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## **ALERTS**

### ***Book Your Room for the Winter Preservation Lyceum Weekend Friday, January 20 – Saturday, January 21***

Enjoy a weekend in Mobile touring the Bay City's historic African-American Heritage Trail, dining in its quaint restaurants, and strolling in its oldest parks. December 21<sup>st</sup> is the cut-off date for the Winter Lyceum accommodations rate at the Historic Renaissance Battle House Hotel and Spa. For hotel reservations, call 1-866-316-5957. Ask for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation group rate. For program, schedule, and registration information, visit [www.alabamatrust.info/after Christmas](http://www.alabamatrust.info/after Christmas).

### ***Call for ATHP Preservation Awards Nominations***

Deadline for nominations for the 2012 Preservation Awards is February 1<sup>st</sup>. To view 2010 honorees or access a nomination form, visit [www.alabamatrust.info/](http://www.alabamatrust.info/).

### ***Call for Alabama Places in Peril Preservation Awards Nominations***

Deadline for nominations for the 2012 Places in Peril nominations is March 1<sup>st</sup>. To view list of 2011 PIP sites or access a nomination form, visit [www.alabamatrust.info/](http://www.alabamatrust.info/).

### ***Elect ATHP Board Members***

Breaking new ground for preservation, members of the ATHP have the opportunity to elect officers and new board members for 2012 by voting

online at [www.alabamatrust.info/](http://www.alabamatrust.info/). Ballots can be cast (only one per ATHP member, please) December 5-9, 2011.

### ***Support Preservation In Alabama***

Share the spirit of giving. Make an end-of-the-year gift to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. To make a holiday contribution in support of preservation, call **205-652-3497** or donate online at [www.alabamatrust.info](http://www.alabamatrust.info).

## **EVENTS**

### ***BIRMINGHAM***

#### ***Thursday, December 1 – Friday, December 30 - The Birmingham Scene-Unseen Artwork from the 1930s & 1940s***

View 80 pieces of artwork by nationally known artists of the era, assembled from the collections of the Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham Public Library, Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark, and private collectors. Location: Birmingham Public Library Gallery, 2100 Park Place, Birmingham. Admission: Free. Times: Mondays & Tuesdays until 8 p.m.

#### ***Saturday, December 10 - Sunday, December 11 - Annual Holiday House Tour***

The 62<sup>nd</sup> annual tour of homes features the historic Independent Presbyterian Church (circa 1915) and was designed by the architectural firm of Warren, Knight and Davis. The church's sanctuary, chapel, and Great Hall will be decorated for the holiday season. This year's tour includes six homes. Tour starts at the Independent Presbyterian Church, 3100 Highland Avenue South. Sponsored by Independent Presbyterian Church. For more information and tickets, call 205/933-1830 or visit [www.ipc-usa.org](http://www.ipc-usa.org).

### ***DADVILLE***

#### ***Saturday, December 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Annual Tour of Homes***

Experience first-hand ten of Dadeville's historic structures including the Tallapoosa Historical Society Museum. Tour starts at the First Baptist

Church, Highway 49 South. Tickets: Advanced \$15, Door \$20. For more information, call 256-825-4492 or 334-201-0905. Sponsored by the Tallapoosa Historical Society. Proceeds benefit preservation efforts in Tallapoosa County.

## **DEMOPOLIS**

### **Friday, December 2, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Christmas in the Canebreak**

Step back in time and spend a winter's evening with music in the historic Gaineswood Mansion (circa 1843-1861). One of America's finest Greek Revival houses and a National Historic Landmark, Gaineswood's exceptional interior spaces have domed ceilings, elaborate plasterwork, and a facing pair of gilt mirrors that endlessly reflect each other. Designed by owner and amateur architect General Nathan Bryan Whitfield, Gaineswood was constructed during 1843-1861. Location: Gaineswood Mansion, 895 South Cedar Avenue. Sponsored by the Alabama Historical Commission and Marengo County Historical Society. For ticket information, call 334/289-4846 or email [gaineswd@bellsouth.net](mailto:gaineswd@bellsouth.net). *Note: The mansion also will be open on Saturday, December 3.* **EUFAULA**

### **Saturday, December 3, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Christmas Open House at Fendall Hall**

Tour one of the renowned historic homes featured in the annual Eufaula Pilgrimage. Fendall Hall (circa 1860) is one of Alabama's outstanding Italianate houses and contains elaborate and rare interior decorative painting dating from the 1880s. Completed as the Civil War erupted by Edward and Anna Young, it was home to five generations of the Young family. Directions: Take US 431 or US 82 to downtown Eufaula. Travel west on Barbour Street approximately one mile. Fendall Hall is on the left side of the street. Admission: Free. Sponsored by the Alabama Historical Commission. For more information, call 334/687-8469 or email [fendallh@bellsouth.net](mailto:fendallh@bellsouth.net). **GREENSBORO**

### **Monday, December 12, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Christmas Open House at Magnolia Grove**

Start the week with a visit to festively decorated historic Magnolia Grove (circa 1840). The Greek Revival-style house was built around by Isaac Croom and was the boyhood home of Spanish-American War hero and

progressive statesman Richmond Pearson Hobson. Location: 1002 Hobson Street. Admission: Free, donations welcomed. For more information, call 334-624-8618 or email [maggrov2@bellsouth.net](mailto:maggrov2@bellsouth.net).

## ***GULF SHORES***

### **Saturday, December 10, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. – 1912 Christmas at Fort Morgan**

To be held in the senior staff officers' quarters, Christmas at the fort will be feature with period decorations. Completed in 1834, Fort Morgan was active during four wars — the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and World Wars I and II. The fort is most famous for its role in the Civil War Battle of Mobile Bay. Location: 51 Highway 180 West. Sponsored by the Alabama Historical Commission. For tickets and more information, call 251-540-7127 or email [fortmorgan@centurytel.net](mailto:fortmorgan@centurytel.net).

## ***HUNTSVILLE***

### **Saturday, December 10, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. - The Spirit of Christmas Past Luminary and Home Tour**

Enjoy the holiday season touring selected historic homes in Huntsville's Twickenham Historic District. Tour features five beautifully decorated historic homes on Franklin Street, with carolers, musical groups, and antique cars. Tour starts at the historic Weeden House, 300 Gates Avenue. For ticket information or directions, call 256.536.7718. Sponsored by the Twickenham Historic District Association. Proceeds benefit historic preservation efforts in the Twickenham District.

## ***MARION***

### **Sunday, December 4, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Historic Home Tour**

View six of Marion's historic buildings, listen to holiday carols performed by local musicians and nibble on special seasonal treats. Historic buildings on the tour include the Eiland-Wallace House (circa 1904), Kenworthy Hall (circa 1860), the Marion Female Seminary (circa 1849), Peters-Belcher House (circa 1906), Reverie (circa 1858), and Spratt Store (circa 1841). Tour starts at the Marion Female Seminary, 204 West Monroe Street. Tickets: Adult \$15, Youth \$8, age 12 and under Free. Sponsored by the Perry County

Historical and Preservation Society. Proceeds benefit preservation efforts in Perry County. For more information, call 334-683-8250.

## **MOBILE**

### **Saturday, December 3, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Christmas at Oakleigh**

Enjoy *Christmas at Oakleigh* this holiday season. See how the season was celebrated in the 1850s Mobile. Location: Oakleigh Historic Complex, 300 Oakleigh Place. Tickets: \$10. Sponsored by the Mobile Historic Preservation Society. Proceeds benefit preservation efforts in Mobile. For more information, call 251-622-7110. *Note: Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the complex will be open for touring between 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.*

### **Saturday, December 3, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Candlelight Christmas at Oakleigh**

Experience a by-gone era by candlelight and revive past holiday traditions of Mobile. Tour historic Oakleigh Mansion (circa 1833). Location: Oakleigh Historic Complex, 300 Oakleigh Place. Sponsored by the Mobile Historic Preservation Society. Proceeds benefit preservation efforts in Mobile. For more information and ticket price, call 251-622-7110.

## **MONTGOMERY**

### **Thursday, December 3, noon – 1:30 p.m. – Carolina Planters on the Alabama Frontier: The Spencer-Robeson-McKenzie Family Papers**

Presentation and book signing by researcher and author Edward Pattillo, who chronicles an American family from the mid-eighteenth century through Reconstruction, from New England to the Carolinas to Alabama, providing a dramatic narrative of early America from the French and Indian Wars to the aftermath of the Civil War. Location: Alabama Power Auditorium, Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue. Sponsored by the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History. For more information, call 334-353-4726 or visit [www.archives.state.al.us](http://www.archives.state.al.us).

### **Thursday, December 15, Noon – 1:00 p.m. – ArchiTreats Lecture, “Southern Music of the Civil War Era”**

With an emphasis on the importance of music to the Civil War soldier, this presentation will include remarks by Daryl Masters and a performance by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Alabama Campfire Players, re-enactors of the 33<sup>rd</sup>'s Company E. A soldier's life of the era was characterized by music as a means of communication. Fifes, drums, and bugles awakened the man in the field, in battle conveyed the orders of officers and set the pace for marches. Admission: Free. Location: Alabama Power Auditorium, Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue. Sponsored by the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, Friends of the Alabama Archives, and the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, call 334-353-4726 or visit [www.archives.state.al.us](http://www.archives.state.al.us).

## **MOORESVILLE**

### **Saturday, December 10, 4:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Mooresville Holiday Progressive Dinner**

Visit historic Mooresville, Alabama's oldest continuing municipality, for a tour and progressive dinner in its historic homes and public buildings decorated for the season with traditional fresh greenery, berries, and fruit. Check-In Location: Limestone Bay Trading Company. Progressive Dinner Reservations: \$60 per person. Sponsored by the Town of Mooresville. Proceeds benefit preservation efforts in Mooresville. For reservations, call 256-350-7049 or e-mail [mac1966@aol.com](mailto:mac1966@aol.com). For more information, visit [www.mooresvillealabama.com/xmas.htm](http://www.mooresvillealabama.com/xmas.htm).

### **Sunday, December 11, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Mooresville Yuletide Tour**

Take a winter afternoon to walk the self-guided tour of Mooresville's 1818 village. Stroll this delightful one-square mile town, see its public buildings, and enjoy music and refreshments in its 1839 Brick Church. Location: Mooresville. Admission: Free, donations welcomed. Sponsor: Town of Mooresville. Proceeds benefit preservation efforts in Mooresville. For more information, visit [www.mooresvillealabama.com/xmas.htm](http://www.mooresvillealabama.com/xmas.htm). *Note: No cars allowed in the village, free parking will be available at village entrance.*

## **TUSCUMBIA**

### **Sunday, December 4, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Plantation Christmas**

## **Celebration**

This holiday celebration features period decorations, refreshments, and entertainment. Belle Mont is one of the outstanding Palladian-style houses in the Deep South and an outstanding example of Thomas Jefferson's influence upon the architecture of the early American republic. Directions: ¼ mile west of US 43. South on Cook Lane to 3 miles south of intersection US 43 and US 72. Tickets: Adults \$6, Youth \$3, Age 3 and under Free. Sponsored by the Alabama Historical Commission and the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation. For more information, call 800-344-0783. **VALLEY**

## **Friday, December 9 – Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Merry-Go-Round**

A local holiday event, the Merry-Go-Round started as a holiday gift to mill workers and their families from benefactor West Point Pepperell Manufacturing Company. This community tradition continues into the twenty-first century having survived the closing of the mills. Enjoy the 60-year plus tradition and experience a southern Cotton Mill Christmas. Location: 6000 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Historic Langdale Mill. Admission: Free, donations welcomed. Sponsor: City of Valley. For time and more information, call 334-756-5290 or 334-756-5220.

## **NEWS**

### ***Alabama Folklife Association Announces Fund for Preservation of Folklife***

The Alabama Folklife Association's Joyce H. Cauthen Fellowship Fund will support new research, documentation, and preservation of Alabama folkways in the areas of music, labor, food, crafts and traditions for the purpose of enriching the public's knowledge of Alabama's Folk Culture. With an emphasis on the use of technology, the fellowship program is expected to create significant digital archival materials for the Archive of Alabama Folk Culture (AAFC). Deadline for Cauthen Fellowship applications is January 15, 2012. For more information about the fund and Cauthen Fellowships, visit <http://alabamafolklife.org/content/new-rfp-joyce-h-cauthen-fellowship-fund>.

### ***In Celebration of Preservation – What's Cooking?***

For those who doubt, doubt no more – preservation is fun. Ever on the road embracing historic traditions characterizing the coastal south, the Historic Mobile Preservation Society will travel to New Orleans for the popular Creole Cooking Class taught in the historic Hermann Grima House kitchen (circa 1800s). What a way to start a new year and deep six newly made resolutions to lose weight!

The New Orleans culinary trip will include a cooking class followed by a tasting and tour of the home. As part of the excursion, free time for shopping in the Big Easy's historic French Quarter is planned. Reservations are \$108 per person and include transportation to and from Mobile. The bus will depart from the Historic Oakleigh Mansion Complex, 300 Oakleigh Place, at 8:00 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are limited to 14 people; deadline for reservations is Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. To make reservations, call 251-622-7110.

*Interested in how to plan a similar event for your preservation group? After January 9<sup>th</sup>, contact Oakleigh Historic Complex Executive Director Rhonda P. Davis at the same number.*

### ***Jemison Book Celebrates Birmingham's History***

Forward-thinking Birmingham. The sky's the limit. Growth, prosperity, promise, and innovation. A city on the rise, notable on the national scene. Vibrant and important. That's the way Birmingham looked in 1910. The reasons for that deserved optimism are detailed in ***The Jemison Magazine and the Selling of Birmingham, 1910-1914***, the newest book from the Birmingham Historical Society.

The core of the volume addresses the planning and development of Fairfield, then a new site for U.S. Steel's operations, that lead visionary Robert Jemison Jr.'s real estate dreams to become realities in the Birmingham area. The story is told through excerpts from *The Jemison Magazine* published by the Jemison firm from 1910 to 1914. More than 200 period photographs and drawings are included in the volume. Examples include the 1909 plan for Fairfield, which introduced the concept of city planning and beautification. Jemison put more than \$1 million into landscaping, coordinating shrub, tree, and flower plantings and later applied these concepts in creating Mountain Brook and Redmont villages.

***The Jemison Magazine and The Selling of Birmingham, 1910-1914***; edited

by Julius Linn Jr., Katherine Tipton, and Marjorie White is a paperback, black and white publication.. At \$26.95 or \$35 postpaid to the Birmingham Historical Society, One Sloss Quarters, Birmingham, AL 35222, it's a steal for those interested in the Steel City of the South. For more information, visit [www.bhistorical.org](http://www.bhistorical.org).

### ***Main Street to New Operations***

Birmingham preservationists have much to celebrate with the return of David Fleming as Operation New Birmingham's (ONB) new executive director. Flemings' return to ONB from Main Street Birmingham is good news for the city. In announcing a new visioning process for the development of Birmingham, Fleming noted that preservation efforts, which lead to "longtime assets like the Alabama Theater and the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame" is a strength that fosters economic development.

*Michael Calvert, former ONB executive director now in retirement, continues to promote preservation as a tool for economic development. Calvert is currently providing support for preservation as the project director for the ATHP's Powell School rehabilitation. His volunteer effort in this capacity is a gift to preservation and to Birmingham.*

### ***Powell School Preservation Project Makes News***

*Excerpts from Fox News report, December 1, 2012.*

Mike Calvert has high hopes for what's left of the old Powell School (and is confident it can be saved. And work is underway to do so. Inside is a pile of debris from the on-going clean-up effort. Supporters say it's important to save the building because it was the first school in Birmingham. Sam Frazier, the Alabama Advisor for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, said "It is probably one of the finest examples of high Victorian architecture in the state." The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation is on a six month deadline to prove to the mayor and city council that the building can be transformed into something great again. Frazier stated, "We're to either have found somebody to fix it, take it on, or at least show we've made significant progress." People, like Millanne Khleif, are keeping their fingers crossed. Khleif said, "It really is a beautiful structure. It would really bring a lot to the community if it were renovated." To read the report in full, visit

**<http://www.myfoxal.com/story/16160719/historians-want-to-save-burned-powell-school-building>**.

### ***Traveling Alabama's Black Belt***

Travel the Black Belt by celebrating and preserving the food traditions and historical restaurants of the region. In observation of the Year of Alabama Food and to promote historical significance and foodways, the Center for the Study of the Black Belt has just released its 2012 calendar for the Alabama Black Belt Heritage Area. The calendar tempts the taste buds and piques the wanderlust through the photography of Robin McDonald, author of *Heart of a Small Town: Photographs of Alabama Towns*. Calendars are \$8 each or \$5 each with an order five or more. To order a calendar, call (205) 652-3828 or email [centerforblackbelt@uwa.edu](mailto:centerforblackbelt@uwa.edu).

## **SEND NEWS**

### ***ATHP Seeks Stories About Historic Eateries***

To celebrate the connection between historic structures, preservation and the Year of Alabama Food, the winter issue of ***The Trustee*** newsletter will feature historic restaurants, eateries and food memories. Send memory stories and jpeg images, including former culinary site re-adapted for new uses or old structures re-adapted for food uses, to the [alabamatrust@uwa.edu](mailto:alabamatrust@uwa.edu) by Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Share Preservation Statewide – Send Event Information and News Stories to the ATHP***

For the e-Newsletter, send submissions by the third of Friday of each month for publication in the next month's issue. For the winter issue of *The Trustee* submit news and jpeg images by December 15th. Send submissions for both publications to [alabamatrust@uwa.edu](mailto:alabamatrust@uwa.edu).