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ALERTS



Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation End-of-Year Schedule & Gifts

The office, which is located on the University of West Alabama campus, will be closed for the university's holiday break from Dec. 13, 2017- Jan. 3, 2018. Alabama Trust staff members will be checking the mail, email and telephone messages during this time. Gifts received by December 31st will be recorded as contributions for the 2017 tax year. Thank you and Happy Holidays.

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 Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery. Sponsors: Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Alabama Bicentennial Commission; Alabama Dept. of Archives and History. For more information, email the alabamatrust@athp.org.

Vote On-Line Now -2018 Board of Directors, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP)

Members of the ATHP elect officers and new board members for 2018 by voting online December 15-25, 2017. Ballots can be cast (only one per ATHP member, please) at <http://www.alabamatrust.info/ballot.php>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for TEACHERS



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 an extended, intensive institute of this kind will be offered. 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.

Alabama Bicentennial Summer Institutes - December 15 Deadline

Register now for these June and July summer institutes. Only a few seats still available in each of the twelve the Alabama Bicentennial Professional Development Summer Institutes, and they are

going fast. Convenient forms for principals to recommend a teacher are online. For more information and for form, visit <http://www.alabama200.org/educators/professional-development/2018-summer-institutes/>.

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>.



Making Alabama - A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit

This Alabama Bicentennial traveling exhibition celebrates Alabama's commonalities and honors our individualities. During December, Baldwin County Coliseum, 19477 Fairground Rd., Robertsdale and Landmark Park, 430 Landmark Drive, Dothan. For specific dates and times, visit www.makingalabama.org.

MORE EXHIBITIONS & HOLIDAY EVENTS

Baldwin County

Friday, December 1- Saturday, January 6 - Smithsonian Water/Ways Exhibition

The exhibition, a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street (MoMS) program examines water as an environmental necessity and a key element of Alabama history, culture and everyday life. *Water/Ways* brings forth public conversations local water stories - the history, diverse cultural links, land changes over time, current stresses on water - and most importantly, the future story being created. Admission: Free. Location: Five Rivers Delta Resource Center, 30945 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort. Sponsors: Alabama Humanities Foundation; Smithsonian Museum on Main Street. For more information, visit www.alabamahumanities.org/programs/museum-main/.



Saturday, December 16, 9:30 a.m. - Bottle Creek Tours

Take a guided excursion to the famous Bottle Creek Mounds, one of the Gulf Coast's largest Native American mound centers. Accessible only by boat and located in the heart of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, the best opportunity for a visit is in the winter when water levels are lower and vegetation less dense. This incredible historic site features 18 earthen mounds built by Native Americans and was once of the largest communities in the region. Location: Historic Blakeley State Park, 34745 State Hwy 225, Spanish Fort. For reservations and additional information, visit <http://ahc.alabama.gov/calendar/>.

Barbour County



Sunday, December 10, 11:00 a.m. - Fendall Hall Christmas Brunch

Enjoy this historic house decked out for the holidays and its annual Christmas Brunch catered by Tara Bennett. Brunch will be served on the mansion's verandah; come dressed for the weather and warm up with a hot cup of coffee and holiday cheer! Tickets: \$20. Reservations required. To make reservations, email fendallhall@gmail.com. Location: Fendall Hall, 917 W Barbour St, Eufaula. For more information, visit <http://ahc.alabama.gov/calendar/>.

Elmore County

Friday, December 8, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Historic Downtown Wetumpka Open House and Live Nativity

Enjoy the holiday spirit in Wetumpka's historic business district as downtown businesses open their doors and offer holiday treats, music and inviting festive decor for event-goers. This annual event

also includes a progressive live nativity and luminaria event. Admission: Free. Location: Downtown Wetumpka. For more information, email Jenny E. Stubbs, Main Street Wetumpka at jenny@mainstreetwetumpka.org or call 334-478-5100.

Hale County

Sunday, December 10, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Porches and Parlors Holiday Tour of Homes

Enjoy a holiday stroll through one of Alabama's oldest communities. Admission: \$20 for ages 13 - Senior. Ticket Location: The Partridge Berry, 1305 Main Street, Greensboro. Sponsor: Sponsor: Greensboro Area Business and Tourism Association (GABTA). *Holiday Tour benefits the GABTA, Hale County Historical Society, Magnolia Grove Foundation.* For more information, call 334-624-9009.

Jefferson County



Friday, December 1 - Sunday, December 31 - Christmas at Arlington

Celebrate the season with Arlington Historic Mansion and Gardens decorated with holiday greens. Admission: Adults, \$5; Students, \$3. Location: Arlington Antebellum Home and Gardens, 331 Cotton Ave SW, Birmingham. Sponsors: Arlington Historical Association; Alabama Humanities Foundation. For more information, visit www.arlingtonantebellumhomeandgardens.com/.

Lawrence County

Sunday, December 10, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. - General Joe Wheeler Home Christmas Celebration

Tis the Season! Pond Spring, the General Joe Wheeler Home, offers a special holiday event. Tour General Wheeler's home and museum adorned with live greenery and decorations, enjoy refreshments of sweet treats and hot cocoa, while children take "sleigh rides" in a horse drawn buggy, and families enjoy choral concerts featuring local school and church choirs. Admissions: Adults, \$8; Seniors, \$5; Children 6-18, \$3; Children under 6, Free. Location: Pond Springs, 12280, AL-20, Hillsboro. For more information, visit <http://ahc.alabama.gov/calendar/> or call The General Joe Wheeler Home at 256-637-8513.

Madison County

Saturday, December 9 - Mooresville's Annual Holiday Tour & Dinner

Mooresville, an 1818 village, is Alabama's oldest incorporated town. The community hosts an annual holiday home tour and progressive dinner that benefits the historic village. Visitors stroll the sandy streets of this small 19th century village to visit its historic properties and dine in various historic venues. Reservations Required: \$75 per. For more information and reservations, visit <http://www.mooresvilleal.com/progressive-dinner/> or call 256-355-2683.

Mobile County

Friday, December 1 - Sunday, December 31 - Magic Christmas In Lights

One of the best holiday light shows in Alabama, this 22nd year of a dazzling nighttime displays features 3M lights and 15 scenes along historic Bellingrath's garden trails. The holiday tour includes nightly choral performances and the home decorated in full holiday finery. Location: Bellingrath Gardens and Home, 12401 Bellingrath Gardens Road, Theodore. For more information and tickets, visit <https://bellingrath.org/experiences/events/magic-christmas-in-lights-2017/>.



Saturday, December 16, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Christmas at Oakleigh

Celebrate the season by touring one of Alabama's historic mansions with an exhibition of Old Mobile Silver, period furnishings and music. Location: Historic Oakleigh House, 350 Oakleigh Place, Mobile. To purchase tickets, visit www.historicmobile.org/events.

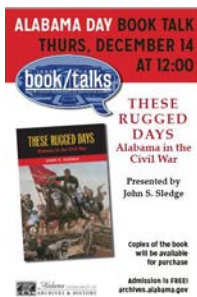
Montgomery County

Mondays, December 11 & 18, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Governor's Mansion Candlelight Tours

The Alabama Governor's Mansion is the people's house. One of the State's more special traditions is the opening of the historic mansion for tours during the December holidays. Admission: Free. No reservations required. Location: Alabama Governor's Mansion, 1142 S Perry St, Montgomery. For more information, visit governor.alabama.gov/governor-kay-ivey/governors-mansion or call 334-834-3022.

Tuesday, December 12, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Holiday Open House at Old Alabama Town

Enjoy Montgomery's 19th century holidays with live music, children's pioneer-style crafts, candlelight house tours, and cookies and cider! Admission: Non-perishable food items. Location: Lucas Tavern, 310 N. Hull Old Alabama Town, Montgomery. Sponsors: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit www.oldalabamatown.com/ or call 334-240-4500.



Thursday, December 14, noon - 1:00 p.m. - Book Talk

These Rugged Days: Alabama In the Civil War presented by John Sledge, author and architectural historian, Mobile Historic Development Commission. Sledge's most recent book tells the tales of Alabama's participation in the war. Drawn from primary sources including journals, sketches, and photographs, Sledge introduces us to some of the Alabama's more colorful figures of the era. Admission: Free. Location: Alabama Dept. 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, December 21, noon - 1:00 p.m. - Food for Thought Lecture Series

Where Alabama Began: Archaeology at Old St. Stephens presented by George Shorter, landscape architect and anthropologist. From fort, to trading post, to territorial capital, St. Stephens is the birthplace of Alabama. In 1818, St. Stephens boasted 400 buildings, a population of approximately 3,000 and territorial capital of Alabama, yet it almost vanished by the time of the Civil War. New archaeological discoveries shed light on this early Alabama capital. Admission: Free. Location: Alabama Dept. 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.

NEWS

Historic Blakeley State Park - New Cabins Will Enhance Visitors' Experiences

On Monday, December 11, at 1:30 p.m., officials will hold a ribbon-cutting for two newly constructed, furnished log cabins at the forested Historic Blakeley State Park in Spanish Fort. The public is invited, free of charge, for an open-house tour of the one-and-a-half-story cabins. Named for two prominent early settlers of 1814, the Sibley and Peters log cabins have convenient access to the park's extensive trail system. To learn more, visit www.al.com/living/index.ssf/2017/12/blakeley_state_parks_woodsy_ne.html.

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Museum of Alabama Opens New Exhibition - *St. Stephens and the Alabama Territory*

Now through mid-May, the exhibition tells the story of Old St. Stephens, the territorial capital of Alabama. In 1817, Congress established the Alabama Territory and designated the town of St. Stephens as the capital. The exhibition explores the history of this frontier town located along the Tombigbee River and features artifacts from the collections of the Alabama Archives, as well as unique resources excavated from the site and on loan from the St. Stephens Historical Commission. For more information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov/press_release/PressRelease_StStephens.pdf.

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