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## ALERTS

### **Board of Directors Meeting, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation - Friday, January 12**

The board of directors for the Trust will meet on Friday, January 12 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend. Location: Library, Loeb Center, Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus St., Montgomery.



### **1st Time Offering - Pre-Preservation Roundtable Workshop - Friday, January 12, 10:00 a.m.**

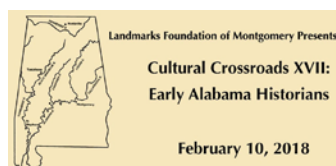
Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the Alabama Bicentennial Grants for Communities and the Governor's Bicentennial Schools programs. Workshop is free for those interested in attending. For registration, see Preservation Roundtable information at [www.alabamatrust.info](http://www.alabamatrust.info).

### **6th Annual Preservation Roundtable & Luncheon - Friday, January 12, 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

All who are interested in preserving Alabama's historic places, artifacts and culture are welcome to attend this one-day event. Key Note Speaker: Eric Hein, Executive Director, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, will provide an update on legislative and policy proposals impacting our national historic preservation program and what may be expected for the near future. An afternoon panel will share the most recent trends in preservation - what's rising to the top from 20th century history. Fee: \$15 for lunch. Roundtable: Free. 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. For more information, agenda and registration, visit [www.alabamatrust.info](http://www.alabamatrust.info).

### **Vote On-Line - 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 January 9 - 12. Ballots can be cast (only one per ATHP member, please) at <http://www.alabamatrust.info/ballot-2018-simplified.php>.



### **Mark Calendars for the 17th Cultural Crossroads - Early Alabama Historians - Saturday, February 10**

This year's annual symposium is part of a series of celebrations celebrating the 200th anniversary of Alabama's statehood. Sponsors: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery; the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History; and the Caroline Marshall Draughan Center for the Arts &

Humanities, Auburn University with support from the Alabama Humanities Foundation. Registration Deadline: February 1. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

## Spring Lyceum - A Bicentennial Ramble Across Alabama - Friday, May 4 - Saturday, May 5

The Trust Spring Ramble will happen on the first weekend in May in Huntsville as a kickoff to National Preservation Month. Plans are in the works for an interesting weekend to follow Alabama's Bicentennial path. Please mark your calendar now and stay tuned for details to follow. As usual, the Ramble will include plenty of food, fun and fellowship with learning adventures to broaden your knowledge of Alabama's historic past.

## 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](http://www.stonytheroad.org). To apply, visit [www.stonytheroad.org/how-to-apply](http://www.stonytheroad.org/how-to-apply).

### Alabama Bicentennial Schools

See NEWS section.



### Alabama Bicentennial Summer Institutes

Register now for these June and July summer institutes. Just a few seats still available. For convenience, forms for principals to complete a recommendation for teachers are online. For more information and for forms, visit [www.alabama200.org/educators/professional-development/2018-summer-institutes/](http://www.alabama200.org/educators/professional-development/2018-summer-institutes/).

### Alabama Oral History Summit - Thursday, January 11, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Alabama Dept. of Archives and History will host an oral history summit for teachers in grades 6 through 12. Workshop content will focus on adapting the interview process to the classroom, how to use oral history in social studies and creative writing projects, and how to archive interviews. Speakers will include a Smithsonian scholar and teachers who have developed their own successful oral history projects. *Participants will receive a complimentary lunch and \$50 substitute reimbursement if needed.* To register, visit <https://alabama200.wufoo.com/forms/bicentennial-oral-history-summit-registration/>.

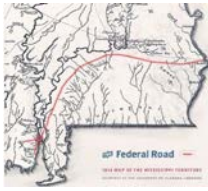


### Archaeology Adventure - Early Alabama History Learning Adventure

Now available on-line, this Alabama Bicentennial web-interactive field trip is takes students on an archaeological adventure to some of Alabama's earliest settlements to learn about life then from the clues left by historical artifacts. A production of the APT IQ Learning Network, Archaeology Adventure is suitable for 2 - 5 grade students and is free to educators, students and the public. To view, visit [www.aptiq.org/adventure](http://www.aptiq.org/adventure).

## MORE EXHIBITIONS & HOLIDAY EVENTS

### Baldwin County



## Tuesdays, January 16, 23 and 30, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Fort Morgan Civil War Tour Series

Don't miss these tours in the historic series. Each Tuesday explores a specific event in Fort Morgan's history from *the Battle of Mobile Bay*, to *the Siege of Fort Morgan*, to *the History of the Point*. Location: Fort Morgan State Historic Site, 51 AL-180, Gulf Shores. For more information, visit [www.fort-morgan.org](http://www.fort-morgan.org).

## Mobile County

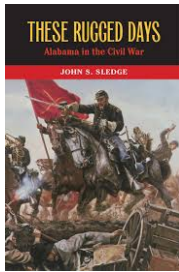


## Tuesday, January 16, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Lecture, Flying for Waterman Airlines

Join speaker Katharine Phillips Singer for her historical take on the skies. Location: Historic Oakleigh House, 350 Oakleigh Place, Mobile. To purchase tickets, visit [www.historicmobile.org/events](http://www.historicmobile.org/events).

## Wednesday, January 24, 10:00 - 11:30 a. m. - Lecture, Steamboats on Alabama Rivers

Tom McGehee explores the age of steam travel on Alabama's rivers from the beginnings of the era of river steamers, their peak in the 1890s and their sad end by World War I. Location: Bellingrath Gardens and Home, 12401 Bellingrath Gardens Road, Theodore. For more information and tickets, visit <https://bellingrath.org/experiences/events/winter-wednesdays-2018/>.



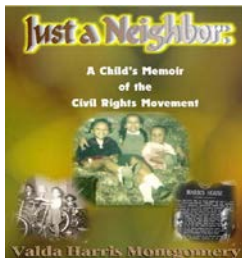
## Wednesday, January 31, 10:00 - 11:30 a. m. - Book Talk

Historians and authors John S. Sledge and Frye Gaillard, will discuss their books about how the Civil War affected the lives of Alabamians. After the presentation, Sledge and Gaillard will sign copies of their books, *These Rugged Days: Alabama in the Civil War* and *Journey to the Wilderness: War, Memory and a Southern Family's Civil War Letters*. Each book will be available to purchase in the Garden's Gift Shop. Location: Bellingrath Gardens and Home, 12401 Bellingrath Gardens Road, Theodore. For more information and tickets, visit <https://bellingrath.org/experiences/events/winter-wednesdays-2018/>.

## Montgomery County

## Tuesday, January 2 - Friday, January 12, 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Exhibition, Timeless Toys: Favorites from the Permanent Collection

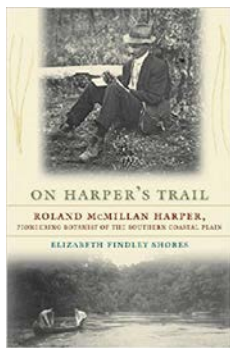
Travel through time through the eyes of children. Enjoy this trip exploring children's toys and how they have changed from one century to another and appreciating those that time has little changed. Admission: Free. Location: Loeb Reception Center, Old Alabama Town. 301 Columbus St., Montgomery. For more information, visit [www.landmarksfoundation.com/events/current-exhibit/](http://www.landmarksfoundation.com/events/current-exhibit/).



## Monday, January 15, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Through the Eyes of A Child

A special talk by Dr. Valda Harris Montgomery, author of the memoir *Just A Neighbor*, who had a front-row seat to the Civil Rights Movement in Montgomery. Her family home, where battered and bruised Freedom Riders were sheltered, was two doors from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s family. Montgomery will speak about her experiences as a youth during these turbulent times. Location: Freedom Rides Museum, 210 S Court St, Montgomery. For more information and admission fees, visit

<http://ahc.alabama.gov/properties/freedomrides/freedomrides.aspx>.



### Thursday, January 18, noon - 1:00 p.m. - Food for Thought Lecture Series

Author and Alabama native Elizabeth Findley Shores presents *Finding Family History: The Secrets in an Antique Coverlet*, an exploration of the relics and the rituals of her grandmother Earline's life as a small-city matron in the Deep South. Her story presents an engaging portrayal of the complexities of life and class identity during the Jim Crow era in the American South. Shores' publications include *On Harper's Trail: Roland McMillan Harper*; *Pioneering Botanist of the Southern Coastal Plain*; and *Earline's Pink Party: The Social Rituals and Domestic Relics of a Southern Woman*. Admission: Free. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery. Sponsors: The Alabama Dept. of Archives and History; Friends of

the Alabama Archives and support from the daughters of Judge Alex A. Marks, in his memory. For more information, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov).

### Walker County



### Tuesday, January 16 - Friday, February 23 - 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: Bankhead House and Heritage Center, 800 7th Street West, Jasper. Sponsors: Alabama Humanities Foundation; Smithsonian Museum on Main Street. For more information, click [here](#).

### Wilcox County

### Thursday, January 18, 2:00 p.m. - Lecture, The Old Federal Road

Presented by Dr. Gary Burton, past-president of the Alabama Historical Association and pastor of Pintlata Baptist Church. Burton's presentation will focus on the settlers of the Old Federal Road who traversed by wagon train and settled in the southwestern part of Alabama. Hosts: Cheryl and Burk McWilliams; Susan and Tennant McWilliams. Location: Private Home, 5591 Hwy 21, intersection of Hwys 21 and 10, Oak Hill. Sponsor: Wilcox County Historical. For more information, click [here](#).

### NEWS



### Alabama Archives Debuts New Exhibit - SWEET COMMUNION: THE JOHNATHON KELSO ALABAMA SACRED HARP COLLECTION

Now through March, the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History's exhibition *Sweet Communion: The Johnathon Kelso Alabama Sacred Harp Collection* is open to the public. The exhibition includes 29 images from Alabama and.

Among Alabama's most distinctive musical traditions, Sacred Harp singing (also known as *shape-note singing* or *fasola*) began in 18th century New England and spread to the Deep South in the mid-19th century. In 2010, Atlanta-based professional photographer Johnathon Kelso began documenting the people, events and customs of the Sacred Harp tradition in Alabama and Georgia. For more information, [www.johnathonkelso.com](http://www.johnathonkelso.com). To stream the *Camp Fasola* episode of *Journey Proud*, a documentary series about Alabama's folk traditions produced by Alabama Public Television and the Alabama State Council on the Arts, visit [www.journeyproudalabama.com](http://www.journeyproudalabama.com).



## Governor Announces Alabama Bicentennial Schools Initiative

Governor Kay Ivey announced the Alabama Bicentennial Schools education initiative designed to encourage all public, private, and homeschool students and teachers to participate in the celebration of Alabama's 200th anniversary of statehood in 2019. The Alabama Bicentennial Schools program is part of a group of education-focused

bicentennial projects, which include curriculum development and teacher training on civics and social studies.

Participating schools are eligible to receive a gubernatorial commendation, a bicentennial flag and bicentennial-themed school resources for the 2018-19 academic year. Schools may also apply to be designated an Alabama Bicentennial School by developing a school-community project. Designated schools will receive a \$2,000 grant to support their project. Three high-achieving schools from each Alabama Congressional district will be recognized as Bicentennial Schools of Excellence during commemoration ceremonies held in Montgomery on Dec. 14, 2019.

To apply as an Alabama Bicentennial School and for more information about the Alabama Bicentennial Schools initiative, other bicentennial related projects and an events calendar visit [www.Alabama200.org](http://www.Alabama200.org).



## U.S. Congressional Budget - Implication for Historic Preservation Tax Credit

*Excerpt from the Society for American Archaeology governmental affairs committee:*

Throughout the fall, preservationists fought to ensure that the Historic Preservation Tax Credit (HPTC) would be retained in the tax code. The House version of the reform legislation repealed the HPTC entirely. The Senate bill kept the credit, albeit in somewhat reduced form, and it was the Senate position that ended up being included in the final package. Under the new law, the federal 20% credit for rehabilitation of certified historic structures remains, though the credit must be claimed over 5 years. Further, the 10% credit for restoration of non-certified, pre-1936 buildings was ended. Significant input from preservationists across the nation, including archaeologists, was key in ensuring the continuation of the HPTC.

## SHARE PRESERVATION NEWS AND STORIES STATEWIDE

Send historic preservation announcements, events and news to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at [alabamatrust@athp.org](mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org). Please submit information by January 20 for inclusion in the February issue of the Alabama Preservation E-Newsletter.



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