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ALERTS



Alabama Preservation Legislation - 2017 Legislative Session - Updates

Weekly updates of pending and/or proposed regulations relating to the preservation Alabama's historic treasures for the 2017 Alabama Legislative Session are available at the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation webpage www.alabamatrust.info and Facebook at www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces/, also see the Alabama Historical Commission legislative webpage at

<http://ahc.alabama.gov/press/February%2021-23.pdf>. Among preservation regulations under consideration during the current sessions are bills pertaining to the AHC's and Alabama Department of Archives and History's 2018 fiscal year budgets, historic monuments and historic tax credits. Check in weekly for updates on what is happening to preserve and sustain Alabama historic treasures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Spring Board Meeting, Friday, March 31, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Meetings of the board of directors of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation are open to Trust members and to the public. Location for Spring quarter meeting: PS Building, University of Alabama Honors College, 109 East Jefferson Street, Marion.



Alabama Places In Peril - 2017 Nominations Deadline - Friday, March 31

Is there an irreplaceable historic building or site in your area that is threatened by demolition or neglect? This opportunity is to help save it! 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. For more information and PIP Nomination Form, visit www.alabamatrust.info.

Alabama Humanities Foundation Preservation Grants - Spring Funding Cycle

Funding available for projects that serve a wide variety of audiences including library and museum patrons, teachers, scholars and youth, 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 15, 2017. Final Proposal Deadline: Thursday, June 15, 2017. For more information, visit www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/.

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. This grant program supports the preservation and care of significant humanities collections: special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials. May 2 deadline if for proposal projects beginning January 2018. For more information, visit www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions.

Student Opportunities - Alabama Department of Archives and History Summer Internships - Application Deadline - Friday, March 10

The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH), the nation's oldest state archives, offers valuable work experience and educational opportunities through its internship program. Internships at the ADAH provide undergraduate and graduate students with a meaningful and realistic work experience, which complements their formal academic training. ADAH internships are unpaid; students can obtain academic credit depending on the guidelines of their individual educational institutions. For information visit, www.archives.alabama.gov/employ/2017Summerannouncement.pdf. For online application, see www.archives.alabama.gov/employ/2017summerapplication.pdf.



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. Grants awarded by the fund are intended to be used to stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for particular projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. Applications are received through the National Trust Preservation Fund. Consultation with and a Letter of Support from the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation is encouraged. Grant awards typically range from \$2,500 - \$5,000, although some awards may be more or less. Deadline: Thursday, June 1, 2017. For more information, see <https://savingplaces.org/stories/how-to-apply-for-grants-from-the-national-trust-preservation-fund#.WLSTkNlzWM8>.

EVENTS

Alabama Black Belt



Saturday, March 25 - Homes of the Rivers Bend Tour

Tour the historic in-town mansions and plantation homes of Wilcox County. Heritage visitors receive an added bonus with stops at the 1827 Masonic Lodge, an 1864 law office and 1897 Methodist Church. Visitors will enjoy browsing the Black Belt Treasure Cultural Center and a crossing on the Gees Bend Ferry. Tickets: Gee's Bend Ferry Terminal and Black Belt Treasures, Camden. Sponsor: Wilcox Historical Society. For advanced tickets and more information, visit www.Wilcoxareachamber.com or call (334) 682-4929.



Friday Evening, March 31 - Sunday Morning, April 2 - Spring Preservation Lyceum Weekend in Marion

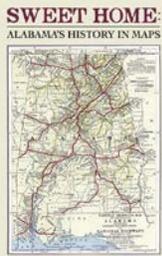
Join with the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation to visit the historic campuses of Judson College, the Marion Military Institute, Marion Female Academy and the Lincoln Normal School. Explore the western frontier of historic Alabama as we tour Marion from its antebellum mansions to heritage farms, examine 19th-century educational institutions for young women to freed Blacks, and sample the tastes of locally-grown catfish and pig. The 2017 Spring Preservation Lyceum Weekend has much to offer preservation-minded and southern culinary

devotees. To download the Lyceum information and registration packet, click [here](#).

Saturday Evening, April 1 - Twilight on the Plantation

On Saturday evening, don't miss a special treat at **Twilight on the Plantation**, an event benefiting the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and preservation programs statewide. Enjoy this evening at one of Alabama's oldest family-held plantations, the **Moore-Webb-Holmes Plantation** (c 1819). Tour the plantation during **Libations and More** and later pig-out on locally-grown produce during the **Dinner On The Grounds** repast. *For program, registration form and Twilight on the Plantation information and prices, visit www.alabamatrust.info, call (205) 652-3497 or email alabamatrust@athp.org.*

Jefferson County



Wednesday, March 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 450 years of Alabama history. Opening Reception, Sunday, March 5, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Public invited. Location for exhibition and reception: Birmingham Public Library, Central, 2100 Park Place, Downtown Birmingham. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

To view exhibition online, visit

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

Montgomery County

Wednesday, March 1 - April 16 - Sewn Together: Two Centuries of Alabama Quilts

An Alabama Bicentennial exhibition of quilts from the collections of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts and Alabama Department of Archives and History. Twenty-eight Alabama-made quilts are presented as "exemplary pairs," illustrating comparisons of the various techniques, themes, and traditional patterns as seen throughout two centuries of Alabama quilt making. Location: Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Museum Drive, Montgomery. Sponsor: Alabama Bicentennial Commission. Admission: Free. For more information, visit www.sewntogetheralabama.org.



Wednesday, March 1 - Friday, March 31 - Mid-Century Modern Exhibition

Furnishings and accessories characteristic of the mid-20th Century. Location: Loeb Center, Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus St, Montgomery.

Admission: Free. Sponsor: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information about the exhibition, visit www.aldalabamatown.com.

Sunday, March 5 - Lecture, The Beginnings & Evolution of Modernism

Presentation by Mark Driskell (architect and owner with his wife, a graphic designer) of a mid-century home furnished with modern furniture as well as decorative and fine arts. Their home will be on the Mid-Century Modern Homes Tour (below). Location: Loeb Center, Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit www.aldalabamatown.com.

Sunday, March 12, 12:30 - 5:30 pm - Tour, Mid-Century Modern Homes

Afternoon home tour of Montgomery's mid-century modern houses (circa 1949 - 1965). Don't miss this glimpse into the last century from post-WWII American life, to the age of Sputnik, to the dream of Johnson's Great Society. Sponsor: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. *Tour proceeds benefit the preservation programs of Landmarks Foundation of Alabama.* For tour details and ticket information, visit www.aldalabamatown.com.



Thursday, March 16 - Food for Thought, Lunchtime Lecture Series

The Mount Ida Quilt Project: One Community, Two Quilts, Three Centuries presented by Sarah Bliss Wright, curator, *Our Quilted Past*. Location: 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

Tuscaloosa County

Monday, March 6, 4:45 & 5:30 pm - Dedication Historic Marker/Commerative Service

The Equal Justice Initiative will dedicate a historic marker to Tuscaloosa citizens whose lives were forfeited by lynching. A part of the EJI's initiative, a marker is being placed at the lynching sites across Alabama where Blacks and Civil Rights activist died. Following the unveiling and dedication of the marker, a commemoration service will be held. Marker Location: Historic Old Tuscaloosa County Jail Building, 2803 6th St, Tuscaloosa. Service Location: First African Baptist Church, 2621 Stillman Blvd, Tuscaloosa. Admission: Free, Public Invited. Sponsor: The Equal Justice Initiative. For more information, visit www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/lynching-memorial-aims-help-u-s-acknowledge-history-terror/.

Walker County

Tuesday, March 14 - Livin' Up Downtown

Main Street Alabama hosts a training opportunity addressing the hot preservation topic of downtown residential projects. Feature presenter, authority Ron Drake will share ideas and budget estimates. Morning program includes tour of a downtown Jasper upper story for development. Post-lunch program will be the *White Elephant Restoration - It Is What It Is, But It's Not What It Seems*. This afternoon session, will address "How to come up with a vision and action plan downtown vibrancy?" For more information, click [here](#).

NEWS

Alabama Bicentennial Commission Announces Launch of 200 Year Commemorations

The Alabama Bicentennial Commission has announced the official launch ceremony for ALABAMA 200, which commemorates anniversaries of Alabama as a U.S. Territory (1917) and State (1819), for Friday, May 5, in Cooper Riverside Park, Mobile - the oldest city in Alabama. For more information about the Alabama Bicentennial visit, www.ALABAMA200.org or call the Alabama Bicentennial Commission office at (334) 242-4537.



Alabama Bicentennial Legacy Moments Premiere

In commemoration of Alabama's 200th anniversary as a U.S. Territory, the Alabama Bicentennial Commission, with funding from the Alabama Legislature, launches the first of Alabama Bicentennial promotions, the first in the series of 200 television spots over three years (2017 - 2019). Produced by Alabama Public Television (APT), the Legacy Moments began premiering March 1st on APT and commercial networks across the state. In 2019 when Alabama celebrates its bicentennial as a state, the 200 historical moments will have been produced for public viewing and for use by educators and students studying Alabama's culture and history. To video stream the first in the series of spots, visit www.alabamalegacy.org.

Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) - Two Historic Projects Approved for Federal Tax Credits

Two Alabama historic preservation projects have been approved for federal tax credits. The **Turner-Todd Motor Company** project in Mobile was approved by the National Park Service for the twenty-percent federal rehabilitation tax credit program. Also known as the Buick Building, the structure is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In Calhoun County, the **Anniston Hardware Company Building** was also approved for federal tax credit. It is a contributing resource in the Downtown Anniston Historic District for the National Register of Historic Places. For more information, visit <http://ahc.alabama.gov/news.aspx>.

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 and emergency provision is expected to be filed in the House. To read these bills, visit <http://ahc.alabama.gov/press/February%2021-23.pdf>.

Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit

The Alabama Senate and Legislature have a number of items to consider during the current legislative session, among these are proposed bills impacting historic preservation efforts in the state, particularly the reauthorization of 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>.



Preserving Alabama's Space Age

In anticipation of the 50th anniversary in 2019 of the Lunar Landing, the Historic Huntsville Foundation (HHF) has plans for the neighborhood created in the 1950s for scientists and engineers who planned America's space program. Working with the City of Huntsville, the Alabama Historical Commission and residents of McThornmor Acres, the Historic Huntsville Foundation initiated the listing of McThornmor Acres to the National Register of Historic Places. The HHF anticipates that McThornmor Acres will become Alabama's first space-age historic district. For more information, see www.historichuntsville.org/preservation/current-projects/.

National Park Service Grants Funds for Survey of Alabama's Historically Black Colleges

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) received funds to complete the Alabama Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Survey and Nomination Project. The project is to survey and update existing National Register historic district nominations for five of Alabama's HBCUs and survey and nominate to the National Register the four remaining HBCU campuses. To learn more, see http://ahc.alabama.gov/news_detail.aspx?ID=12082.

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