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ALERTS

Time To Vote - 2018 Elect Directors for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation

As a member of the ATHP, you can cast your vote by clicking [here](#).



Alabama Trust Fall Lyceum - A Bicentennial Ramble - September 22-24 - Register Now

With the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, ramble through the historic sites of Alabama's Poarch Creek Indian Tribe and Fort Mims - the site for the Battle of Fort Mims; tour the Tensaw Delta for examples of early Alabama architecture; and visit historic museums and structures along the way. For more information and to register, visit www.alabamatrust.info or call the Trust office at 205-652-3497. For hotel reservations at the Muskogee Inn, Atmore, call (251) 368-8182 or visit www.muskogeeinn.com. Lyceum hotel rate: \$69 + tax per night. *Ask for group rate for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.*

Note: The Battle of Fort Mims on August 30, 1813, was part of The Creek War. A force of Creek Indians, belonging to the "Red Sticks" faction under the command of head warriors Peter McQueen and William Weatherford (also known as Lamochattee or Red Eagle), stormed the Fort and defeated the militia garrison. Afterward, a massacre ensued. Most of the remaining Lower Creek, white settlers, and militia at Fort Mims were killed.

6th Annual Preservation Roundtable & Luncheon - January 18, 2018 - Hold the Date

Mark calendars now for the 6th Preservation Roundtable and Luncheon. All who are interested in preserving Alabama's historic places, artifacts and culture are welcome to attend this one-day event. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery. Sponsors: Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Alabama Bicentennial Commission; Alabama Department of Archives and History.



Workshop - Certified Local Government - September 7 - Register Now

Sponsored by the Alabama Historical Commission and City of Opelika Historic Preservation Commission, communities interested in establishing or revitalizing a local preservation commission are welcome. Participants will learn about listing historic properties on the National Register and Alabama Register for historic places, tax credit incentives, grants and the duties of historic preservation commissions. To register, email Mary Shell at mary.shell@ahc.alabama.gov. For workshop agenda, visit http://ahc.alabama.gov/CLG_PDFs/Opelika_CLGWorkshop2017.pdf.



Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit

This Alabama Bicentennial exhibition celebrates Alabama's commonalities and honors our individualities. The exhibit showcases the decisions and turning points that shaped Alabama history, culture, and geography through interactive displays and teaching resources. The exhibit opens with stops in Marion and Mobile Counties. Sponsors: The Alabama Humanities Foundation in partnership with the Alabama Department of Archives and History and the Alabama Bicentennial Commission. To learn more, including event dates, visit www.makingalabama.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



AHF-NEH Institute for Teachers - Summer 2018 - *The Stoney Road We Trod* - Inquire Now

The Alabama Humanities Foundation, through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, will host a national teachers' institute *The Stoney Road We Trod* exploring Alabama's civil rights legacy. The summer 2018 marks the first time it will be offered as an extended, intensive institute. Spanning three weeks, teachers will hear from civil rights leaders and examine the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement with some of the country's leading scholars - all within the context of key places in

America's civil rights history. To learn more about the institute, visit www.stonytheroad.org. To apply, visit www.stonytheroad.org/how-to-apply.



The Alabama History Education Materials Collection

For educators, the collection features instructional activities and lesson plans that were created from the collections of the Alabama Department of Archives and History. The materials cover topics in Alabama History from the *First Alabamians* to the modern *Civil Rights Movement* and more. Materials are downloadable, printable, and free to use. To learn more about the collection's resources, visit

<http://digital.archives.alabama.gov/cdm/landingpage/collection/lessons>.

EVENTS

Colbert County



Monday, September 4, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Coon Dog Cemetery 2017 Labor Day Celebration

With more than 300 dogs buried in the cemetery, this Labor Day marks the 80th anniversary of the first burial of Troop - a beloved coon dog. Troop's interment started the cemetery. Each Labor Day, lovers of "coon dogs" gather for bluegrass and gospel music, barbecue plates and a "liar's contest"- somewhat like the "fish that got away" stories. Admission: Free. Location: 4945 Coon Dog Cemetery Road, Cherokee. Sponsor: Friends of the Coon Dog Cemetery. For more information, visit www.coondogcemetery.com.

Dallas County

Monday, September 25, 5:30 p.m. - Old Cahawba Groundbreaking & Reception

Join the Old Cahawba Foundation for the groundbreaking and celebration of a new entrance gate for Old Cahawba Archaeological Park. The event celebrates the new entrance to the park as well as a successful capital campaign by the foundation. Groundbreaking/Press Conference, 5:30; Tasting & Toast Reception, 6:16. Admission: Free. Location: Entrance, Old Cahawba Archaeological Park, 9518 Cahaba Rd, Orrville. Sponsors: Old Cahawba Foundation; Selma/Dallas County Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit www.selmaalabama.com.

Jefferson County



Sunday, September 10, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Screening, *THE VIETNAM WAR*

Preview screening of Ken Burns' landmark documentary of the Vietnam War - fifty years after. Museum opens at 1:50 p.m.; screening at 2:00 p.m. followed by a panel discussion, *Vietnam Reflections*, featuring local veterans, historians and community leaders. Admission: Free. Location: Southern Museum of Flight, 4343

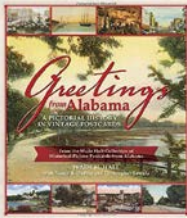
73rd Street N, Birmingham. Sponsor: Alabama Public Television; Southern Museum of Flight. For more information, visit <http://www.southernmuseumofflight.org/>.

Lawrence County

Saturday, September 9, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Historic Pond Spring Celebrates General Joe Wheeler Birthday

Visit Pond Spring near Hillsboro, the historic 50-acre 1870s farm of CSA General Joe Wheeler. Enjoy this annual event complete with reenactments with Civil War cannon, cavalry drills, blacksmith demonstrations, pit-fire cooking, cake made from a Wheeler family recipe and live music. Take home honey from the Pond Springs bee hives. Admission: Adults, \$8; Seniors/Military/Children, \$3; Children under 6, Free. Location: Alabama Hwy 20, 3 miles east of Courtland. For more information, visit www.ahc.alabama.gov.

Marengo County



Thursday, September 7 - Thursday, October 12 - Exhibition, *Greetings from Alabama: A Pictorial History in Vintage Postcards*

An archival gem of Troy University, The Wade Hall Postcard Collection offers a fascinating retrospective into Alabama's history. With more than 25,000 postcards in the collection, a select number will be seen in this traveling exhibition.

Accompanying the exhibition is a companion book by the same title, which can be purchased at the exhibition sites. Opening program, Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m.; Keynote Speaker, Ruth Elder, Librarian/Archivist, Troy University.

Admission: Free. Location: Marengo County History & Archives Museum, 101 N Walnut St., Demopolis. Sponsors: Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For days and times, call 334-289-0599 or 334-341-3439.

Montgomery County



Thursday, September 1 - Sunday, September 10 - Exhibition, *Sketching the Skies: Penrose Vass Stout, Alabama's WWI Artist-Aviator*

Montgomery native son Penrose Vass Stout left a richly illustrated history of his service as a World War I aviator through his sketchbook and his letters home. A member of the 1st Pursuit Group, 27th Aero Squadron; he was shot down near Charny during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in

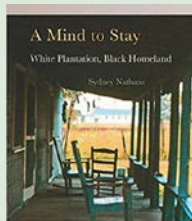
September 1918. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for attacking a German artillery installation and battling five enemy pilots. This unparalleled collection features detailed sketches of military training, humorous aspects of camp life, the architecture of the French countryside, and Stout's view from the cockpit providing an honest, deeply personal glimpse of the wartime experience. Admission: Free. Location: Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Museum Drive, Montgomery. Sponsors: Alabama Bicentennial Commission; Alabama Department of Archives and History. For more information, visit

<http://mmfa.org/exhibitions/sketching-the-skies-penrose-vass-stout-alabamas-wwi-artist-aviator/>.

Thursday, September 1 - September 30 - Exhibition, *Classic Seating in 19th Century Alabama*

Guest curated by Jeff Benton, the exhibition features a sampling of chairs in many styles, forms and materials available in the Deep South during the 19th century. Curated items are drawn from the Permanent Collections of the Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. Admission: Free. Location: Old Alabama Town, Loeb Reception Center, 301 Columbus St., Montgomery. Sponsor:

Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit www.oldalabamatown.com.



Wednesday, September 6, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Book Talk

Professor Emeritus of History, Duke University and author Sydney Nathans discusses his most recent publication *A Mind to Stay: White Plantation, Black Homeland*—the story of one Alabama plantation, Cameron Place (Greensboro), which was purchased during the 1870s by emancipated African Americans, former slaves of the plantation. Drawing from 1,000s of letters and interviews, Nathans' creates a prism through which readers view the destiny of black families that dwelt for more than 10 years on the plantation and the changing meanings of land and landowning to successive generations of rural African Americans. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the presentation. Admission: Free. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery. Sponsors: The Alabama Dept. of Archives and History; Alabama Humanities Foundation, a program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

Thursday, September 21, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Food for Thought Lecture Series

Before Alabama: The Mississippi Territory presented by Clay Williams, director of the Old Capitol Museum, Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Bring a brown bag lunch. Water provided for the luncheon lecture. Admission: Free. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery. Sponsors: The Alabama Department of Archives and History; Alabama Humanities Foundation, a program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

Friday, September 22, 5:57 p.m. - Tavern Fest 2017

Southern hospitality meets Old World tradition at the 17th annual Tavern Fest! A variety of regional craft beers, local fare and live musicians will bring the streets of Old Alabama Town to life. The community-wide celebration draws crowds downtown for an evening of fun and fellowship. Beer and wine may be purchased for \$5 each at Tavern Fest. Local vendors will be on site and will have food available for purchase. Tavern Fest is a rain or shine event. Admission: Advanced Tickets, \$7; Door Tickets, \$10. *Proceeds benefit the Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery and Old Alabama Town.* Location: Old Alabama Town, Historic North Hull Street, Montgomery. For more information and tickets, email marketing@oldalabamatown.com.

Morgan County



Thursday, September 1 - Saturday, September 23 - Smithsonian Exhibition, Water Ways

The Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street traveling exhibit, *Water Ways*, demonstrates the impact water has had on our country and the world. Local exhibits in Alabama illustrate this effect on six regions of Alabama.

Admission: Free. Location: Carnegie Visual Arts Center, 207 Church Street NE, Decatur. Sponsors: Alabama Humanities Foundation and Smithsonian Institution with support from AAA Cooper Transportation.

Friday, September 2 & Saturday, September 3, 2:00 p.m. - Battle for Decatur Reenactment

A Civil War reenactment featuring more than 100 authentically clad re-enactors with a mock battle daily of the Battle of Decatur. From October 26 to October 29, 1864, as part of the Franklin-Nashville Campaign of the American Civil War, Union troops of 3,000 - 5,000 men prevented the 39,000 men of the Confederate Army of Tennessee under Gen. John B. Hood from crossing the Tennessee River at Decatur, Alabama. Admission: Free. Location: Point Mallard Park, Decatur. For more information, visit www.decaturcvb.org.

Sumter County



Monday, September 18 - Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Reap What You Sow: DIRT17 - DIGGING INTO RURAL TRADITIONS

This rural school summit, sponsored by the Julia S. Tutwiler College of Education, will provide an opportunity for educators and community leaders to see how digging into rural traditions can offer opportunities for learning. The event will feature a concert and an exhibit by the Black Belt Museum and will showcase Alabama's Black Belt and its rich history. Admission: Free, but registration is required. To register, click [here](#). Location: The University of West Alabama, 100 U.S. Highway 11, Livingston. For more information, click [here](#).

NEWS



Centennial Monument Honors Alabama's WWI Veterans

Called "The Great War" and the "War to End All Wars", the conflict that enveloped the world between July 28, 1914 - November 11, 1918 would eventually be known as World War I. A bronze sculpture, The Rainbow Soldier, dedicated on August 28th honors that war's 167th U.S. Infantry Regiment (Alabama's men) of the 42nd Rainbow Division. Dubbed "The Immortals" by Alabama newsmen, the regiment was much admired for its bravery. Located at Montgomery's Union Station - the site where 3,677 Alabamians departed to fight alongside the French in WWI - the monument pays homage to those who fought for democracy, it preserves their memory and sacrifice. Acclaimed British sculptor James Butler designed the sculpture commissioned by Nimrod Frazier and the Croix Rouge Farm Memorial in France, also commissioned by Frazier. To learn more about Alabama's role in the first world war, visit www.worldwar1centennial.org/index.php/alabama-wwi-blog.html.

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