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Alabama Trust's Upcoming Events

Mark calendars now to join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation for these events. Watch www.alabamatrust.info and <https://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 stroll the annual Marble Festival, tour some of Fayetteville's heritage farms and visit 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.

Alabama Heritage Magazine - 2016 Places in Peril

Watch for the forthcoming issue of *Alabama Heritage* for the article about Alabama's 2016 Places

in Peril, a program of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. To learn more, visit www.alabamatrust.info/pdf/ATHP%20PIP%20SINGLE%20PAGE%20FILE%20WEB.pdf.

Governor's Mansion Seeks Executive Director

The Alabama Governor's Mansion Authority seeks an executive director for the Governor's Mansion Complex. The executive director reports to the Governor's Mansion Authority. Deadline for applications is September 18, 2015. For more information, visit www.personnel.alabama.gov/ComNews.aspx?ID=186.

Events

BULLOCK COUNTY



Thursday, September 24, 7:30 p.m. - Red Door Revue

Musical performance from the Red Door Theatre productions including songs from the plays *Hank Williams: Lost Highway*; *Conecuh People*; *Cotton Patch Gospel*; and *Christmas Letters*. Tickets: \$15 per person. Location: Historic Red Door Theatre, Intersection of Prairie Street & U.S. Highway 82, Union Springs. For more information and ticket purchase, email conecuhpeople@knology.net or call 334-738-8687.

CULLMAN COUNTY

Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Arab Community Fair

Interactive activities in the Historic Village plus lots of food, vendors, and plenty of activities for kids of all ages. Admission: Free. Location: Arab City Park and Historic Village, 224 City Park Drive, Arab. Sponsor: Arab City Park and Historic Village. For more information, visit <http://www.arabcity.org>.

HENRY COUNTY

Saturday, September 26, 8:00 a.m. - Syrup Making Workshop

The workshop will include hands-on experiences. Each visitor will receive a complimentary bottle of cane syrup. Admission: \$25, adults; \$12, children; 12 and under free; lunch is included. Location: Landmark Park, 430 Landmark Drive, Dothan. Sponsor: Alabama Syrup Makers Association. To register, call President Earl Stokes or Vice President Thomas Moore at (334) 494-3037. For more information, visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

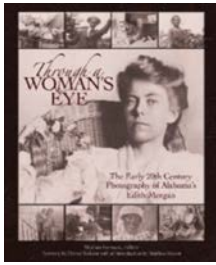
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Thursday, September 10, 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.aldalabamatown.com.

Friday, September 11, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Art & Jazz Exhibit Opening and Artists' Reception

Enjoy the best in local art and jazz. The exhibit dates are Friday, September 11, 2015 through Wednesday, January 20, 2016. Location: The National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture, Alabama State University, 1345 Carter Hill Road, Montgomery. Sponsor: The National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture and Alabama State University. For more information, visit http://www.lib.alasu.edu/lib-media/artjazz15_flyer.pdf.



Tuesday, September 15, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Edith Morgan Exhibition: *Through a Woman's Eye*

Meet Marian Furman, author of *Through a Woman's Eye*. Bring a lunch and view Edith Morgan's photographs depicting everyday life in early 20th Century Camden, Alabama. Event includes book signing by Furman. Location: Loeb Reception Center, Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Old Alabama Town, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit www.oldalabamatown.com.

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

A lunch-time lecture series offered the third Thursday of every month. This month, Sharon G. Pierson presents *The "Laboratory of Learning": Alabama State College Lab High School, a Model Education*. 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.

MORGAN COUNTY

Saturday, September 19 - Saturday, September 26 - Eva Frontier Days

Something for everyone at Eva Frontier Days including a beauty pageant, Blue Grass Festival, community hayride, community singing, and music on the square. Location: City of Decatur. For more information and dates for specific events, visit <http://www.decaturcvb.org>.

WILCOX COUNTY

Saturday, September 19, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 p.m. - Depot Day

A day of fun for all. Arts and crafts, food, entertainment, children's activities, car show, Depot Museum and much more. Location: Pine Hill Municipal Complex, Oak Grove Street, Pine Hill. Admission: Free. For more information, visit <http://www.wilcoxareachamber.com/event/pine-hill-depot-day-2/>.

News



Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Welcomes New President/CEO

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation extends a warm welcome to Andrea L. Taylor to Alabama's historic and preservation communities. Taylor is the new President and CEO of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. She previously served as Director of Citizenship and Public Affairs, North America for the Microsoft Corporation. In this position she managed employee engagement, giving, and strategic partnerships with donors, government entities and community-based organizations. Taylor is a former trustee of the Cleveland Foundation, Council on Foundations, Donors Forum of Ohio, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, and the Ms. Foundation for Women and Philanthropy Northwest. Currently she sits on the boards of Boston University, her alma mater, and The HistoryMakers, the nation's largest African American Video Oral History Collection. For information about the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and its programs, visit www.bcri.org.

Historic Hallelujah Trail - Alabama's Joyous Celebration

Travel the Hallelujah Trail for any of the dozens of the state's historic churches. Heritage travelers will visit 165-year-old log-and-clapboard buildings to 19th century resplendent pseudo-cathedrals. The trail takes visitors to Alabama's cultural and historic sacred spaces, from Episcopal to Baptist places of worship, to Catholic churches and Jewish synagogues. Order Hallelujah Trail brochure, at www.northalabama.org/about-us/request-brochures.



Iconic Muscle Shoals Sound Studios On The Upeat

The historic Muscle Shoals Sound Studios are scheduled for renovation and restoration beginning this month with the goal of reopening in early 2016. The reviving of the Shoals studio is thanks to a grant from Beats, which makes high-end headphones, ear buds and speakers. Beats set aside money for the project also to include work at FAME Recording Studios. Renovation work by Les Tillery, Partners Architects, B.H. Craig Construction Co., and Michael Cronin Acoustic Construction. To read

more, visit www.timesdaily.com/news/local/beats-to-renovate-iconic-muscle-shoals-sound-studios/article_67e4ea04-6291-56f4-aa5b-f9219531c811.html.

Montgomery Nominated for USA Today's 10 Best Destinations for History Buffs

The only city in Alabama nominated, Montgomery is listed as one of 10 Best Readers' Choice travel award contests. The contest gives voters until September 14, 10:59 a.m. to vote for the candidate of their choice. Voters may vote once per day at

www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-destination-for-history-buffs/. Alabama history lovers, time to vote.

Comer Bridge Foundation Economic Impact Study

A recently released report provides estimates of non-local visitor related economic impacts likely to accrue to Scottsboro/Jackson County from potential tourism activities associated with the preservation of the B. B. Comer Bridge. To view the report, visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzsFvdas2xXeZGV1a2pocUVWd28/view?pli=1>.

National Historic Landmark USS Alabama Director Retires

Bill Tunnell of The USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park will retire after the first of the year. Tunnell has held the position of executive director for almost 19 years. "Battleship Memorial Park is celebrating its first 50 years in 2015 and no better way to start the next 50 than with new leadership to replace the old guy who's been there almost forever," said Tunnell. Well wishes for Tunnell's leadership of Alabama's most visited historic site can be sent to btunnell@ussalabama.com.

New Launch for Mobile's Historic Admiral Hotel

The Bay City's historic 1940 Admiral Semmes Hotel sets sail this fall under new management and after extensive renovations. Opening under the Hilton's Curio Collection of hotels, the Admiral will join the Battle House Hotel as another vital historic asset preserved in Alabama's port city. For more information, visit www.marketwatch.com/story/the-admiral-hotel-mobile-to-join-hilton-worldwides-curio-a-collection-by-hilton-portfolio-2015-08-19.

WHY HISTORIC PRESERVATION MATTERS - WHY HISTORIC PLACES MATTER



Why Alabama's Historic Mills Matter - Inspiration from North Carolina

From preservationist and architectural historian Bob Gamble comes this news from Charlotte, North Carolina - a story of preservation, mixed-use restoration, historic tax credits and good news. Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit legislation will come before Alabama legislators

during the 2016 session. To read more, visit www.bitandgrain.com/worth-saving.

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.

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