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### **Alabama Historic Register Applications- Deadline February 11**

All historic register applications are due to the Alabama Historical Commission by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2016. The Alabama Register Review Board meeting is scheduled for the following week, Thursday, February 18. For additional information, email contact Jennifer Bailey at [Jennifer.Bailey@preserveala.org](mailto:Jennifer.Bailey@preserveala.org) or call 334-230-2643.

### **Alabama's Places in Peril 2016 - Call for Nominations - Deadline March 1**

What are Alabama's most imperiled places in 2016? What historic homes, farms, public buildings, factories, stores, roads, bridges, or cultural landscapes are threatened with neglect, demolition, or insensitive development?

The Places in Peril program of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (ATHP) needs your help to identify, document, and save threatened properties that have significant historic or architectural importance. Since 1994, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation has helped to publicize Alabama's Places in Peril and to coordinate efforts to protect and preserve them.

If an imperiled place is on the National Register of Historic Places, the Alabama Register, or is eligible for either of these designations, and it faces an imminent threat of demolition, neglect, or insensitive development, please notify the ATHP at once.

A phone call to ATHP 205-652-3497 or email to [alabamatrust@athp.org](mailto:alabamatrust@athp.org) is all it takes to take the next step towards protecting the historic built environment of Alabama. For more information about Places in Peril, including illustrated profiles of places listed in recent years, please see [www.alabamatrust.info](http://www.alabamatrust.info).

Nomination Deadline: March 1, 2016

### **Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit - Legislative Update**

The 2016 legislative session opens this week and before the Alabama Senate and Legislature are two items impacting historic preservation efforts in the state - reauthorization of the Alabama Historic Commission and renewal of the three-year old Alabama Rehabilitation Tax Credit. The first requires a re-authorization of the Commission, which also serves as the federally mandated Preservation Office for the State of Alabama. The second is a program that provides financial

incentives, in the form of tax credits, to developers/owners of historic properties for capital costs associated with the preservation and re-adaptive renovations of Alabama's cultural assets - its historic built environment.

To keep current on the status of each and for more information, watch the Alabama Trust's Advocacy webpage at [www.alabamatrust.info/advocacy.php](http://www.alabamatrust.info/advocacy.php) or like the Alabama History Advocacy Facebook page.

To read more about pending preservation laws and Alabama lawmakers, visit [www.bizjournals.com/birmingham/news/2016/01/28/study-historic-renovation-tax-credit-has-had.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/birmingham/news/2016/01/28/study-historic-renovation-tax-credit-has-had.html) and [www.bizjournals.com/birmingham/news/2016/01/27/lawmaker-plans-to-oppose-alabama-historic-tax.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/birmingham/news/2016/01/27/lawmaker-plans-to-oppose-alabama-historic-tax.html).

### **U.S Energy Bill Impacts Preservation Nationwide**

The Antiquities Act is under threat again. In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt signed into law the Antiquities Act, which enables a president to create national monuments from *existing public lands*. The Act was a response to the rampant looting of ancient Native American sites and the potential destruction and marring of unique natural sites. It was intended to be a tool by which the president could act quickly in response to imminent threats. According to the Act, the national monument should include only the smallest area necessary to protect the endangered resource. The Act requires local, public input on designation of boundaries and management of the monuments. Since its creation, the Antiquities Act has been used to create 117 national monuments. Devils Tower was the first National Monument created under the Act. Cultural examples include the African Burial Ground in New York City, Fort Sumter in South Carolina, and the Canyon of the Ancients, Colorado. Critics of the Act say that it allows presidents to declare large sections of land as national monuments as a partisan way to prevent economic development and that states should be able to preserve, alter, or destroy the heritage within their borders as they wish. This is a timely topic that is worthy of our careful thought.

Amendments 3023 and 3126 to the Senate Policy Modernization Act will require national monument designation to be approved by Congress and a state's legislature, thus removing the advantage of swift action to protect endangered sites. If you support upholding the Antiquities Act as-written, please email Senators Sessions and Shelby right away, or visit the NTHP Action Center and click on the Take Action button: <https://savingplaces.org/action-center#.VrEmEzZdFet>.

### **ALABAMA HISTORY AND PRESERVATION EVENTS - MARK 2016 CALENDARS!**

#### **Alabama Association of Historians - 44th annual conference, Saturday, February 20**

The Association meets annually to discuss issues important to the teaching and profession of history and to provide an opportunity for exchange of views of historians in the state. This year's program will include discussions on the Civil War, Law Enforcement and Civil Rights, American Railroads, and "Wet Cowpox." Location: Jacksonville State University. For more information about registration, contact Jeff Gentsch at 205-652-3844 or email [jgentsch@uwa.edu](mailto:jgentsch@uwa.edu).

#### **Alabama Trust Spring Board Meeting, Friday, April 8, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

Meetings of the board of directors of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation are open to Trust members and to the public. Location: B.B. Comer Memorial Library, 314 N. Broadway, Sylacauga.

#### **Spring Preservation Lyceum - Friday Night, April 8 - Sunday Morning, April 10**

Experience historic Sylacauga and Talladega County. Visit a log home and grist mill, dine on shrimp and locally milled grits, learn about Sylacauga's Avondale Mills from former executive and historian Craig Crocker. Explore the history of Sylacauga's world famous marble. Meander through the exhibits of the annual Marble Festival. Tour some of Fayetteville's heritage farms and Columbiana's collection of George Washington artifacts. On Saturday evening, join Averiett and Travis Wesson for an old-time weenie roast on the grounds of their historic farm.

The weekend highlight is a special Southern Sunday Brunch, a fundraiser benefiting the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, at the Chancellor House, home of former Alabama Trust president Barbara Adkins and husband Sonny. Enjoy this southern fare in the restored mid-19th century vernacular Greek Revival-styled farmhouse. Before the brunch, join Alabama native, award-winning chef, and culinary author Scott Peacock for coffee and a discussion of traditional southern foodways. (Reservations limited for pre-brunch coffee with the chef.) Sponsor: Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.

For more information, watch for the posting of more information and registration form in late February at [www.alabamatrust.info](http://www.alabamatrust.info) or [www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces?fref=ts). To make hotel reservations, call Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, Sylacauga, call 205-532-9582, and ask for ATP for the \$90 a night plus tax rate.

*Widely recognized as a culinary treasure of the South, Scott Peacock is one of the nation's most respected and influential chefs. Peacock 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 Edna Lewis, co-founded the Society for the Revival and Preservation of Southern Food.*

### **Alabama Preservation/National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Conferences - July 27 - 31**

Plan now to attend the Alabama Preservation Conference being held in conjunction with the National Alliance of Preservation Commission (NAPC). Hip, Historic.Preservation@50 celebrates the 50th anniversary of the National Preservation Act and 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service. The joint conference is for preservation lay people, professionals, and volunteers and includes educational sessions and discussion panels, mobile workshops and tours, and five days of non-stop networking for commission staff and volunteers representing local, state and national organizations and government agencies. Programs also include special events at historic sites and the Alabama's Preservation Awards Ceremony and luncheon. For more program updates and registration information, visit the Forum 2016 website at [www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1772691](http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1772691).

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## Events

### **BALDWIN COUNTY**

#### **Friday, February 5, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Artillery Salute to the USS Farragut**

Take a tour with a historic interpreter. Learn more about the Battle of Mobile Bay during the War of 1812 and experience a 19th century artillery barrage. Location: Fort Morgan, 110 Highway 180, Gulf Shores. For more information, call 251-540-7202.

### **BULLOCK COUNTY**

#### **Thursday - Saturday, February 18 - 20, 27 and 28 - Live Theatre - Wedding Belles**

A true Southern comedy of romance and an impromptu 1942 wedding in Texas. Not to be missed. Location: Red Door Theatre, Intersection of Prairie Street & US Highway 82, Union Springs. February 18 - 29th, dinner at 6:00 p.m. and theatre at 7:30 p.m. February 27 - 28, matinee performances at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: Dinner Reservations, \$15; Theatre Tickets, \$15. For reservations, tickets or information, email [conecuhpeople@knology.net](mailto:conecuhpeople@knology.net) or call 334-738-8687.

### **COLBERT COUNTY**

#### **Saturday, February 6, 2:00 p.m. - Historic "Love Tokens"**

Collector Lisa Pace will present a special Valentine-themed program, "Love Tokens" along with an

exhibit of historic tokens from sweethearts of years gone by. Enjoy this special program at Belle Mont, one of Alabama's early Palladian-style houses - an outstanding example of Thomas Jefferson's influence upon the architecture of the early American republic. Location: 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia. Admission: For more information, call 256-383-4401 or 256-710-9081.

## **DALLAS COUNTY**

### **Friday, February 5, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Bird Walk for Beginners**

Learn to identify and enjoy the feather friends whose natural habitat is Old Cahawba, the archeological site of Alabama's first state capitol. Location: Old Cahawba, 9518 Old Cahaba Road, Orrville. For more information, visit <http://cahawba.com>.

## **ELMORE COUNTY**

### **Saturday, February 6 - 1814 Militia**

Experience this living history program, the recreated 1751 Fort Toulouse, Creek Indian houses, partially restored 1814 fort, a 1,000-year-old Indian mound, and the nature on the William Bartram Nature Trail. Location: Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson, 2521 Fort Toulouse Road, Wetumpka. For more information, visit <https://fttoulousejackson.org> or call 334-567-3002.

## **MACON COUNTY**

### **Friday, February 26, & March 4 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays February 27, 28 & March 5, 6 at 2:30 p.m. - The Wives of Booker T.**

The spirits of "Fannie Norton Smith Washington (1858-1884), Olivia America Davidson Washington (1854-1889), the first two wives of Dr. Booker T. Washington, famed Negro educator and leader, and first Principal of what is now historic Tuskegee University, are brought back to his famous home "The Oaks", from eternity, by the spirit of his third wife, Margaret Murray Washington (1861-1925), during her actual funeral, to discuss their lives, and their love of the one to whom each, in her time, had been spouse, and to see what the school, that each of them had worked so hard with him to develop, had become."

Tickets: \$10 Students and \$20 Adults. This production is sponsored in part by: The Macon County Racing Commission, The Utilities Board of Tuskegee, The Alabama State Council on the Arts, The Central Alabama Community Foundation, The Daniel Foundation of Alabama, The Black Belt Community Foundation, The Matthew & Roberta Jenkins Foundation, & Other Members of the TRT Circle of Friends. For more information visit the Tuskegee Repertory Theatre of Tuskegee, Alabama - Black Theatre Directed by Dyann Robinson at [www.tuskegeerep.com](http://www.tuskegeerep.com) or call 334-727-6046.

## **MOBILE COUNTY**

### **Wednesday, February 10, 17, and 24, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Winter Wednesday Series**

Bellingrath Gardens offers a respite from the cold with Wednesday lectures to invigorate the mind and soul. For February, Wednesday programs include "Raising Roses" with Linda Guy of Bellingrath's award-winning Rose Garden, "Getting Ready for Spring at Bellingrath Gardens" with executive director Dr. Bill Barrick and nursery manager Chuck Owens, and "Wildflowers" with author Trailer McQuilkin. Location: Bellingrath Gardens and Home, 12401 Bellingrath Gardens Road, Theodore. Reservations: Members, free; Non-Members \$12. For reservations, call 251-973-2217 or 800-247-8420. Sponsor: Bellingrath Gardens and Home. For more information, visit <http://bellingrath.org/experiences/events/winter-wednesdays/>.

## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

### **Thursday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. - Curator's Tour**

Experience Old Alabama Town's collections of artifacts and historic interiors. Explore OAT's historic treasures with the museum's curator. Location: Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street,

Montgomery. Sponsor: Old Alabama Town, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit [www.aldalabamatown.com](http://www.aldalabamatown.com).

### **Saturday, February 13 - Alabama Cultural Crossroads: The Mississippi Territory in Becoming Alabama**

This 15th annual symposium will introduce a series of lively programs through 2019 centered around the upcoming celebrations of significant Bicentennials tied to the creation of the State of Alabama. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Sponsors: Alabama Department of Archives and History, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, and Auburn University's Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities with the support from the Alabama Humanities Foundation. For more information, call 334-328-9088 or 334-240-4617.

### **Thursday, February 19, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Food for Thought**

A lunch-time lecture series offered the third Thursday of every month. Presentation by Billy Singleton, Visions of Flying Machines: Early Aerial Experimenters in Alabama. Location: Farley Auditorium, Alabama Dept. 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](http://www.archives.alabama.gov).

### **Sunday, February 21, 2:00 p.m. - Lockwood Lecture**

Presentation John Lockwood: The Man by John Scott. Learn more about John Lockwood a premier architect of Montgomery in the early 20th Century. Location: Loeb Reception Center, Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus St., Montgomery. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit [www.landmarksfoundation.com](http://www.landmarksfoundation.com) or call 334-240-4617.

### **Sunday, February 28, 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Lockwood Tour of Homes**

The third annual tour of Montgomery's historical heritage architecture features five Frank Lockwood-designed homes in Montgomery's Garden, Old Cloverdale and Edgewood districts. The tour includes structures depicting Lockwood's stylistic range from English Arts and Crafts, to Neo-Tudor, to Neo-Georgian, to Neo-Colonial, to Spanish Colonial. Tour Start Location: Historic Carpi Theatre, 1045 E Fairview, Montgomery. Admission: Advanced Tickets: \$20; On-Site Tickets, \$25. Sponsor: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information or for tickets, visit [www.landmarksfoundation.com](http://www.landmarksfoundation.com) or call 334-240-4617.

## **SUMTER COUNTY**

### **Thursday and Friday February 11 and 12, Noon-2:00 p.m. - Food for the Gods**

Black Belt Museum Public Historian Brian Mast will share the interesting story of chocolate. Learn about the complex ecosystems that produce our favorite treat, and how cacao seeds were once used as currency, presented as part of religious rituals, and treasured as treat from the heavens. Young Hall Cafeteria on the University of West Alabama's campus Admission is free. Sponsored by the Black Belt Museum. For more information contact Brian Mast at 205-652-5528 or email at [bmast@uwa.edu](mailto:bmast@uwa.edu).

### **Saturday, February 27, 2:00 p.m. - Black Belt Gardens Pruning Workshop**

February is the perfect time to ready your garden for Spring. With daylight hours lengthening, trees are ready for your attention. Join Cory Sly, an Americorps VISTA, in learning techniques for pruning a variety of trees and shrubs in your landscape. Campbell Environmental Education Center on the University of West Alabama's campus Admission is free. Sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Black Belt. For more information contact Cory Sly at 205-652-3722 or email at [gardenvista@uwa.edu](mailto:gardenvista@uwa.edu).

## **TALLADEGA COUNTY**

### **Saturday, February 6, 6:00 p.m. - Midnight - Mardi Gras Gala**

A must-do annual event. This year's Gala features catering by Classic on Noble, music by The Molly Ringwald Band and a Silent and Live Auction. Location: Fox Sports Dome, Talladega

Superspeedway, 3366 Speedway Blvd, Lincoln. Tickets: Single, \$90; Couple, \$180. Sponsor: Historic Talladega Ritz Theatre. Proceeds benefit the programs of the Historic Talladega Ritz Theatre. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/pages/The-Ritz-Theatre/23962087608988](http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Ritz-Theatre/23962087608988).

## TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

### Saturday, February 6, 10:00 a.m. - Noon - Mardi Gras Jazz Brunch

Join Tuscaloosa preservationists for this annual event and let the good times roll. Mask, beads, jazz, food, friends and fun - no better way to welcome in winter season. Location: Historic Jemison-Van de Graff Mansion, 1305 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa. Admission: Adults, \$20 per ticket; Children under 12, \$15 per ticket. Sponsor: Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society (TCPS). Event supports repairs to the historic 19th Century Fern House, Battle-Friedman Gardens. For more information, email [PreserveTusInfo@att.net](mailto:PreserveTusInfo@att.net) or call 205-758-2238.

## News

### GRANTS/LOANS FOR PRESERVATION

*Plan now for securing funds for preservation projects during 2016.*

#### The Daniel Foundation of Alabama

The Foundation recognizes that a thriving arts community and the preservation of Alabama's historical, natural and cultural resources contributes to Alabama's cultural backdrop. Funding priorities include, among others, community heritage, culture and historic preservation projects/programs and projects that preserve greenspace and increase access to nature.

Letter of Intent for Arts, Culture & Community Assets Grant Deadline: February 2, 2016

Final Proposal Deadline: March 4, 2016

Website: <http://danielfoundationofalabama.com>

#### National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grants

This grants help small and mid-sized institutions-such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities-improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections - and may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials.

Deadline: May 23, 2016

Website: [www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions](http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions)

#### National Endowment for the Humanities Cultural Heritage Grants

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (SCHC) grants are intended to help cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting sustainable conservation measures that mitigate deterioration and prolong the useful life of collections.

Deadline: December 1, 2016

Website: [www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/sustaining-cultural-heritage-collections](http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/sustaining-cultural-heritage-collections)

## NEWS

#### Birmingham's Historic Pizitz Department Store Looks Forward to New Life

Thanks to the vision of Birmingham's Bayer Properties, and the Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program - due to expire in 2016 if not renewed by the Alabama Legislature - the 1923 building is schedule to reopen in the fall after a \$66M renovation. To read more, visit [www.al.com/business/index.ssf/2015/03/construction\\_beginning\\_on\\_66\\_m.html](http://www.al.com/business/index.ssf/2015/03/construction_beginning_on_66_m.html).

### Historic Hart House on the Market - \$175,000

Eufaula's historic Greek Revival-style Hart House (1825-1849) located on North Eufaula Avenue in the city's Seth Lore and Irwinton Historic District is on the market soon. Owned by the Historic Chattahoochee Commission (HCC), the National Register for Historic Places structure will be sold to support the programs and services of the HCC. For more information, contact Doug Purcell at [dpurcell@eufaula.rr.com](mailto:dpurcell@eufaula.rr.com) or Deborah Shaw at [deborah.shaw@chattahoocheetrace.com](mailto:deborah.shaw@chattahoocheetrace.com) or 334-687-9755.

### Sheffield's Historic Grace Episcopal Stands a Monument to Preservation

Named a 2013 Alabama Places in Peril, the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation assisted the Colbert County Historic Landmarks Foundation in preserving this beloved building. In 1903, the property was transferred to the foundation, which, in turn, looked for new owners to preserve and re-habilitate the historic church. Local prayers were answered in recent years when Vickie and Gary Dean took possession of the property to renovate it into a special events venue. To see the historic renovation in action, visit [www.timesdaily.com/gallery/renovation-work-at-the-old-grace-espiscopal-church-in-sheffield/collection\\_f167da4c-d72a-5bf1-9b07-a82d040977bd.html#.VqaMPWmTL88](http://www.timesdaily.com/gallery/renovation-work-at-the-old-grace-espiscopal-church-in-sheffield/collection_f167da4c-d72a-5bf1-9b07-a82d040977bd.html#.VqaMPWmTL88) or to learn more about the old Grace Episcopal Church of Sheffield, visit <http://quadcitiesdaily.com/?p=48560>.

### Historic Vaudeville Theatre Reopens 102 Years Later

More than a century since it's opening as a premiere vaudeville theatre and decades after bringing down the curtain and turning off its stage lights, the Magic City's Lyric Theatre welcomes new performers and audiences. An \$11.5M reinvestment in this Birmingham's historic property brings new life to the city's historic theatre district. To read more, visit [www.bhamwiki.com/w/Lyric\\_Theatre](http://www.bhamwiki.com/w/Lyric_Theatre) or [www.al.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2016/01/birminghams\\_lyric\\_theatre\\_reop\\_1.html](http://www.al.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2016/01/birminghams_lyric_theatre_reop_1.html).

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