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Alerts

Grant Opportunities for Historic Preservation - Deadline August 15

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) is accepting grant applications for capital enhancements to non-state owned or operated historical properties and sites. Grants will be awarded for the coming fiscal year 2015, which begins October 1. Local historical sites and parks operated by non-profit or tax exempt organizations and county or municipal governments are eligible. For Grant guidelines and application, visit the AHC website <http://preserveala.org/grantsprogram.aspx> or contact john.powell@preserveala.org or 334 230-2654.

Grant Opportunities for Humanities-Related Projects - Deadline September 15

The Alabama Humanities Foundation is accepting proposals for humanities-related initiatives, such as funding for oral history projects, curatorial-archival needs or historic interpretation programs. Preliminary proposals are due August 15, four weeks in advance of a full proposal. For more information, visit <http://www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/>.

Upcoming Events Not To Miss!

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation - Summer Board Meeting

Open to the membership and the public. Friday, August 8, Noon - 3:00 p.m., Land Hall, University of West Alabama, Livingston.

Historic Fort Morgan 150th Commemoration

Friday, August 1 - Sunday, August 3, Historic Fort Morgan, 110 State Hwy 180, Gulf Shores. For program details and fees, see *EVENTS, BALDWIN COUNTY and NEWS* below or visit <http://fortmorgan.org/150th/>.

200th Anniversary of the Treaty of Fort Jackson

Saturday, August 9, Fort Toulouse-Jackson, 2521 West Fort Toulouse Road, Wetumpka. For program details and fees, see *EVENTS, ELMORE and MONTGOMERY COUNTIES* below and <http://www.fttoulousejackson.org/> or www.preserveala.org/forttoulousejackson.aspx/.

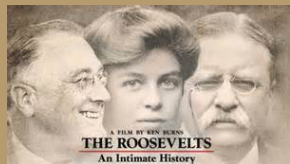
201st Anniversary of Battle of Fort Mims

Saturday, August 30 - Sunday, August 31, seven miles west of Tensaw, State Road 59.

For program details and fees, visit <http://preserveala.org/fortmims.aspx>.

For Bicentennial Road Trip: Fort Mims to Horseshoe Bend, visit

<http://alabama.travel/road-trips/a-bicentennial-road-trip-from-fort-mims-to-horseshoe-bend>.



Ken Burns' *The Roosevelts: An Intimate History* - Alabama Screenings

Thursday, September 4, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m, Pebble Hill, Auburn/Alabama School of Fine Arts, Birmingham. Free and open to the public, two pre-broadcast screenings, 40-minutes each of clips drawn from the 14-hour series with historical commentary about the Roosevelt

influence on Alabama by Alabama Humanities Scholars and historians Wayne Flynt (Auburn screening) and Rebecca Woodham (Birmingham screening). Sponsors: Alabama Humanities Foundation, Alabama Public Television, Alabama School of Fine Arts and Auburn University's College of Liberal Arts. For more information, email tbryant@ahf.net or phair@aptv.org.

Events

BALDWIN COUNTY



Friday, August 1 - Sunday, August 3 - Battle of Mobile Bay 150th Commemoration

This three-day event will feature the largest Civil War re-enactment held on Southern soil, a nighttime pyrotechnical bombardment of Fort Morgan, more than a dozen tall-ship sailing vessels and authentic Civil War-era food and entertainment. Location: Fort Morgan, 51 Alabama Hwy 180, Gulf Shores. *Parking located off-site at Pelican Place Shopping Center, Gulf Shores. Transportation to Fort Morgan provided by the Baldwin Rural Area Transportation Service (small fee charged).* Admission: Friday after 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday \$10 for a single day ticket; \$20 for a three-day pass; \$30 for a single day for a family of four; and \$65 for a three-day pass for a family of four. Children under 6 admitted free. Sponsors: Alabama Historical Commission, Coastal Alabama Business Chamber. For more information, visit to <http://fortmorgan.org/150th/> or call 251-540-5257.

ELMORE COUNTY

Saturday, August 9 - Treaty of Fort Jackson 200th Commemoration

Visit Historic Fort Jackson and learn more about Alabama's history. The Treaty of Fort Jackson, which transferred 20 million acres of Creek lands to the U.S. government, opened new land for settlement by white settlers. Location: 2521 West Fort Toulouse Road, Wetumpka. Sponsor: Alabama Historical Commission. For fees and more information, visit www.fttoulousejackson.org.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Thursday, August 21, - Exhibition Opening: *From Water to Watts, 100 Years at Lay Dam*

Visit this special exhibition, which features artifacts and images highlighting the centennial anniversary of Lay Dam, Alabama Power Company's and Alabama's first large-scale hydroelectric plant. The exhibition runs through November 7 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Location: Alabama Power Company, 600 18th Street, N., Birmingham. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Corporate Archives, Alabama Power Company. For the history of Lam Dam, visit <http://alabamapowernews.com/2014/06/24/preserving-the-history-and-memories-of-lay-dam/>.

MADISON COUNTY



Friday, August 2, 10:00 a.m. - Breakfast Trolley Tour of Historic Huntsville

Tours of historic downtown Huntsville and the Twickenham historic district include a light breakfast and coffee served aboard a 1920s inspired trolley. Tours are narrated by historic interpreters with stories about people and places from the past. Tour Start Location: Alabama Constitution Village, 109 Gates Avenue SE, Huntsville. Sponsor: The Early Works Family of Museums. For more information and admission fees, visit www.earlyworks.com/ or call 256-535-6564

Friday, August 2, 1:00 p.m. - Geocaching 101 Tutorial

Search for caches throughout the U.S. Space and Rocket Center campus while learning about the history and application of Global Positioning System technology. Also visit the geocaching exhibition *GPS Adventures*. Location: U.S. Space & Rocket Center, One Tranquility Base Huntsville. Sponsor: U.S. Space & Rocket Center. For admission and more information, call 256-837-3400.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Saturday, August 9, 1:00 p.m. - Guided Tours of the Museum of Alabama

Take advantage of these themed tours of the new Museum of Alabama exhibitions. During a tour, ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of Alabama's story. Tour Guide: Ryan Blocker, Curator. Theme: What can the clothes we wear, the quilts we make, and other textiles tell us about history? Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Sponsor: Alabama Department of Archives and History. For more information, call 334-353-3312.

Thursday, August 23, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreats: Food for Thought Lecture

Presentation "Treaty of Fort Jackson" by Kathryn Braund, Professor of History, Auburn University; author of *Deerskins and Duffels: The Creek Indian Trade with Anglo-America, 1685-1815*; co-author of *William Bartram on the Southeastern Indians (1995)*; and co-editor of *Fields of Vision: Essays on the Travels of William Bartram, 1739-1823*, among other scholarly works. Location: Farley Auditorium, Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free. Sponsors: Friends of the Alabama Archives and the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

Tuesday, August 26 - Wednesday, August 27 - aLABama Downtown Laboratory

Inaugural conference featuring topics to transform historic downtown commercial districts into powerful economic development engines. Conference includes Awards of Excellence Luncheon honoring Lt. Governor Kay Ivey. Location: Alley Station, 130 Commerce Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Main Street Alabama. For more information, email info@mainstreetalabama.org. To register, visit <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ht656jlab&oeidk=a07e96zvh2g80e257d9>.

TALLADEGA COUNTY



Saturday, August 16, 6:00 p.m. - 3rd Annual Low Country Shrimp Boil & Draw Down

Fest on shrimp and trimmings and summer libations. Enjoy an old fashion drawn down with music - all to benefit the Historic Ritz Theatre arts and education programs. Dress: Casual. Location: Sprint Cup Garages, Talladega Motor Superspeedway, Talladega. Tickets: \$110 per couple. Visa or MasterCard accepted. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Historic Ritz Theatre at 256-315-0000.

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

Thursday, August 14, 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. - Sundown Lecture Series

Presentation "Johnny Mack Brown" by Ken Gaddy, Director, Paul W. Bryant Museum. Location: Jemison-Van de Graaff Mansion, 1305 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa. Sponsor: Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society. For more information, email PreserveTusInfo@att.net or call 205-758-2238.

Thursday, August 21, 5:30 p.m. -Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society Annual Meeting

Location: Jemison-Van de Graaff Mansion. Sponsor: Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society. For more information, email PreserveTusInfo@att.net or call 205-758-2238.

News

PRESERVATION NEWS

Back to School Resources - Monroe County Heritage Museum

At the Monroe County Museum, learning is fun and education is central to the Museum's mission. The Museum offers a wide variety of exciting programs for students and teachers alike including field trips that enrich the educational opportunities unique to the county's history. For more information, schedule a field trip, or reserve a space for a class, contact education director, Wanda Green, at 251-575-8168 or email mchm@frontiernet.net.

Museum of Alabama Offers Daily Guided Tours

Extending through the Labor Day weekend, the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) offers daily guided tours to the public. These free, hour-long tours begin at 1:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday. No pre-registration is required. The Museum of Alabama is the only destination where you can investigate Alabama's story from prehistory to the present. With ADAH docents, explore Alabama's past, its incredible artifacts, images, and documents.

Permanent exhibitions at the Museum of Alabama include *The Land of Alabama*, introducing the geology and natural resources that helped shape the state's history, and *The First Alabamians*, featuring artifacts, murals, and a diorama which tells the inspiring story of fourteen thousand years of Native American culture.

A new centerpiece exhibition called *Alabama Voices* recently opened in February. This exhibition covers the dramatic unfolding of Alabama history from the dawn of the 1700s to the beginning of the 21st century. The Museum also provides interactive educational resources for children and families in the *Hands-On-Gallery* and *Grandma's Attic*.



Damn the Torpedoes! - Historic Fort Morgan Commemorates 150th-Year Naval Battle

Legend has it that Rear Admiral David Farragut uttered this often-quoted phrase shortly after dawn on August 5, 1864 as he led his fleet of 18 Union warships through the mouth of Mobile Bay and into the largest naval battle of the Civil War.

Mobile Bay and Fort Morgan will come alive August 1 - 3 as it did that fateful day and the days following the battle. The three-day event will feature the largest Civil War re-enactment held on Southern soil, a nighttime pyrotechnical bombardment of Fort Morgan, more than a dozen tall-ship sailing vessels, along with authentic Civil War era food and entertainment.

On Friday evening, the commemoration will start with a literal bang as the guns of the Fort Morgan Water Battery begin firing at 6:30. Followed at 7:00 by a Civil War-era music performance by Alabama native Bobby Horton, known for his authentic Civil War recordings and his work on a

number of Ken Burns films.

Saturday morning is a re-enactment of the actual naval battle at 10:00 when the Union Navy steams past the historic fort and into Mobile Bay. The heroic fight of the CSS Tennessee against the entire Union Fleet will be depicted. Following the battle reenactment, action shifts to the land where, at noon, Union artillery and infantry seal the fate of the Confederate garrison by occupying siege lines across the peninsula. As the sun sets, the bombardment of artillery intensifies concluding with a grand night barrage over the fort from 8:00 until 9:00. The barrage of gunfire continues Sunday morning at 10 until the fort finally surrenders to Union forces. In the afternoon from 1:00 until 2:00, a surrender ceremony with a salute to the colors closes the commemoration.

Along with the re-enactments, other special events take place throughout the weekend. A special naval exhibit at the Fort Morgan Museum feature rarely exhibited artifacts from warships USS Tecumseh, USS Philippi and CSS Gaines, three of the ships that fought during the Battle of Mobile Bay. Unique living history demonstrations also take place throughout the weekend which gives a hands-on experience of life during the Civil War. Period musicians perform throughout the weekend, and food vendors offer both Civil War era and modern cuisine.

For more information, visit to <http://fortmorgan.org/150th/> or call 251-540-5257.

U.S. Post Office Issues New Stamp - Battle of Mobile Bay

On July 30, the Postal Service continued its commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War with the unveiling of a souvenir sheet of two stamp designs --- the Battle of Mobile Bay and the Battle of Petersburg. The commemorative Mobile stamp depicts Admiral David G. Farragut's fleet at the Battle of Mobile Bay on Aug. 5, 1864. The stamp is a reproduction of a painting by artist Julian Oliver Davidson, published circa 1886 by Louis Prang & Co., and is issued as one of the Postal Service's Forever stamps.

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