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— 2016 —

Preservation Lyceum Series

Lyceum - (li-se-am), a place for public lectures, debates, classes, concerts and entertainment.

Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation for the 2016 season of the **Preservation Lyceum Series**, a set of weekend programs for preservation-minded individuals who want to know more about, and visit, historic preservation projects in Alabama.

The 19th century Lyceum Movement that flourished in America provided hundreds of informal gatherings for the purpose of improving the social and intellectual landscape of society. Characterized by lectures and public discourse on a variety of topics and musical and theatrical performances in a retreat environment, lyceums peaked during the Antebellum Era. With the exception of the New York Great Lake's Chautauqua Institute, best known for the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, few remnants of this vibrant phenomenon remain on the national scene.

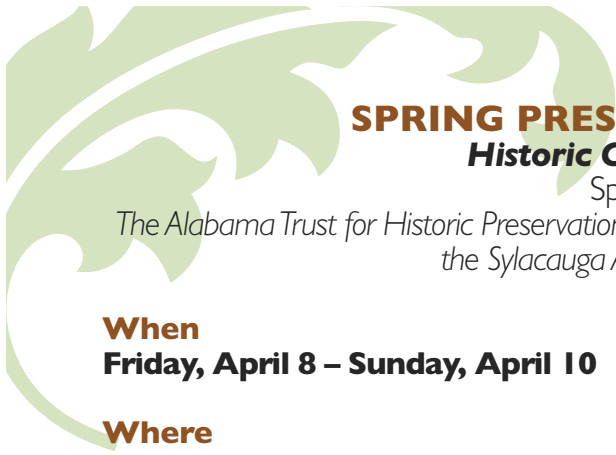
Drawing from the past, the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation offers the Preservation Lyceum series to travel the highways, byways and crossroads of Alabama exploring, experiencing and engaging in preservation.



SPRING 2016 PRESERVATION LYCEUM

Friday, April 8 – Sunday, April 10

Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation to explore the western frontier of historic Talladega County and Shelby County's Coosa River Valley. Experience the region's 19th century grist mill, heritage farms and historic farmsteads, marble and textile industries and a remarkable, little-known collection of 1,000 George Washington artifacts and memorabilia. Stroll Sylacauga's annual Marble Festival. Visit area homes on the National Register of Historic Places. Dine along Talladega Creek on shrimp and locally-ground grits. Munch on fire-roasted wieners on a heritage farm and join James Beard-award winning Chef Scott Peacock for special culinary occasions at the historic Chancellor House in Harpersville. This Spring Preservation Lyceum has much to offer preservation-minded and southern culture devotees.



SPRING PRESERVATION LYCEUM **Historic Coosa River Valley**

Sponsored by
*The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Childersburg Historic Preservation Commission and
the Sylacauga Area Council on the Arts.*

When
Friday, April 8 – Sunday, April 10

Where
The Coosa River Valley
Historic Sylacauga/Fayetteville/Harpersville

PROGRAM

Friday Evening

5:00 – 6:15

CHECK-IN/RECEPTION

Russell-Butts Farmstead

487 Fulton Gap Road, Sylacauga

Check-in for Lyceum participants. Step back in time, experience agricultural Sylacauga at this pre-Civil War farm complete with the original two-story log cabin, a barn, corn crib and smoke house – all original dependencies to the farm. With the setting of the April sun, see the shadows flicker in an old grove of oaks, gaze at the sunset over the fields of this once working farm, and enjoy a glass or two of libations in the restored barn with owners Faye and Marc Butts.

Casual dress recommended.

6:15

Depart for dinner at the Hightower House.

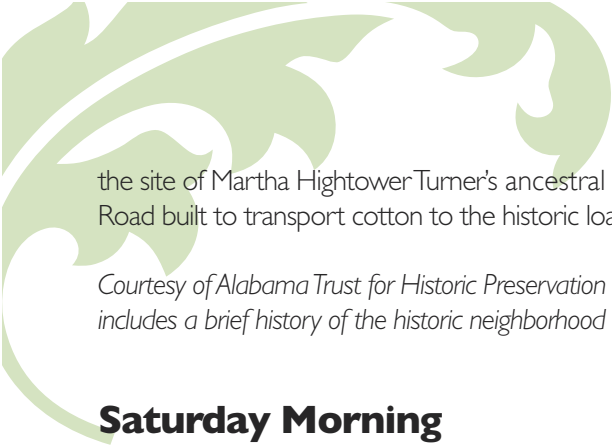
6:30 – 8:30

DINNER a'la EISENHOWER

Hightower House

3 N Main Avenue, Sylacauga

Join Martha and Joe Turner for a light dinner a'la Eisenhower. Little changed, this 1951 home demonstrates the blending of southern comfort with the post-WWII era of modern convenience and style. Situated on



the site of Martha Hightower Turner's ancestral home, the house faces the old Central Plank Road built to transport cotton to the historic loading docks of Wetumpka.

Courtesy of Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation members and homeowners, Martha and Joe Turner. Event includes a brief history of the historic neighborhood by local historian Linda Dickson.

Saturday Morning

8:15 – 9:00

CHECK-IN AND WELCOME

B. B. Comer Memorial Library

314 N. Broadway Avenue, Sylacauga

Check-in and pick-up of Lyceum packet. The library is named for the first president of Avondale Mills and the 33rd Governor of Alabama, Braxton Bragg Comer.

View the Comer Library's art collection of sculptures from Sylacauga marble and the exhibition of paintings by Avondale Mills artist, Douglas Crockwell. As with Norman Rockwell's illustrations, Crockwell's paintings of post-WWII American life featured everyday life, in this case Avondale employees. Crockwell's illustrations, advertisements for Avondale Mills, appeared in the *Saturday Evening Post* magazine.

Brief welcoming remarks by Mike Landers, executive director, Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce; Rhonda P. Davis, president, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation; and Travis Wesson, Sylacauga Lyceum organizer.

9:00 – 9:45

HISTORY OF MARBLE IN SYLACAUGA

B. B. Comer Memorial Library

An overview and brief history of the Sylacauga marble industry. Recognized worldwide for its pure quality, Sylacauga marble can be seen gracing the exteriors and interiors of nationally significant structures, such as the U.S. Capitol and New York Stock Exchange buildings and the Lincoln Memorial.

Presentation by local historian Ruth Beaumont Cook courtesy of the B. B. Comer Memorial Library.

10:00 – 10:30

Strolling the Marble Festival

Blue Bell Park, across N. Broadway Avenue from the B. B. Comer Memorial Library

Visit with national and international sculptors carving new works from Sylacauga Marble. Take the opportunity to visit with these artists and observe the emergence of forms from the "world's purist white marble."



Comfortable walking shoes recommended.

10:30 – 11:15

HISTORY OF AVONDALE MILLS

Pavilion, Blue Bell Park

Learn about Alabama's historic textile industry, specifically the history of Avondale Mills, which had five plants located in the county. Founded in 1897, during its 109-year history, Avondale Mills expanded to include plants throughout Alabama. Its production operations consumed 20 percent of Alabama's cotton crop.

Presentation by Avondale Mills historian and Comer descendent, Craig Crockard. Introduction by Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation board member, Braxton Bragg Comer.

11:30

Depart from Comer Library parking lot for Imergy-Gantt's Quarry Observation Site.

Imergy-Gantt's Quarry Observation Site

3/10's of a mile off U.S. 280, Fayetteville Highway, Sylacauga

Visit this overlook to view an Alabama marble quarry, one of the region's original quarry holes. Dr. Edward Gantt discovered the white stone while on duty with Andrew Jackson's Army in the early 1800s.

Overview and remarks by Dr. Ted Spears, Sylacauga Marble Festival.

Saturday Afternoon

Noon

Depart for Kymulga Grist Mill and Bridge.

12:30 – 1:15

Lunch – Shrimp and Grits on Talladega Creek

7346 Grist Mill Road, Alpine

Enjoy this southern specialty made with grits ground by the Kymulga Grist Mill (circa 1864). Listed on the National Register for Historic Places, the mill and bridge stand on their original sites. The bridge provided pioneers with access to the historic Georgia Road, a Native American trade route. Located on Talladega Creek near Childersburg, the historic site is home to the Sugarberry Oak, one of the tallest species of white oaks east of the Mississippi River. Today, efforts by staff and local volunteers are dedicated to maintaining and raising funds to restore and preserve the mill buildings.

Support the preservation of the Kymulga Grist Mill and Bridge, don't leave without purchasing some locally ground grits and cornmeal.



1:15

Depart for Karl C. Harrison Museum, Columbiana.

2:00 – 3:15

Karl C. Harrison Museum of George Washington

Mildred B. Harrison Regional Library, 50 Lester Street, Columbiana

Curator's tour of more than 1,000 artifacts and memorabilia of George Washington from the collection of Charlotte Smith-Weaver; Martha Washington's 6th-generation great-granddaughter. Among the items in the collection are letters and other documents, 19th century furniture, coin silver and Minton and Sevres porcelain.

Closed on weekends, the Museum is opening for a private tour by Lyceum participants.

3:30

Depart for Fayetteville Historic Farms Tour.

4:00

HISTORIC FARMS TOUR

Tour some of Fayetteville's heritage farms complete with historic homes and dependencies.

Historic Hamilton Place

1971 Marble Valley Road, Pursell Farms, Sylacauga

Listed on the National Register for Historic Places, the Goodwin-Hamilton House (circa 1854) was originally part of the Benjamin Averiett Farm. A Greek Revival Cottage-styled farmhouse, Hamilton Place has been restored retaining its original basement (now a kitchen), federal fireplaces, a 12-foot-wide center hallway and a pedimented entry with Doric columns.

Courtesy of owners Chris and Jimmy Pursell, Pursell Farms.

Historic Watters Farm

240 Coosa County Road, Sylacauga

Get a glimpse of early pioneer life in western Talladega County. This farmstead retains its original board and batten siding, milled from the timber and saw mill on the property, which can be seen on the home, barn, corn crib, dairy and smoke house among other historic dependencies.

Courtesy of Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation members and owners Pana and Bob Norred.

Welch Springs Farm

7110 Sylacauga-Fayetteville Highway, Sylacauga

The Welch-Averiett House remains in the family of the direct descendants of the original settler; Daniel Welch. Welch settled in the Creek Nation in 1813 when he travelled to Alabama as a member of Andrew



Jackson's troops. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the house was constructed in 1828 and in 1832 served as the polling site for the election of Talladega County's first public officials.

Courtesy of owner Lillian Graham.

Saturday Evening

6:00

CLOSE OF DAY – AN OLD TIME WIENER ROAST

Old Averiett Homeplace

736 Old Farm Road, Sylacauga

Gather at the close of day to enjoy an old-time wiener roast on this Alabama heritage farm listed on the National Register for Historic Places. Take a bite out of America's favorite ball park treat, sip a beer, watch the cows come home, listen to the chickens cluck and ruminate on the day's adventures. Kick back, enjoy the evening of a day well spent exploring Alabama's historic roots.

The original William Averiett farmhouse (circa 1868) and its additions – the relocated historic Benjamin Averiett house (circa 1840) – retains the historic lumber and brick made on site. The farmhouse doors and windows are original as well.

Courtesy of Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation members and owners Averiett and Travis Wesson.

Sunday Morning

TASTE OF THE SOUTH

9:00 - 10:00

Coffee with the Chef and Sunday Southern Brunch*

Summerhouse & Garden, Historic Chancellor House

51 Chancellor Ferry Road, Harpersville

Join Chef Scott Peacock for coffee and a discussion of organic, heritage foods of Alabama. Widely recognized as a culinary treasure of the South, Peacock is one of the nation's most respected and influential chefs. He has been at the forefront of the local food movement since the early 1990s, when he and his longtime friend and collaborator, the culinary legend, the late Edna Lewis, co-founded the Society for the Revival and Preservation of Southern Food.

**Reservations for Coffee with the Chef limited. For ATHP Members, \$125 per reservation. For Non-ATHP members, \$150 per reservation. Reservations include an autographed copy of The Gift of Southern Cooking by Edna Lewis and Scott Peacock and, for Non-Members, a one-year membership to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.*



10:30 – 12:30

Sunday Southern Brunch only*

Historic Chancellor House
51 Chancellor Ferry Road, Harpersville

Enjoy this early spring highlight, a special Southern Sunday Brunch at the Chancellor House, listed on the National Register for Historic Places and home of former Alabama Trust President Barbara Adkins and husband Sonny. Enjoy this seasonal southern fare prepared from selected recipes of *The Gift of Southern Cooking* by Edna Lewis and Scott Peacock. Enjoy this culinary treat and conversation with the chef in the historic Chancellor House (circa 1850) a restored mid-19th century vernacular Greek Revival–styled farmhouse.

Coffee with the Chef and Sunday Southern Brunch benefit the work of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Courtesy Alabama Trust members and homeowners Barbara and Sonny Atkins.

**Reservations price for Sunday Southern Brunch only. For ATHP Members, \$75 per reservation. For Non-ATHP members, \$100 per reservation. Non-Members reservation fee includes a one-year membership in the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.*

*Courtesy of Black Sheep Antiques, autographed copies of *The Gift of Southern Cooking* by Edna Lewis and Scott Peacock will be available for purchase during the brunch.*

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

When making hotel reservations, ask for the group rate for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites of Sylacauga

40743 US Highway 280
Sylacauga, AL 35150

For reservations call, **256-207-1511**.

Group Rate: **\$90** per night plus tax
Reservation Code for Alabama Trust Group Rate: **ATP**

Deadline for Group Rate: **Monday, March 21**



PRESERVATION LYCEUM INFORMATION

Spring 2016 – Sylacauga

Lyceum packets with tour information will be available for pick-up on Friday evening at the Russell-Butts Homestead or Saturday morning at check-in at the B. B. Comer Library, Sylacauga.

LYCEUM REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fee includes Friday and Saturday receptions and dinners and Saturday lunch. For non-members, fee also includes one-year membership.

For ATHP Members

\$50 per person

For Non-Members

\$75 per person *(includes one-year membership)*

SPECIAL EVENTS RESERVATION FEE

Events benefit the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.

TASTE OF THE SOUTH

Coffee with the Chef & Southern Sunday Brunch

Includes a signed copy of *The Gift of Southern Cooking* by Edna Lewis and Scott Peacock. For non-members, reservations include a one-year membership in the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.

For ATHP Members

\$125 per person

For Non-Members

\$150 per person

Southern Sunday Brunch only

For ATHP Members

\$75 per person

For Non-Members

\$100 per person

See separate form for Registration.

SPECIAL CULINARY EVENTS WITH CHEF SCOTT PEACOCK

Sunday, April 10
Historic Chancellor House, Harpersville
Taste of The South

Two special southern cuisine culinary treats, “Coffee with the Chef” and “Sunday Southern Brunch” with nationally recognized and Alabama native Chef Scott Peacock will benefit the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.



Widely recognized as a culinary treasure of the South, Scott Peacock is one of the nation's most respected and influential chefs. At the forefront of the local food movement since the early 1990s, he and his longtime friend and collaborator, the culinary legend Edna Lewis, co-founded the Society for the Revival and Preservation of Southern Food, organized symposiums drawing the participation of highly respected writers and food professionals, and laid the groundwork for the nationally revered Southern Foodways Alliance. The James Beard Foundation named Peacock **Best Chef in the Southeast** in 2007 and a semi-finalist for **Outstanding Chef in America** in 2009.

Born and raised in rural Alabama, he was chosen, at the age of 24, to man the kitchen of the Georgia Governors' Mansion and later to be the opening chef of Atlanta's Horseradish Grill, where he built a reputation for restoring purity and refinement to Southern cooking. In 1998, he joined Watershed Restaurant in Decatur as executive chef, where both he and the restaurant received numerous honors. *Saveur* magazine cited Watershed as one of "Twelve Restaurants That Matter."

His longtime friendship with the late, celebrated Edna Lewis was featured twice in the *New York Times Sunday Magazine* as well as, among other publications, *Gourmet*, *Time* and *Newsweek*. The two chefs collaborated on *The Gift of Southern Cooking* (2003), which was a nominee for best regional cookbook in the James Beard and International Association of Culinary Professionals cookbook competitions.

An accomplished writer, speaker and media personality, Peacock has regularly written the monthly "American Classics" column for *Better Homes and Gardens* and contributed pieces for *Gourmet*, *Bon Appetit* and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. His media career includes the Today, Good Morning America, and MARTHA (Martha Stewart) television shows and National Public Radio. His recipes have been photographed for the covers of *Gourmet* and *Food & Wine*. *Fine Cooking Food & Wine* proclaimed his fried chicken one of the 25 best recipes ever. *Bon Appetit's* website named his feast "the Best Meal of the (Obama) Inauguration" and his essay, "The Art of the Biscuit," was selected for Holly Hughes' "Best Food Writing 2008" anthology.

Peacock returned to Alabama in 2010 to focus on writing and to produce a documentary about the traditional foodways of Alabama, as told through oral histories of its longest-living citizens.

Events Sponsored by Black Sheep Antiques, Historic Harpersville.

REGISTRATION FORM

Preservation Lyceum Weekend

Spring 2016 – Sylacauga

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

REGISTRATIONS

Registration include Friday reception and dinner; Saturday lunch and dinner; Non-Member registration includes one-year membership in the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.

ATHP Members # Reservations _____ \$ _____
\$50 per reservation

Non-Members # Reservations _____ \$ _____
\$75 per reservation

SPECIAL EVENTS – TASTE OF THE SOUTH

Sunday – Coffee with the Chef & Southern Brunch

Includes one autographed copy of *The Gift of Southern Cooking*. For Non-Members includes one-year membership in the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Number of reservations limited.

Member # Reservations _____ \$ _____
\$125 per reservation

Non-Member # Reservations _____ \$ _____
\$ 150 per reservation

Sunday – Southern Brunch only

For Non-Members includes one-year membership in the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.

Member # Reservations _____ \$ _____
\$75 per reservation

Non-Member # Reservations _____ \$ _____
\$ 100 per reservation

Total Registration Fee(s)/Reservations \$ _____

Charitable Contributions to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation

General/Unrestricted Operations \$ _____

Alice Bowsher Operating Reserve \$ _____

Endangered Properties Trust Fund \$ _____

Alabama Places In Peril Fund \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

If Payment by Check, make check payable to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Mail to ATHP, UWA Station 45, Livingston, AL 35470.

If Payment by Credit Card, mail to the ATHP, UWA Station 45, Livingston, AL 35470 or call 205-652-3497.

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Name on Card: _____

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3 Digit Security Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To make reservations by phone, call the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at 205-652-3497.

For Lyceum registrants only, Black Sheep Antiques in Historic Harpersville is offering a 20% discount to any regular priced item over \$100 during the weekend.