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ALABAMA TRUST'S UPCOMING PRESERVATION EVENTS

Mark calendars now to join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation for these events. Watch www.alabamatrust.info and www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces for more information.



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. 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 on-line registration to open soon. For more information, visit https://napcommissions.org/wp-content/uploads/Forum_onesided_postcard-6.8.15.jpg.

HERITAGE TOURISM - UPCOMING CONFERENCE

Alabama-Mississippi Rural Tourism Conference - October 19 - 21

Don't miss the 2015 Alabama-Mississippi Rural Tourism Conference. Learn more about heritage tourism and network with tourism professionals from Alabama and Mississippi. Register Here! Location: Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville, Ala. For more information, visit www.almsruraltourism.com/2015-rural-tourism-conference-schedule-of-events/.



SHAKESPEARE'S FIRST FOLIO - MONTGOMERY MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Only on exhibition through October 30, Shakespeare's First Folio makes a rare appearance beyond the vault of Washington D.C.'s Folger Shakespeare Library.

The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts is one of 52 sites in the United States chosen to host the exhibition, *First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare*, a national traveling exhibition of the Shakespeare First Folio, one of the world's most treasured books. Published in 1623, seven years after Shakespeare's death, the First Folio is the first collected edition of Shakespeare's plays. Without it, 18 of The Bard's plays, including *Macbeth*, *Julius Caesar*, *Twelfth Night*, *The Tempest*, *Antony and Cleopatra*, *The Comedy of Errors*, and *As You Like It* would otherwise have been lost. During the exhibition, the Museum will be coordinating educational activities and other events with our neighbor in the Blount Cultural Park, the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. For more information, visit <http://mmfa.org/exhibitions/first-folio-the-book-that-gave-us-shakespeare/>.

Events

DALLAS COUNTY



Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 24 - Old Cahawba Haunted History Tour

At Old Cahawba, you don't have to believe in ghosts to hear the past speaking to you. On this rare, moonlit tour you will be shuttled to this ghost town's most haunted locations. Historical accounts of sightings and personal experiences will be shared by your hosts, setting the stage for Central Alabama Paranormal Investigations to demonstrate the art of "ghost hunting." If you come in contact with a spirit at Old Cahawba, join us at the bonfire to share your experience. A deluxe 90-minute wagon tour, some walking is necessary. Tickets: \$15, 12 years or older required to participate. Seats for "investigation" are limited and advanced tickets are required. Tour Times: 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00 p.m. Please arrive at Old Cahawba at least 20 minutes before your scheduled tour. Location. Old Cahawba Archeological Park, 9518 Cahaba Rd., Orrville. For tickets, contact the Selma-Dallas County Tourism Bureau at (800) 45-SELMA or 334-875-7241 for tickets.

Saturday, October 17, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Walking Tour - Hear the Dead Speaking

Be an "above-ground archaeologist" and discover messages in the relic landscape left behind by the town's long dead residents. Bring walking shoes, camera & curiosity for guided walking tour. Meet 15 minutes before the tour begins. Admission: \$8. Location: Visitors Center, Old Cahawba Archeological Park, 9518 Cahaba Rd., Orrville. For more information, visit www.Cahawba.com or call 334.872.8058.

October 17, 6:30 p.m. - Live Oak Cemetery Haunted Tour

Enjoy this spooky tour of one of Alabama's historic cemeteries. Advanced tickets required. Tickets: \$10. For more information, visit www.SelmaAlabama.com or call 334-875-7241.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Sunday, October 25, 2:00 p.m. - Premiere Screening - *Debt of Honor*

A documentary by award-winning documentary filmmaker and writer Ric Burns, this film about disabled veterans is drawn from the stories of U.S. soldiers injured during war and what happened when peace was restored. About the film, Burns says, "It is our hope that the film will encourage ... discussion ... and create an understanding and awareness of the sacrifices involved in military service." Admission: Free. Location: Alys Stephens Performing Arts Center, 1200 10th Avenue S, Birmingham. Sponsors: Alabama Humanities Foundation, Alabama Public Television (APT), Lakeshore Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities and Alys Stephens Performing Arts Center. For more information and the APT broadcast schedule for *Debt of Honor*, visit <http://www.aptv.org/episodes/34466/Debt-of-Honor-Disabled-Veterans-in-American-History/>.

MADISON COUNTY



Wednesday, October 1 - Sunday, November 15 - *Images of the Great War: The European Offensives, 1914 - 1916*

America's foremost graphic and documentary resource of World War I soldiers and soldiering and one of the world's largest collections devoted to the study of military uniforms, the exhibition of original artworks commemorates the centenary of WWI with 44 44 prints, drawings and watercolors by various artists. Location: Huntsville Museum of Art, 300 Church Street S., Huntsville. For more information, visit <http://hsvmuseum.org/art/current-exhibits/>.

MARENGO COUNTY

Friday, October 23 & Saturday, October 24 - Tombigbee Haints and Haunts

Come aboard for an evening excursion through the darker side of 'the people's city'. Join us for itombi ikbi: a coffin maker's tale, spine-tingling stories about real people, true history, & ghosts! Tickets: \$15. Location: Demopolis City Landing, 130 Yacht Basin Dr., Demopolis. For more information, visit <http://alabama.travel/upcoming-events/tombigbee-haints-and-haunts-2015> or call 334.289.9644.

MONROE COUNTY



Thursday, October 29, 12:30 p.m. - Spooky Southern Stories: Celebrating Kathryn Tucker Windham, Her Ghosts, and Jeffrey

Learn more about Kathryn Tucker Windham and her ghosts. Volunteers will celebrate the Alabama writer and read aloud their favorite stories from *13 Alabama Ghosts and Jeffrey*. Location: Alabama Southern Community College/Monroeville campus, John D. Forte Library, 2800 South Alabama Avenue, Monroeville. For more information, visit www.ascc.edu or call 251.575.8271.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Thursday, October 15, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreats: Food for Thought

A lunch-time lecture series offered the third Thursday of every month. This month, Dr. Donna Cox Baker, editor-in-chief, *Alabama Heritage*, presents *Iterations of Afterlife: Changing Views of the "Future State" in the Antebellum South*. 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.

Friday, October 16 - Exhibition Opening: *Alabama and the Textile Industry*

The Museum of Alabama debuts this temporary, micro exhibit highlighting the long history of textile manufacturing in the state and features clothing and accessories by current Alabama fashion designers along with a small display of historic artifacts and documents from the museum's collections. Admission: Free. Location: 2nd Floor Lobby, Farley Auditorium, Alabama

Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. For more information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.



Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m. - Trekking through the Past

Join historian Mary Ann Neeley and art historian Michael Panhorst for this walking tour through the Capitol City's oldest, documented burials in the western part of Oakwood Cemetery. Panhorst, an expert on stone, iron and cemetery monuments, will be with Neeley for this trek through Montgomery's past to visit some of its very earliest occupants. (*Rain date October 24th*). Admission: Free to Landmarks Foundation members and children under 12; \$5 general public. Location: Main Gate, Oakwood Cemetery, 829 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. *Parking Main Gates of the cemetery; reservations recommended.* For more

information, visit www.landmarksfoundation.com/events/detail/trekking-through-the-past or call 334-240-4500.

Friday, October 23, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - A Haunted History of Old Alabama Town

Find out what goes on in historic Old Alabama Town when the sun goes down? Experience this spirited place! Guided tours, 45 minutes each, past Old Alabama Town's historic houses and storefronts filled with stories and ghosts from Alabama's past. Tours begin every 30 minutes with first tour at 6:00 and last tour at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$10 advanced tickets; \$15 day of tour, ticket sales close at 3 p.m. Tour Start Location: Lucas Tavern, 310 N Hull Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information and advanced tickets, visit <http://www.landmarksfoundation.com/events/detail/a-haunted-history-of-old-alabama-town>.

Tuesday, October 27, 5:15 p.m. - Sundowners Lecture Series: Montgomery's Monuments

Michael W. Panhorst, art historian, will present an illustrated discussion of selected monuments, memorials and commemorative sculptures in the Capital City. War monuments, funerary memorials, portraits, and public sculptures surround us marking significant moments in our lives as individuals and as a society. We pass many with merely a glance and fail to understand their significance and their context. *Montgomery Monuments* will illuminate the importance of some of City's most notable, and overlooked, monuments. Admission: Free. Location: Loeb Reception Center, Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit

<http://visitingmontgomery.com/calendar/event/sundowners-series-montgomerys-monuments-with-michael-panhorst>.

SUMTER COUNTY

Friday, October 16, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. - University of West Alabama

For over 2 million years, one of the most important survival skills that our ancestors had to learn was how to make a stone tool. Stone knives, spear points, drills, awls, hide scrapers, and dozens of other tools were essential to life, so understanding how these tools were made is necessary for understanding life in the past. Trying to replicate these tools is also helpful for archaeologists trying to interpret how they were used and made. Steven Meredith, archaeologist and regional manager at Panamerican Consultants, Inc., will demonstrate. Location: Truelove Place, University of West Alabama, Student Union Drive, Livingston. Admission: No charge. Sponsor: University of West Alabama's Black Belt Museum. For more information, call Dr. Ashley Dumas at 205.652.3830 or email adumas@uwa.edu.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Saturdays, October 24 and 25, Sunset - 10:00 p.m. - Haunted Hay Ride

Enjoy this night ride and trick or treating at each spooky location in Alabama's historic, now abandoned 19th century territorial capitol. Snacks & drinks available in the Old St. Stephens Store. Location: St. Stephens Park, street, city. For more information and ticket price, call 251.247.2622 or visit www.facebook.com/SaintStephensPark.

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Alabama Public Television Premiere 3rd Season of *Journey Proud*

Produced by Alabama Public Television, *Journey Proud* documents the historic folkways, the cultural traditions, of Alabama. Beginning its third award-winning season with Turkey Calling and Catawba Worm Fishing, this season's series will travel the highways and byways of Alabama exploring a rattlesnake rodeo, to Mardi Gras float building, to camp town revivals, to these and other stories that make Alabama a very special place to live. *Turkey Calling and Catawba Worm Fishing* premiere Sunday, October 25 at 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.aptv.org/episodes/34066/Journey-Proud/Turkey-Calling/>.

Helen Keller Landmark Lost

The beloved and well-known landmark, the oak tree at Helen Keller's childhood home has been cut down. The popular 200-year-old water oak tree at the Tuscumbia childhood home of Helen Keller has been lost. The tree's branches, from which the young deaf and blind girl was famously rescued by her teacher Anne Sullivan, was in poor health and deemed too damaged to save after suffering damages in a July tornado. The tree was a favorite of school children touring the Keller's home. To read more, view <http://in.mobile.reuters.com/article/idINKCNORM2EJ20150922?irpc=932>.

National Register of Historic Places Expands Huntsville's Old Town Historic District

A historic district of old Huntsville has been expanded on the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places. This important designation reaffirms Old Town as one of the nation's foremost cultural resources worthy of preservation. Said Mayor Tommy Battle, "These residences help us tell the stories of life in Huntsville from its earliest days in the 1800s. We treasure these properties, our visitors love them, and generations to come will be grateful we made the effort to preserve their integrity."

The Old Town Historic District was first listed on the National Register in 1974. Since that time, however, new scholarship emerged on additional properties. With the leadership of the Historic Huntsville Foundation and funding support from the following entities, the nomination process started anew in 2011 with a \$12,000 Certified Local Government (CLG) grant provided by the Alabama Historical Commission. Matching funds to the \$10,000 provided by the AHC were given by the City of Huntsville (\$500), the Historic Huntsville Foundation (\$500), and the Old Town Historic District Association (\$1,000).



50 Years and Counting for *Mustang Sally* - Only in Alabama!

Fifty years ago the still popular song *Mustang Sally* was recorded in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. The rhythm and blues song *Mustang Sally* was recorded by Wilson Pickett and released in 1966 and will have its 50th anniversary in 2016. Pickett was born in Alabama. His career spanned four decades.

Recorded at historic FAME studios in Muscle Shoals, Pickett's song is just one many hits from recording studios in the area - studios in Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield and Tuscumbia - known as the "hit recording capital of the world." W.C. Handy, the father of the blues, was born in Florence as well as record producer Sam Phillips, who discovered Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash and Howlin' Wolf.

A recently unveiled historic marker in Sheffield commemorates the site where *When A Man Loves A Woman* was recorded - the site is where Quin Ivy's North Alabama Recording Studio (NORALA) was located. The song recorded February 1966 launched Percy Sledge to international fame. Another historic marker in Florence commemorates the place where the Rolling Stones stayed during their December 1969 recording session at Muscle Shoals Sound Studios in Sheffield. During the course of three days, the Stones recorded three songs, the number one *Brown Sugar*, the Top 30 hit *Wild Horses* and the blues standard *You Got to Move*. To read more, view

<http://tourism.alabama.gov/2015/09/tourism-tuesdays-september-15-2015/>.

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