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ALERTS



Alabama Bicentennial Commission Announces 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 will include presentations of funding opportunities. For schedule of workshops, April - September, and more information, email

Connor Lowry at Connor.Lowry@alabamabicentennial.gov.alabama.

Apply Now to Host Bicentennial Exhibition

Interested in hosting the *Making Alabama. A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit* from the Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF) St. Clair, Wilcox and Lee counties will be the first of 67 stops as the exhibition travels across Alabama from April 2018 through November 2019. 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/. For more information, contact AHF Director of Operations Laura Anderson at landerson@alabamahumanities.org or call 205-558-3992.



Fort Siquefield Teacher Institute - Thursday, June 8, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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. Deadline for Registration: Saturday, May 1. Location: Clarke

County Museum/Clarke County School District Office. Sponsor: Clarke County Superintendent of School; Clarke County Museum; Fort Siquefield 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 or Kerry Dunaway at kerry95@gmail.com.

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, fosters, encourages and leads the historic preservation movement in Montgomery, Alabama. 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. The 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. For more information and to apply online, visit <http://aansocial.org/jobs2017/job/executive-director-14>. Please attach a cover letter and resume in the attachments field. Applications will be accepted until June 9, 2017.



Main Street Alabama Offers Webinar - "Effective Crowdfunding with Alex Fachsbart and Casey Woods" - Tuesday, May 13

Crowdfunding is trending in the fundraising world and it can be overwhelming. Main Street Alabama is pleased to offer a free webinar to help you navigate through the maze of crowdfunding. For more information or to register, contact Marylon Barkan, Main Street

Alabama at 205-516-4506 or marylon@mainstreetalabama.org.

National Trust for Historic Preservation Grants - Gwyn Turner Preservation Fund for Alabama - Deadline - Thursday, June 1

The Gwyn Turner Preservation Fund for Alabama serves preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects within the state. Applications are made to the National Trust Preservation Fund. Consultation with and a Letter of Support from the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation is recommended. Grant range from \$2,500 - \$5,000. Deadline: Thursday, June 1, 2016. For more information, see <https://savingplaces.org/stories/how-to-apply-for-grants-from-the-national-trust-preservation-fund#.WLSTkNizWM8>.

EVENTS

Dale County

Sunday, May 21 - 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/ or www.odcpl.com.

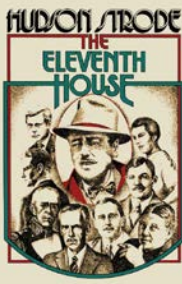
Lee County



Friday, May 5 - Friday, May 19 - 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: Lewis Cooper Jr. Memorial Library, 200 South 6th Street, Opelika. 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/ or www.cooperlibrary.com.

Marengo County



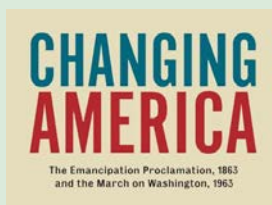
Thursday, May 18 - 5:30 p.m. - Champagne Tea and Book Talk: *The Eleventh House*

The Friends of Gaineswood will host a free Champagne Tea and Book Talk at Gaineswood featuring Dr. Don Noble of The University of Alabama and Host of Alabama Public Television's "Bookmark." Join in a celebration for Hudson Strode's Memoir, *The Eleventh House*. Strode, a Demopolis native, became a famous professor of English at The University of Alabama, a writer and world traveler knighted by the King of Sweden. *The Eleventh House* fondly recalls Demopolis and Strode's adventurous life with wife, Theresa. Admission: Free. Location: Gaineswood, 805 South Cedar Street, Demopolis. Sponsor: The Friends of Gaineswood. For more information, contact Paige Smith at (334) 289-4846.



Wednesday, May 24 - 6:00 p.m. - Joseph McGill and the Slave Dwelling Project Reception

Join in the welcoming of The Slave Dwelling Project founder, Joseph McGill, at a reception in Demopolis. The project's mission is to identify and assist property owners, government agencies and organizations to preserve extant slave dwellings. Admission: Free. Location: Marengo County History & Archives Museum, Rosenbush Building, 101 N. Walnut, Demopolis. Sponsors: Alabama Historical Commission, American Library Association, National Endowment For The Humanities and Smithsonian Institute. For more information, contact May Jones-Fitts at (334) 341-3439.



Thursday, May 25 - 6:00 p.m. - *Changing America* Exhibition Opening: The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863 and the March on Washington, 1963

Join keynote speaker Joseph McGill at the exhibition opening. There are moments in our nation's history when individuals unite and take courageous steps to fulfill the promise of democracy. One hundred years separate the Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington. Yet, these two events are profoundly linked together in a larger story of liberty and the American experience. Both were the result of people demanding justice. Both grew out of decades of bold actions, resistance, organization, and vision. In both, we take inspiration from those who marched toward freedom. Admission: Free. Location: Marengo County History & Archives Museum, Rosenbush Building, 101 N. Walnut, Demopolis. Sponsors: Alabama Historical Commission, American Library Association, National Endowment For The Humanities and Smithsonian Institute. For more information, contact May Jones-Fitts at (334) 341-3439.

Mobile County

Saturday, May 20 - 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: U.S.S Battleship Memorial Park, 2703 Battleship Parkway, Mobile. 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/ or www.ussalabama.com.

Montgomery County



Saturday, May 13, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - OATH's Herb Day Festival

The 20th annual 'Herb Day' festival, *Celebrating 20 Years*, is a free, fun-filled, public educational event for the entire family, offering lectures and demonstrations featuring experts on identifying, growing, and using herbs, including a cooking demonstration. The designated Herbs of Year for 2017 are Cilantro & Coriander. Live music, activities for children, and the open-air market entertain and educate. Visit the

market where vendors sell their garden-related wares including a huge selection of herbal and other plants, crafts, herbal teas, goat cheeses and various sundry yard art. Admission: Free. Location: Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Old Alabama Town Herb Society, Landmarks Foundation of Alabama. For more information, visit [facebook.com/OldAlabamaTownHerbSociety](https://www.facebook.com/OldAlabamaTownHerbSociety).

Thursday, May 19, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Food for Thought, Lunchtime Lecture Series

Alabama Fever in the Wake of the Treaty of Fort Jackson, presentation by author, historian Tom Kanon. Admission: Free. Location: 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.

NEWS



Alabama 200 Launch Celebrates 200 Years of History

The Alabama Bicentennial Commission officially launched ALABAMA 200, which commemorates the 200th anniversaries of Alabama as a U.S. Territory (1917) and State (1819) in the state's oldest city, Mobile. Between January 2017 and December 2019, Alabamians throughout the state and beyond will create and take part in enriching and educational opportunities to discover, explore, preserve and share those stories. Community-hosted efforts include historical

marker programs, festivals and fairs, bicentennial gardens, cemetery surveys, reunions, and other activities that feature local history.



Statewide initiatives include *Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibition* from the Alabama Humanities Foundation, museum exhibitions, the Alabama Bicentennial PastPort project, a common reading program

Alabama Reads, the Alabama Bicentennial Bookshelf, and from Alabama Public Television, 200 on-air Alabama Bicentennial Legacy Moments airing on public and commercial radio and television. Education programs across the state also will commemorate the Alabama 200 with projects ranging from summer institutes, curriculum development, Bicentennial Schools, professional development for teachers and, from Alabama Public Television, four live, Web-interactive learning adventures for 3rd - 12th grades. For more information, visit www.alabama200.org/. To stream *Alabama Legacy Moments*, visit <http://www.aptv.org/>.

Alabama Educators Take Lead in Bicentennial Commemorations

The Alabama Bicentennial Commission's Education Committee has named 12 teachers for grades 3-5 as **Bicentennial Master Teachers**. The Education Committee selected these teachers based on nominations from their superintendents, their record of teaching, and their ability to train other teachers. The Master Teachers are Britt Lovelace of Decatur, Carol Fretwell of Russellville, Harrow Strickland of Auburn, Jessica Tucker of Andalusia, Julie Caminiti of Fort Payne, LaToya Davis of Montgomery, Mary Hubbard of Birmingham, Renae Williams of Thomasville, Sarah Stroud of Tuscaloosa, Susan P. Santoli of Mobile, Sylvia Cook of Marion, and Tracy Pruitt of Dothan. Each Master Teacher has undergone two sessions of professional development, during which they have been paired with a content specialist to enhance their knowledge of history in their region of Alabama. For the Bicentennial Summer Institutes in June and July, each Master Teacher and her

content specialist will lead a three-and-a-half-day **Bicentennial Summer Institute** for thirty grades 3-5 teachers in their region. Each institute will consist of fieldtrips and speakers to illuminate the teachers' local history.



Explore the Music of The Shoals and The Blessing of Bayou La Batre's Fishermen

New episodes of the *Journey Proud*, APT's folklife series, air Sunday night May 21. In Muscle Shoals, APT visits the music capitol of Alabama tracing the musical traditions that led a sleepy little Alabama town to become an artistic powerhouse worldwide. *Blessing of the Fleet* from Bayou La Batre documents the 68-year tradition by the Archbishop of Mobile of blessing the fleet for the bounty and safety of the sea harvest. For broadcast times and

more information, visit www.journeyproudalabama.com.



Legislation Update - Historic Preservation

During the 2017 Alabama legislative session, Alabama representatives and senators addressed historic preservation legislation that impacts the state's future in terms of protecting its historic treasures. **SB262 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 - has passed the House and is before the Senate for a second vote. The

Alabama Memorial Preservation bill had a third reading in the House on April 27 and passed with 2 amendments: one providing for an emergency provision and the second adding honorable in front of military service in the definition of monument and it also deleted the word "state" and inserted "United States in the definition of monument." SB60 returns the Senate to concur or have a conference committee. For more information, visit

http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/Alison/Splash_Bills.aspx.

SHARE PRESERVATION NEWS AND STORIES STATEWIDE

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



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