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ALERTS



Call for Nominations - 2018 Board of Directors, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation

Members of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation are eligible to submit candidates for election to the 2018 Board of Directors. For a nomination form, visit www.alabamatrust.info. Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Call for Nominations - 2018 Places in Peril

Places in Peril, a joint program of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and the Alabama Historical Commission, annually recognizes Alabama's most endangered historic resources. Each submission will be evaluated for its significance and threat. Please provide clear photographs of the site. Nominations will not be considered without at least one visual representation. To nominate a site, go to www.alabamatrust.info and click on the 2018 PIP link. Deadline for nominations: Friday, March 30, 2018.

Alabama Tourism Department Deadline - Historic Walking Tours for Spring 2018

Historic cities and towns interested in participating in Alabama's 2018 April Walking Tours promotion should respond with an email to dwayne.oriley@tourism.alabama.gov. Include city or town name, starting location, contact person and mailing/shipping address. Participating communities must offer an hour-long tour at 10:00 am each Saturday in April. Deadline to submit information: Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

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 - 2018

Register now for these June and July summer institutes. Only 30 seats, and going fast, are available in each of the 12 Alabama Bicentennial Professional Development Summer Institutes. For

more information and/or to register for a preferred site, 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>.



From Studio 1817 - Alabama Statehood and Capitols - An Alabama Bicentennial Virtual Field Trip - November 15 & 16 from the Alabama Department of Archives and History

Available to Alabama schools, the story of the state's five capitals tells the tale of politics and the people of Alabama in the early 19th century. Using primary sources and stories from the Alabama Archives' collections, the field trip will explore how each capital was chosen and discuss the events that led to Montgomery becoming the permanent capital of Alabama. For K- 5th grade, each day from 9:00 a.m. - 10. p.m. For all grades, each day from 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Reservations are limited to 10 schools per session. To participate, schools must have videoconferencing equipment and an external IP address. For questions, call Wesley Garmon, Alabama Department of Archives and History, at 334-353-3288. To register, click [here](#).

Archaeology Adventures - Early Alabama History - A Live, Interactive Alabama Bicentennial Learning Adventure - November 30 from the APT IQ Learning Network

For students 2nd - 5th grade. Learning can be fun in this adventure as three young kids venture outside their 2-D animated world to learn about early Alabama history for their upcoming school report. Aided by their hyper-intelligent robotic friend Roto and a magical portal, they visit some of Alabama's historic sites. In this interactive, web-based field trip, students will focus on Alabama pre-history and history through the lens of archaeology by observing archaeologists on excavations, interviewing historians and visiting historic sites - such as the Moundville, Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson, Old Mobile and Old Cahawba - as they learn about Native American societies, early settlers, and early Alabama statehood. Registration Fee: Free. To register a class, school or school system, visit www.aptv.org/IQLEARNING/ElectronicFieldTrips/fieldtrip.asp?tripID=24.

Education Partners: Archeology Museum, University of South Alabama; Old Cahawba and Moundville Archaeology Parks. Charitable Contributors: Alabama Bicentennial Commission; Malone Family Foundation; Sybil H. Smith Foundation; and Wells Fargo.



Making Alabama - A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit

This Alabama Bicentennial traveling exhibition celebrates Alabama's commonalities and honors our individualities. During November, the exhibition will be on display at the following locations: Athens-Limestone Public Library, Athens; Jefferson State Community College, Clanton; Venue TBD, Prattville; and the Smith Building Art Gallery, Marion. For specific dates and times, visit www.makingalabama.org.

HOLD THE DATE

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. Please forward suggested topics of interest to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at alabamatrust@athp.org. 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.

EVENTS

Baldwin County



Friday, November 24 - 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/.

Jefferson County

Tuesday, November 14, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Talking About Tallulah!

Arlington Historical Association meeting at 11:00 a.m. and open to the public. Lecture/Luncheon at noon by reservation. Museum consultant and photograph historian will talk about and entertain guests with Tallulah Bankhead tales - an Alabama woman like no other who tread the stages of Hollywood, London and New York. Lunch/Lecture: \$18 per reservation. 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/. To make reservations, 205-780-5656.

Mobile County



Friday, November 10 - Bourbon & BBQ

Taste five different whiskeys from three distilleries and enjoy mouth-watering BBQ from Moe's Original Bar-B-Que. Finish off the night with a bourbon bread pudding by Chef Anne Read. Truly a one-of-a-kind event under the oaks of Oakleigh. Ticket: \$50 per. Location: Historic Oakleigh House, 350 Oakleigh Place, Mobile. To purchase tickets, visit www.historicmobile.org/events. *Bourbon courtesy of Cottage Hill Package Store.*

Tuesday, November 21, 5:30 p.m. - Lecture, "There's Always Room at the Top"

Presented by former Ambassador to Jamaica, Maj. Gen. Gary Cooper. Admission: Historic Mobile Preservation Society Members, Free; non-members, \$10. Location: Oakleigh House Museum, 350 Oakleigh Place, Mobile. For more information, visit www.historicmobile.org/events.

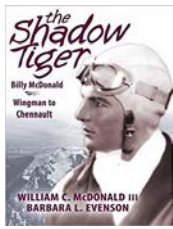
Monday, November 27, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Oakleigh Book Club

New Yesterdays presented by Jim L. Wright. Admission: Free. Oakleigh House Museum, 350 Oakleigh Place, Mobile. For more information, visit www.historicmobile.org/events.

Montgomery County

Thursday, November 9, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Veteran's Day Book Talk

Presented by Dr. Philip Beideler, Margaret and William Going Professor of English, University of Alabama. *Beautiful War: Studies in Dreadful Fascination* considers the presence of war in our everyday lives through avenues including popular culture, art, literature and music, with emphasis on the "dreadful fascination" war has persistently held in society. A combat veteran of the Vietnam War, his publications include, among others, *Re-Writing America: Vietnam Authors in Their Generation*; *Late Thoughts on an Old War: The Legacy of Vietnam*; and *The Victory Album: Reflections on the Good Life after the Good War*. 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, November 10, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Veteran's Day Book Talk

The Shadow Tiger: Billy McDonald, Wingman to Chennault presented by William McDonald III in which he will recount the remarkable story of his father, Captain Billy "Mac" McDonald's, experiences in World War II. From Maxwell Air Force Base, Capt. McDonald joined the famed General Claire Chennault's aerobatic flying group: "Three Men on a Flying Trapeze" where he worked extensively with Chennault's Flying Tigers, served as a combat pilot, trained Chinese pilots and made hundreds of life-saving flights through the Himalayas. The book draws from approximately 30,000

documents, letters, and photos sent home by Captain McDonald. 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.

Sunday, November 12, 2:00 p.m. - Discovery Sunday with the Alabama Courthouse

Presented by Delos Hughes, author of *Historic Alabama Courthouses: A Century of Their Images and Stories* and co-author of *Lost Auburn: A Village Remembered in Period Photographs*, this slide presentation features historic Alabama courthouses - their architecture and stories. Admission: Free. Location: Auditorium, Lowe Visitors' Center, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Ross Clayton Funeral Homes. For more information, call 334-240-4500.



Thursday, November 16, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Food for Thought Lecture Series

Anne Mae Beddow, Pioneering World War I Nurse Anesthetist presented by Anne Gibbons, historic preservationist, attorney and niece of Anne Mae Beddow. Beddow, a pioneer in the development of anesthesia techniques as a battlefield nurse, was one of the first nurse anesthetists to administer sodium pentathol to patients.

Because of her published research, the drug became one of the most widely used anesthetics of the 20th century. She is recognized for breaking barriers to advancement for women in medicine. 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.

Saturday, November 18, 8:30 a.m. - Trekking Through the Past

Walk through history with Mary Ann and Collier Neeley. Explore and learn about Montgomery's oldest, documented burials in Historic Oakwood Cemetery where some graves are identified and others are to wonder about. Recommended, comfortable clothes and shoe and bottle of water. Admission: Members, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, Free; Non-members \$10. Location: Main Gate, Oakwood Cemetery, 829 Columbus St., Montgomery. Sponsors: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery and Ross Clayton Funeral Homes. For more information, call 334-240-4500. In case of rain, check [facebook.com/LandmarksFoundationMgm](https://www.facebook.com/LandmarksFoundationMgm) for possible cancellations.



Saturday, November 24, 2:00 p.m. - Trekking Through the Past

Put on our walking shoes for a stroll with historians Mary Ann Neeley and Richard Bailey down Montgomery's historic Monroe Street where a future presidential assassin performed, famous actors strode the 'boards, billiard balls bounced and the aroma of fried fish sandwiches competed with stables of the police and fire departments. Monroe Street was home to street singers, folk artists, peddlers,

and "ladies of the evening" as well as folk artist Bill Traylor. Admission: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, Members, Free; Non-members, \$10. Tour Start Location: Corner of Hull and Monroe Street. Sponsors: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery and Ross Clayton Funeral Homes. For more information, call 334-240-4500. In case of rain, check [facebook.com/LandmarksFoundationMgm](https://www.facebook.com/LandmarksFoundationMgm) for possible cancellations.

Thursday, November 30, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Renovators Happy Hour

See a major renovation in progress and meet the team transforming this historic Cloverdale Bank into a specialty coffee shop. Refreshments will be served. Admission: Members, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, Free; Non-members \$10. Pay at the door. To pre-register online, visit www.landmarksfoundation.com. Location: Vintage Cafe, 416 Cloverdale Rd, Montgomery. Sponsors: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, Montgomery Historic Neighborhoods Coalition. For more

information, call 334-240-4500.

Perry County

Wednesday, November 8, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Unleashing Data & The Power of Economic Vitality

Speaker Jay Schlinsog, owner and managing principal of Downtown Professionals Network, will unravel the mysteries surrounding the Economic Vitality point and demonstrate how the diverse experiences and backgrounds of local economic players translates to developing economic success. Registration Fee: \$125. Location: Marion United Methodist Church, 110 Washington Street, Marion. Sponsor: Main Street Alabama. To register, click [here](#).

Sumter County



Friday, November 17 - Saturday, November 18 - Fall Into Folk Life - A Symposium & Expo

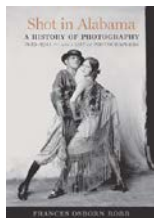
An opportunity to learn more about Alabama's folkways and how to document, preserve and present Alabama's cultural heritage. The weekend opens on Friday with a symposium session on Storytelling followed by a BBQ dinner and Gospel Quartet Concert. Saturday's program includes sessions on Alabama's folk architecture and rural landscapes and Native American folk culture. The accompanying folk arts expo will be enhanced with sessions about local artists and historic venues as economic drivers, such as historic sites supporting the metal arts, Birmingham's Sloss Furnaces and the State Park's Tannehill Ironworks. Rounding out the weekend will be tours of local historic venues and a closing reception at the Black Belt Museum. Registration Fee: Symposium, Friday and Saturday-Free; Dinner and Concert, AFA Member, \$15; Dinner and Concert, Non-Member- \$25. Location: Lyon Hall, University of West Alabama campus, Livingston. For more information, visit http://alabamafolklife.homestead.com/FIF-2017.html?_=1506534067225.

Tallapoosa County

Wednesday, November 1 - Tuesday, November 7 - Smithsonian Water/Ways Exhibition

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Wilcox County



Friday, November 17, 2:00 p.m. - Presentation and Book Signing, *Who Shot Alabama?*

Museum consultant and photograph historian, Frances Robb will speak about historic photographs of Alabama and how to document the time periods in which the images were taken. Admission: Free. Location: Camden United Methodist Church, 127 Broad St., Camden. Sponsors: Wilcox County Historical Society; Alabama Humanities Foundation.

NEWS

Alabama Bicentennial Commission Announces the Alabama PastPort Project

The Alabama PastPort Project, a guide to Alabama's historic places and signature events, launches in early 2018. Ideal for use in classrooms and by teachers and students, heritage-minded travelers also can tour the state's historic sites with the aid of regional maps, educational text and striking

artwork. Produced by the Alabama Bicentennial Commission office with support from Mercedes, Airbus, and Verizon, PastPort includes one or more stops in each of Alabama's counties. To read more, visit www.alabama200.org/.



Alabama's Doug Purcell Named to U.S. Senate Curatorial Advisory Board

Eufaula's Doug Purcell, executive director emeritus of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission, has been appointed to the U.S. Senate Curatorial Advisory Board, 115th Congress. The Curatorial Advisory Board is an arm of the U.S. Senate Commission on Art established in 1968 "to accept, supervise, hold, place and protect all works of art, historical objects, and exhibits in the Senate wing of the U.S. Capitol and the Senate Office Buildings." With Samuel Frazier, Purcell is a National Trust of Historic

Preservation advisor to Alabama. He also serves on the boards of the Alabama Historical Commission and Alabama State Council on the Arts.

Historic Fort Toulouse to Celebrate 300th Anniversary

Fort Toulouse, a historic property of the Alabama Historical Commission, began its service as a frontier outpost for the French in 1717. The fort, named for Adm. Louis Alexandre de Bourbon, Count of Toulouse, was initially constructed to extend the political, economic, and military reach of the French, who were based in Mobile, and became a commercial, religious, and diplomatic center for the French until 1763. Fort Toulouse is one of the most important historical and archaeological sites in Alabama. In anticipation of its 300 years anniversary and under the auspices of the Alabama Historical Commission, teams of professional archaeologists have excavated the site and uncovered a significant portion of the foundation for the third Fort Toulouse, which was designed and rebuilt in 1751. Planned celebration activities include the unveiling of markers outlining a portion of the original 1717 fort and a short dramatic presentation bringing to life the moment French marines first met the Alabama Indians. For more information about Fort Toulouse's Frontier Days and 300th Anniversary, visit <https://fttoulousejackson.org/frontierdays/>.



Mobile's Historic Mid-Bay Lighthouse Shines Light on Preservation - Where History and Science Meet

The Mobile Bay Middle Lighthouse (1885), with an iron undergirding and the hexagonal keeper's house, was patterned after lighthouses operating in the Chesapeake Bay during the 19th century. In 1935, the lighthouse was automated; it was deactivated in 1967 no longer signaling ships with its light and bell. With recent renovations, under the guidance of the Alabama

Historical Commission, the original iron tower and light were replaced with a modest pole topped by a solar-powered red light. The Middle Bay Lighthouse now houses a sensor array that takes air and water readings and feeds them to a website used by scientific, governmental and recreational users alike. This array is part of a network run by the Dauphin Island Sea Lab as part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA's) RESTORE Act Science Program. To read more, visit www.al.com/news/mobile/index.ssf/2017/07/720000_grant_will_keep_mobile.html.

Mooreville's Annual Holiday Tour & Dinner Annual Favorite

Many of Alabama's historic towns will offer holiday tours during December. For those in-the-know, who in previous years have been fortunate enough to secure a reservation for the Mooreville Holiday Home Tour and Progressive Dinner, point out that this annual event is a quick sell out so those interested in this year's strolling and dining in a 19th Century town should act now. Mooreville, (1818), 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 to visit its historic properties and dine in various venues. Date: Saturday, December 9. Reservations Required: \$75 per. For more information and reservations, visit www.moorevilleal.com or call 256-355-2683.

For historic holiday tours/events occurring in December, submit date, three-line description, price, location and sponsor to alabamatrust@athp.org. Please mark subject as December e-news. Deadline for submissions, November 20.

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 November 20 for inclusion in the December issue of the Alabama Preservation E-Newsletter.



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