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Alerts

Alabama's 2014 Places in Peril Announced

A joint program for 20 years, the Alabama Historical Commission and Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation's annual Places in Peril program highlights some of Alabama's endangered historic places. A historic place in your community may be on this year's list. Act now to preserve these historic sites. To view the Places In Peril Listing, visit <http://www.alabamatrust.info/pdf/2014/2014PlacesInPerilWEB.pdf>.

Alabama Trust Summer Board Meeting

The board of directors for the Alabama Trust will hold its summer meeting in Tuscaloosa on July 25th. Members of the organization and the general public are invited to attend the quarter meetings of the board. For time and location visit www.alabamatrust.info.

UPCOMING HISTORIC COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

Historic Fort Morgan 150th Commemoration

Friday, August 1 - Sunday, August 3. Location: Historic Fort Morgan, 110 State Highway 180, Gulf Shores. For program details and fees, visit www.fortmorgan.org.

200th Anniversary of the Treaty of Fort Jackson

Saturday, August 9

For program detail and fees, visit www.fttoulousejackson.org or www.preserveala.org/forttoulousejackson.aspx/.

201st Anniversary of Battle of Fort Mims

Saturday, August 30 - Sunday, August 31

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

Events

DALLAS COUNTY

Saturday, July 5 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Old Cahawba's African American Community After Emancipation

After the Civil War, African Americans reshaped Old Cahawba. This wagon tour will trace the exciting times of Reconstruction and explore how the once enslaved residents of Old Cahawba and surrounding plantations breathed new life into the post civil war town making it a place to pursue the dreams and exercise the rights they had been denied under slavery. Location: 9518 Cahaba Rd, Orrville. Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 children 18 & under. Sponsor: Old Cahawba. For more information, call 334-872-8058 or visit www.cahawba.com.

MACON COUNTY

Saturday, June 28 - Tuskegee Downtown Historic Walking Tour

In Alabama, June is the month to honor historic downtowns and Tuskegee's downtown historic district is prime for adventure. Travel back into the mid 1800s to explore Tuskegee's creation and learn how this small, yet important area changed the nation. Location: North Main Street, town square gazebo, Monroeville. For more information on admission and event time, visit www.nps.gov/tuin.

MOBILE COUNTY



New Exhibit - Faces of Mobile

For more than three centuries, people have come to Mobile. Many came seeking new opportunities, a fresh start or a better life. Others came because they were forced. They were immigrants, political refugees, artists, merchants, builders, teachers and slaves. These men and women made Mobile the city it is today. This is their story.

Location: Museum of Mobile, 111 South Royal Street, Mobile. For times and admission fees, call 251-208-7652 or email museumrelations@cityofmobile.org.

MONROE COUNTY

Wednesday, July 23, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Monroe County History Bus Tour

Tour historic sites not open to the public. Bring a sack lunch and drink. Free admission for teachers seeking SARIC credits. Location: Monroe County Heritage Museum, 31 North Alabama Avenue, Monroeville. Admission: \$5 for non-teachers. Sponsors: Monroe County Heritage Museum. For more information, call 251-575-7433 or visit www.monroecountymuseum.org.



Wednesday, July 23 - 7:00 p.m. - Scenes and Stories of Monroeville: To Kill a Mockingbird Seminar

Participate in an institute on Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird* and experience small-town life in the author's hometown. Location: Monroe County Heritage Museum, 31 North Alabama Avenue, Monroeville. Admission: Free. Sponsors: Monroe County Heritage Museum. For more information, call 251-575-7433 or visit www.monroecountymuseum.org.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

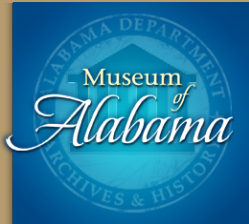
Thursday, July 17, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreats: Food for Thought Lecture

Presentation "'Civil War Mobile" by Lonnie Burnett. 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.

Thursday, July 17, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Capital City Shape-Note Music Concert

This day-long concert by shape-note singers is an annual event. Singers use historic, Alabama-published, shape-note music, such as the *The Sacred Harp* and *Christian Harmony* hymnals. Admission: Free. Location: Loeb Reception Center, Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. For more information, call 334-242-4076 or visit www.aldalabamatown.com.



Summer Months - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Enjoy an Old-Fashioned Summer

Enjoy and learn about Alabama's history in the cool of the History Museum of Alabama. The Museum offers hour-long programs tailored for daycare and school groups. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free. For more information, call 334-242-4364 or visit www.museum.alabama.gov.

News

PRESERVATION NEWS

Antiques Roadshow Visits Birmingham Historic Sites

PBS station WGBH-Boston, producer of Antiques Roadshow, was in Birmingham recently to discover and film antique treasures for the 2015 season. Hosted by Alabama Public Television, while in the Magic City, WGBH visited the historic Alabama Theatre and Sloss Furnaces as well as the archives of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. These and others historic sights will be part of the three Birmingham episodes airing next year. Want to know the value of the Alabama Theatre's vintage Might Wurlitzer organ? Watch the show when it airs.

Alabama Trust Saves Historic Powell School - New Future for the Old School

The historic Powell School, circa 1888, has a new lease on life thanks to the leadership of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and Birmingham preservationists Sam Frazier and Michael Calvert. Severely damaged by fire in 1991, the Alabama Trust assumed ownership of Birmingham's oldest existing school building. With help from the City of Birmingham, the Powell School insurance proceeds and grants from the Hugh Kaul Foundation and Susan Mott Webb Charitable Trust, fire debris and asbestos was removed and the roof and damaged floors replaced. The Powell School has a new future as re-adapted historic structure slated to accommodate 26 condominium apartments. For more information, visit http://www.al.com/business/index.ssf/2014/05/historic_birmingham_powell_sch.html.

Fort Tombecbe Archaeological Field School Blog Available

The University of West Alabama's Archaeological Field School was held May 18 through June 14 at Fort Tombecbe in Sumter County. The Division of Educational Outreach's Black Belt Museum class taught students the basics of archaeological excavation and artifact processing at the fort site (1736-1797) on the Tombigbee River in Sumter County. Field School students wrote about their experiences at the dig. Their stories can be found at www.museumoftheblackbelt.blogspot.com.



Places In Peril Update - Old Tuscaloosa County Jail

On Thursday, May 29, 2014, the Tuscaloosa News published the article, "Old County Jail Named 'Place of Peril'". The article states that the old Tuscaloosa County Jail, located at 2803 Sixth Street, has been named as a "place of peril" on Alabama's Most Endangered Sites list for 2014. The sturdy structure, which unfortunately has fallen into disrepair, has been repurposed for decades and holds a significant and fascinating history. It has been owned by the Tuscaloosa City School system since 1980.

For over twenty years, American Studies, a program of the Tuscaloosa City School system, was housed in the old Tuscaloosa County Jail. The program has hundreds of loyal graduates, many of whom support the restoration and stewardship of the now vacant building. Graduates of the program have stated that they want to ensure this historic landmark is not forgotten. If its walls could talk, they would share not only colorful stories of politicians and prisoners but also stories of dedicated educators transforming lives.

Dr. Paul McKendrick, superintendent of the Tuscaloosa City School System, indicated the school system would work with the community to restore the historic building. American Studies graduates wishing to learn more should contact the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at www.alabamatrust.info.

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Send Event Information and News Stories to the ATHP

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