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ALERTS



Alabama Historic Monuments Legislation

Two bills regarding Alabama's historic monuments have been filed: House Bill 99 and Senate Bill 60. SB60 has stalled in the Senate over concerns that the bill would make it impossible to modify or relocate a monument even if necessitated by a construction project or a desire to update a memorial, such as by adding the names African American casualties to war monuments that originally listed only whites. Historical organizations and representatives of local governments generally view SB60 as being overly restrictive and difficult to administer. An

alternative version to HB99 containing a waiver process. To read these bills, visit <http://ahc.alabama.gov/press/February%2021-23.pdf>.

Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit

The Alabama Senate and Legislature are considering a number of items during the current legislative session, including the reauthorization of the Alabama Rehabilitation 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. To keep track of this legislation, visit <http://ahc.alabama.gov/press/February%2021-23.pdf>.



National Trust for Historic Preservation
**Preservation
Leadership Forum**

Preservation Leadership Training from the National Trust for Historic Preservation

**Preserving History, Building Community in Birmingham -
Sunday, June 25 - Friday, June 30**

Working from the A.G. Gaston Motel's redevelopment planning and from shared-use concepts developed at other locations, participants will learn how to integrate interpretative and commercial activities to sustain their preservation projects during this place-based, collaborative training. Participant Applications due Saturday, May 1. To learn more and/or apply, visit: http://my.preservationnation.org/site/MessageViewer?em_id=76596.0&dlv_id=78913.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alabama Bicentennial Summer Institutes for Teachers

For Alabama teachers, grades 3rd -5th, looking for professional development on Alabama's history, the Alabama Bicentennial Commission offers a series of summer workshops. In 2016, 12 teachers from across the state were selected as Alabama Bicentennial Master Teachers. Each of these teachers has been trained at the Alabama Department of Archives and History and paired with a content specialist. Together these teams created a 3.5-day Bicentennial Summer Institute each unique to a specific region of the state. Interested teachers who want to participate in an institute should contact their superintendent. For more information, visit

www.alabama200.org/summerinstitutes/ or call Carson Williford at 334-353-4755.

Alabama Bicentennial Commission Announces Regional Workshops

The Alabama Bicentennial Commission is hosting 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 for more information, email Connor Lowry at Connor.Lowry@alabamabicentennial.gov.



Alabama Humanities Foundation Preservation Grant Opportunities - Spring Deadline - Monday, May 1

Funding available for projects that serve a wide variety of audiences including library and museum patrons, teachers and scholars, among others. Grants are awarded solely for public humanities projects. For questions, contact Thomas Bryant at 205-558-3997 or tbryant@alabamahumanities.org. Preliminary Proposal Deadline: Monday, May 1, 2017. Final Proposal Deadline: Thursday, June 15, 2017. For more information, visit www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/.

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 the 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.



National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Preservation Assistance Grants - Spring 2017 Deadline - Tuesday, May 2

For small and mid-sized institutions - such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities - the grant program supports the preservation of and care of significant humanities collections. For more information, visit www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions.

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

Blount County

Sunday, April 23 - Friday, May 5 - Remembering the Great War Exhibition

WWI centennial traveling exhibition tells the stories of Alabamians who served on the frontline and home front in *the war to end all wars*. Lecture: *Send the Alabamians: World War I Fighters in the Rainbow Division*, presented by Rod Frazier, April 23, 2:00 p.m. Admission to lecture and exhibition: Free. Location: Blount County Memorial Museum, 204 2nd Street North, Oneonta. 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.blountmuseum.org or www.rememberingthegreatwar.org.

Jefferson County

SWEET HOME ALABAMA'S HISTORY IN MAPS



Saturday, April 1 - Sunday, April 30 - Sweet Home: Alabama's History in Maps

Mounted in celebration of Alabama's Bicentennial as a US Territory, the exhibition illustrates the history of Alabama with maps from the earliest days of exploration through the present day and spans more than explores 450 years of Alabama history. Admission: Free. Public invited. Location for exhibition and reception: Birmingham Public Library, Central, 2100 Park Place, Downtown Birmingham. Sponsor: Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. To view exhibition online, visit

<http://www.bplonline.org/resources/exhibits/galleries/AL200/>. For more information, visit http://bplolinenews.blogspot.com/2017/02/sweet-home-alabamas-history-in-maps_23.html.

Lee County



Friday, April 1 - Saturday, April 22 - 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: Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities, Pebble Hill, 101 South Debardeleben Street, Auburn. 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 call 334-844-4903.

Mobile County

Friday, May 5 - Alabama Bicentennial Launch - 200th Commemorations

The Alabama Bicentennial Commission officially launches 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. Location: Cooper Riverside Park, Mobile. For more information about the Alabama Bicentennial, visit www.ALABAMA200.org or call the Alabama Bicentennial Commission at 334-242-4537.

Montgomery County



Thursday, April 20, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Food for Thought, Lunchtime Lecture Series

African American Masonry in Alabama: Birmingham's Prince Hall Temple Grand Lodge presented by Mary Stanton, author/historian/Pulitzer nominee, *From Selma To Sorrow: The Life and Death of Viola Liuzzo*; *Freedom Walk: Mississippi or Bust*; *Journey Toward Justice: Juliette Hampton Morgan and the Montgomery Bus Boycott*. 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.

Note: The Prince Hall Lodge (1924) was a social and political center for Birmingham's African American community and a political strategy center with meeting and conference space for activists through the New Deal Era, World War II, and the Civil Rights Movement. During the Civil Rights Movement, the Lodge housed the offices of the NAACP, Urban League and law offices, such as that of the "drum major for civil rights" attorney Arthur Shores.

Thursday, April 27, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Historic Renovation Happy Hour

See a major renovation in progress and meet the fearless folks who are bringing this Old Cloverdale home back from the brink. Learn about historic preservation and renovation, visit with friends and other preservation-minded folk. Admission: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery members, free;

Non-members \$10. Pay at the door or register online [here](#). Refreshments included in ticket price. Location: 740 Felder Avenue, Montgomery. Sponsor: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, email marketing@oldalabamatown.com or call 334-240-4500.

NEWS



Alabama Bicentennial Commission Offers Regional Community Workshops to Commemorate 200 Years of History

In 2019, Alabama will commemorate the 200th anniversary of its statehood. Created from the Mississippi Territory in 1817, the Alabama Territory became the nation's 22nd state on December 14, 1819. ALABAMA 200, the state's official bicentennial commemoration, will consider a rich and complex history, made every day by people like us. Whether they had lived here for centuries or came from far away, they made this land of natural beauty and diversity, innovation and change, challenge and resilience, their home. Their stories embrace some of the most significant moments in national and world history.



Between January 2017 and December 2019, Alabamians throughout the state and beyond will create and take part in educational and enriching 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*, museum exhibitions, the Alabama Bicentennial PastPort project, Alabama Reads, a common reading program, and the bicentennial bookshelf. Education projects will range from summer institutes, curriculum development, Bicentennial Schools, professional development for teachers and Web-interactive learning adventures for 3rd - 9th grades. For more information, visit www.alabama200.org.

Alabama Heritage Tours Welcome Spring and Showoff Historic Preservation

Many historic towns and neighborhoods welcome spring with an annual tour of historic places, many being walking tours. These glimpses in to the past history illustrate the importance of historic preservation in making Alabama a very special place. Take advantage of the good weather, see Alabama at its best and support local preservation efforts by taking one or more tours this month. For a listing of Alabama's heritage walking tours, visit the Alabama Tourism website at www.alabama.travel.

Alabama Humanities Foundation Prepares for Bicentennial Exhibition

Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF) announces the first three communities to host *Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit*. St. Clair, Wilcox and Lee counties will be the first of 67 stops when 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.



Alabama Celebrates New National Monument

More than tax day, this year April 15th welcomed in the nation's most recent national historic site - the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument. Established as a unit of the National Park System, the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument encompasses approximately four city blocks in downtown Birmingham including the A.G. Gaston Motel, Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Kelly Ingram Park, Fourth Avenue Historic District and Bethel Baptist Church. The National Park Service is partnering with the City of Birmingham to restore the A.G. Gaston Motel to its appearance in 1963. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is offering a **Preservation Leadership Training Forum** to focus on planning and preservation of the historic motel. To read more, visit www.al.com/living/index.ssf/2017/03/dedication_set_for_birmingham.html#incart_river_home.

Alabama Public Television Airs Explores *Grave Houses*



Grave Houses, a new episode of the *Journey Proud* folk tradition series airs Sunday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. and again on Thursday, April 27 at 9:00 p.m. Grave houses, also known as sheltered graves, have been built in many forms over graves in southern cemeteries for 200 years or more. Today, these enigmatic structures are an endangered cultural artifact. *Journey Proud*, with cultural geographer Dr. Greg Jeane, visits some Alabama grave houses and meets the people who are saving them for the future.

Remembering the Great War - Alabama and World War I

World War I, *the war to end all wars*, began in 1914. The U.S. entered the war in April 1917 - 100 years ago this month. An estimated 95,000 Alabamians served in uniform, often with distinction, during this last year of the war. The traveling exhibition *Remembering the Great War - Alabama and World War I* pays tribute to their service on the frontline and home front and tells their stories. The exhibition premiered this month in Auburn and will travel the state with stops in Oneonta, Opelika, Eufaula, Mobile, Ozark, Gadsden, Scottsboro, Florence, Dothan and Wetumpka. A speakers' series accompanies the exhibition. For more information about venues, exhibition dates and speakers, visit www.rememberingthegreatwar.org.

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Send historic preservation announcements, events and news to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at alabamatrust@athp.org. Please submit information by April 24th for inclusion in the May issue of the Alabama Preservation E-Newsletter.



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