gov/who are these people/who Are.html

SHARE PRESERVATION NEWS AND STORIES STATEWIDE

Send Event Information and News Stories to the ATHP

Email information for the December issue of the *Preservation e-Newsletter* by November 20 to <u>alabamatrust@athp.org</u>. Please mark as Attention: E-News.



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