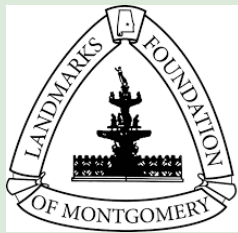




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## ALERTS



### Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery Seeks New Executive Director - June 9 Deadline

The Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1967 leads the historic preservation movement in Montgomery. The full-time executive director is the chief administrative officer providing innovative leadership, expertise and overall strategic direction for the organization and promoting its vision in the community.

This position oversees the operation, promotion and preservation of Old Alabama Town-Montgomery's premier living history museum, which encompasses 50 historic structures in its museum complex and 19 commercially leased properties. Compensation is competitive with salary and benefits. Please attach a cover letter and resume in the attachments field. For information and to apply online, visit <http://aansocial.org/jobs2017/job/executive-director-14>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Alabama Archives Explores Alabama's French Connection - June 9 & 10

The Alabama Department of Archives and History offers a two-day symposium exploring three centuries of fascinating connections between Alabama and French history. Featuring experts from across the Southeast speaking on a variety of topics including Fort Toulouse, Fort Tombeche, the Vine and Olive Colony, wartime alliances, French architecture and material culture in Alabama, and Mardi Gras. Co-sponsored by the Archives, Alabama Bicentennial Commission and Alabama Humanities Foundation. For schedule and registration, visit <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ee4du9s1ffc6acc&llr=rmg54lcab>.



### Alabama Bicentennial - Fort Siquefield Teacher Institute - June 8

Learn how to use the story of Alabama's Fort Siquefield as a tool for teaching historic and civic education. Interested teachers will be introduced to the Fort Siquefield story and practice of public deliberation as a tool for developing the civic skills of students. Professional development credits will be awarded. Fee for Fort Siquefield, the Creek Indian Civil War and Civic Education Workshop: Free. Location: Clarke County Museum/Clarke County School District Office.

Sponsor: Clarke County Superintendent of School; Clarke County Museum; Fort Sinquefield Historical Association; David Mathews Center for Civic Life; and the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities, Auburn University. For more information, email Mark Wilson at [mwilson@auburn.edu](mailto:mwilson@auburn.edu) or Kerry Dunaway at [kerry95@gmail.com](mailto:kerry95@gmail.com).



### Alabama's 2017 Places in Peril Announced

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and the Alabama Historical Commission announces the 2017 Places in Peril (PIP) listing. Begun in 1993 as a joint program of the two organizations, the PIP program brings to the forefront imperiled historic places in the State. To view the 2017 listing, visit [www.alabamatrust.info](http://www.alabamatrust.info).

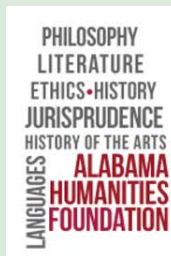
### Alabama Scenic Byways - Summer Workshop - June 27 & 28

The Alabama Scenic Byways Program in partnership with the Alabama Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils will present a summer workshop at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa Convention Center. The theme of the workshop will be "Using Your Historical Assets: Making the Places and Stories Along Your Byway Stronger" and will include discussions on resources, tax credits and building history-based itineraries. This free workshop is open to 50 participants with 25 scholarships available for assistance with hotel room expenses. Registration information is available at <http://www.alabamabyways.com/summer-2017-workshop/>.



### Alabama Cities and Towns - Hosts for the Alabama Bicentennial Exhibition

Interested in hosting the *Making Alabama. A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit* from the Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF). Part of the Alabama Bicentennial Commemorations, Alabama counties and communities are invited to host the exhibition. To apply to host *Making Alabama. A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit*, visit [www.makingalabama.org/contact-us/](http://www.makingalabama.org/contact-us/). For more information, contact AHF Director of Operations Laura Anderson at [landerson@alabamahumanities.org](mailto:landerson@alabamahumanities.org) or call (205) 558-3992.



### Alabama Humanities Foundation Offers Super Teacher Institutes - June & July

Registration is now live for 2017 SUPER Teacher Workshops and Institutes. The program provides, free of charge, graduate-level, content-rich, professional development to outstanding 4th-12th grade public and private school teachers, school librarians and administrators who wish to expand and deepen their knowledge of a particular subject or theme within the humanities. Summer offerings are three residential institutes: *Alabama Fever: A Games-Based Discovery of Territorial Alabama*; *Alabama: Stories of Place in History and Fiction*; and *First Lady of the Revolution*. For full descriptions, dates and locations, visit <http://www.alabamahumanities.org/programs/superteacher/>. For questions regarding registering for SUPER Teacher or hosting a workshop or institute on your campus, email T.C. McLemore at [tcmclmore@alabamahumanities.org](mailto:tcmclmore@alabamahumanities.org) or call (205) 558-3999.

## EVENTS

### Dale County



### Thursday, June 1- Monday, June 5 - Remembering the Great War Exhibition

WWI centennial traveling exhibition tells the stories of Alabamian's who served on the frontline and home front in *the war to end all wars*. Admission: Free. Location: Ozark Dale County Public Library, 416 James Street, Ozark. Sponsors: Alabama Department of Archives and History; Alabama World War I Centennial Commission; Auburn University; and the U.S. World War One Centennial Commission. For more information, visit [www.rememberingthegreatwar.org](http://www.rememberingthegreatwar.org) or [www.odcpl.com](http://www.odcpl.com).

## Mobile County



### Through Sunday, June 4 - CHRISTENBERRY: In Alabama

An exhibition at the Mobile Museum of Art honoring the life and work of renowned artist William Christenberry. The exhibition, supported by The Crampton Trust and City of Mobile, includes paintings, drawings, sculptures and photographs, and pays tribute to the artist's lifelong "love affair" with the rural South. This exhibition is presented as one of the first of Alabama's bicentennial celebrations. Location: Mobile Museum of Art, 4850 Museum Drive, Mobile. For information, call (251) 208-5200.



### Sunday, June 4, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Explore Mobile!

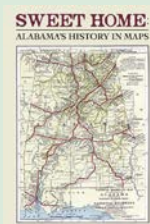
In conjunction with the Alabama Bicentennial Celebration, the city of Mobile's tourist attractions have come together to celebrate. Join the local attractions for Explore Mobile! Explore Mobile is Sunday, June 4, 2017 from 2:00pm to 7:00pm in Downtown Mobile on the corner of South Royal and Church Street. Enjoy music, food, activities, as well as admission to the city's tourist attractions. Admission: Free. Location: 111 South Royal Street, Mobile. For more information, call (251) 301-0273.



### Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Summer Garden Walk at Bellingrath Gardens and Home

Learn about Bellingrath's beautiful hot-weather blooms at our annual Summer Garden Walk! The event, included in the regular Gardens admission, is the start of the Wonderful Wednesdays series in June and July. Admission: \$13 for adults, \$7.50 for ages 5-12, free to members and to ages 4 and younger. Location: Bellingrath Gardens and Home, 12401 Bellingrath Gardens Road, Mobile. For more information, visit <https://bellingrath.org/experiences/events/wonderful-wednesdays/>.

## Montgomery County



### Thursday, June 1 - Friday, June 23 - Exhibition Sweet Home Alabama

For map collectors and enthusiasts, maps are much more than navigational tools. They are storytellers and imagination instigators. Don't miss the traveling exhibition from the Birmingham Public Library, *Sweet Home: Alabama's History in Maps*. Exhibit will be on display for viewing Monday - Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm. Admission: Free. Location: Loeb Center, Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. For more information, visit [www.landmarksfoundation.org](http://www.landmarksfoundation.org).

### Thursday, June 15, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Food for Thought, Lunchtime Lecture Series

Presentation by Sebastian Lukasik, *The Draft in Alabama during World War I*. Admission: Free. Location: Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery. Sponsor: Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov).



### Monday, June 22, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Remembering the Great War - A Symposium on WWI

Noted scholars will discuss the causes and consequences of the World War I, the experiences of the soldiers and communities who sent them, and the ways in which we have and continue to remember the War's significance. Admission: Free, registration required. Location: Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery. Sponsors: Alabama



Humanities Foundation, a program of the NEH; National Cement Company and Michelin in conjunction with the United States World War I Centennial Commission. To register and view schedule of events, visit [www.auburn.edu/greatwar](http://www.auburn.edu/greatwar). For additional information, contact Maiben Beard at (334) 844-4903.

### Thursday, June 29, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Renovators Happy Hour

Join Landmarks Foundation and the Historic Neighborhoods Coalition for a Renovators' Happy Hour! See a major renovation in progress and meet the fearless folks who are bringing this Capitol Heights home back from the brink. *Refreshments will be served.* Admission: Landmarks Foundation Members, Free; Non-members, \$10. Pay at the door or register online at [www.landmarksfoundation.com](http://www.landmarksfoundation.com). Location: 19 South Capitol Parkway, Montgomery.

## NEWS



### Alabama Architect and Historic Preservation Leader Honored

Cheryl Morgan was honored in May by the Alabama State Council on the Arts. In writing of her contributions to the Arts of Alabama and certainly to the preservation of Alabama's cities, towns and small communities, "*Place matters. .... Cheryl Morgan may know this lesson better than most.*" And, the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation whole-heartedly concurs with that accolade. Director of the Auburn University's Urban Studio for twelve years, now professor emeritus, during her career she was instrumental in preservation and urban design programs across the state - programs such as

the Mayors Design Summit, Your Town Alabama and the Small Town Design Initiative, which has served more than 75 small towns throughout Alabama. To read more about Morgan's contributions to Alabama and the nation, visit

[www.arts.state.al.us/PDF/Resources/AlArtsMagazine/2017\\_Alabama\\_Arts\\_Awards.pdf](http://www.arts.state.al.us/PDF/Resources/AlArtsMagazine/2017_Alabama_Arts_Awards.pdf).

### Alabama Bicentennial Commission Holds Regional Workshops

The Alabama Bicentennial Commission will hold planning workshops across the state to help local municipalities and organizations plan commemorative events and celebrations of 200 years of Alabama history. The regional workshops include presentations of funding opportunities. For schedule of workshops, June - September, and more information, email Connor Lowry at [Connor.Lowry@alabamabicentennial.gov](mailto:Connor.Lowry@alabamabicentennial.gov).



### Birmingham's Historic Empire Building Takes on a New Role in the Magic City

Opening this summer is the Elyton Hotel, formerly the historic Empire Building (circa 1909). Vacated in 2009 when Colonial Bank moved out of the building, in 2015, a \$45M renovation, restoration project was announced by Buford - a Georgia-based Ascent Hospitality corporation. The project includes two

Marriott hotels, a restaurant, event space and a rooftop bar and the adjoining former Tony's building and Alagasco headquarters. Plans inside of the hotel blends the building's historic touches, such as antique chandeliers and marble staircase. The Elyton will be part of Marriott's Autograph collection. To learn more, visit

[www.al.com/business/index.ssf/2017/05/see\\_inside\\_the\\_elyton\\_hotel\\_be.html](http://www.al.com/business/index.ssf/2017/05/see_inside_the_elyton_hotel_be.html)



### Historic Preservation Bills Become Law

**The Reauthorization of Alabama Renovation Tax Credit** - 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 and its historic built environment - was passed and signed into law in the last days of the 2017 Alabama Legislative session. The **Alabama Memorial Preservation** bill also passed the legislature and was signed by Governor Ivey after concurrence by the legislators to exempt K-12 schools and community colleges per the Governor's request. Universities and four-year

institutions of higher education were not included in this exemption. To read the final wording of each bill, visit [http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/Alison/Splash\\_Bills.aspx](http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/Alison/Splash_Bills.aspx).



### Slave Dwelling Project Returns to Alabama

On May 25, Joseph McGill, founder of the Slave Dwelling Project ([slavedwellingproject.org](http://slavedwellingproject.org)) served as the keynote speaker for the opening of an exhibit at the Marengo County History and Archives Museum in Demopolis. The exhibit, *Changing America: The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863, and The March on Washington, 1963*, is presented through the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture and the National Museum of American History, in partnership with the American Library Association. Funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities made possible the exhibit tour.

McGill has gained a lot of attention for his work to bring attention to the remaining slave dwellings across the nation and to seek resources for their preservation. His work has been featured in *Garden and Gun*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, NPR, and numerous online news sources. The director of the Marengo County museum, Mary Jones-Fitts, coordinated McGill's visit to Alabama and sought permission from the Alabama Historical Commission for him to sleep in the remaining slave house at Magnolia Grove house museum in Greensboro. He was joined by ten other people, including two students from the University of West Alabama and their anthropology professor, Ashley Dumas.

Previously, he had slept in slave dwellings at Old Alabama Town in Montgomery and at Riverview Plantation in Montgomery County. Participants in the sleepover talked late into the night about issues of preservation, race, interpretation, and the past. The next day they visited the Safe House Black History Museum in Greensboro and slave houses in Marengo County.

Their visit will be featured in a late July issue of *The Washington Post's* Sunday magazine.

## SHARE PRESERVATION NEWS AND STORIES STATEWIDE

Send historic preservation announcements, events and news to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at [alabamatrust@athp.org](mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org). Please submit information by June 20th for inclusion in the July issue of the Alabama Preservation E-Newsletter.



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