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CELEBRATING AND PRESERVING ALABAMA'S HISTORIC TREASURES

During this season of thanksgiving, celebrate Alabama's historic heritage and treasures with your gifts of support to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and to your local history or preservation organization today. To make a gift to the Alabama Trust, visit www.alabamatrust.info, click on Donate.

Alerts

ALABAMA HISTORY ADVOCACY

From Steve Murray, director for the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, the "*Alabama History Advocacy is a community of supporters of state and local history. We believe that history enriches the lives of Alabamians, strengthens our communities, contributes to our economy, and equips our children to shape the future.*" Join the Alabama Historic Advocacy friends and supporters on Facebook. Keep up with Alabama's historical and preservation news at www.facebook.com/groups/AlabamaHistoryAdvocacy/.

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation - Ballot for 2016 Board of Directors Online

Members of the ATHP have the opportunity to elect officers and new board members for 2016 by voting online. Ballots can be cast (only one per ATHP member, please) via an ATHP Alert notice with complete information to be emailed soon.

ALABAMA HISTORY AND PRESERVATION EVENTS - MARK 2016 CALENDARS!

ALABAMA HISTORY AND PRESERVATION EVENTS - 2016

Programs coming to you from the [Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation](#) and affiliate organizations include the following. Mark your calendars now to join us for these and other history and preservation events during the upcoming year.

Alabama Trust 4th Preservation Roundtable and Luncheon - Friday, January 15, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Program includes introduction of the Alabama History Advocacy forum - a statewide preservation advocacy strategy - and briefings on the Alabama Historic Commission's (AHC) Sunset Review (November 2015), upcoming preservation legislation (2016), and update on plans for Alabama Bicentennial Commemorations (2017 - 2019). Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Sponsors: Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Alabama Bicentennial Commission and Alabama Dept. of Archives and History. For more information, see www.alabamatrust.info, or the following Facebook pages at www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces?fref=ts and www.facebook.com/groups/AlabamaHistoryAdvocacy/.

Alabama Trust Winter Board Meeting - Friday, January 15, 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: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. For more information and reservations, visit www.alabamatrust.info.



Alabama Decorative Arts Symposium - Friday, January 21 - Saturday, January 22

The inaugural event of the annual symposium on Alabama-Made decorative arts begins with a reception and opening exhibition, *New Discoveries*, at Old Alabama Town on Friday evening followed by a symposium on Saturday at the Alabama Archives. Sponsors:

Alabama Dept. of Archives and History and Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, www.facebook.com/events/622923151178903/.

Alabama Cultural Crossroads Symposium: The Rivers in Becoming Alabama - Saturday, February 14, 2016, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

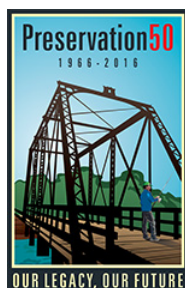
This year's 14th annual program will focus primarily on the central and southwestern rivers that played major roles in the exploration, settlement and early development of those regions of Alabama. Sponsors: the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, and Auburn University's Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities with the support from the Alabama Humanities Foundation. For more information and to register, visit <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=aozlx9sab&oeidk=a07eaeow6pcc534c6da>.

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, April 8 - Sunday, April 10

Experience historic Sylacauga. Visit a log home and grist mill, dine on shrimp and locally milled grits, learn about Sylacauga's marble, tour some of Fayetteville's heritage farms and Columbiana's collection of George Washington artifacts. End the weekend with a Southern Sunday Brunch featuring James Bear award-winning chef and Alabama native Scott Peacock. Enjoy this southern fare at a restored 19th century private home. Sponsor: Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Posting of more information in February at www.alabamatrust.info or <https://www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces>.



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 Commissions (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. 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.

Alabama Trust Summer Board Meeting - Friday, July 29

Meetings of the board of directors of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation are open to Trust members and to the public. Location: TBA, Mobile. For more information, visit www.alabamatrust.info.

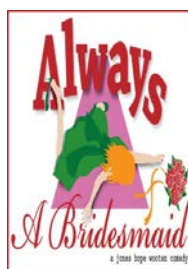


Project C: Lessons from the American Civil Rights Movement - The Montgomery Bus Boycott

Produced by Alabama Public Television's IQ Learning Network. It's not too late for Alabama educators and students, or the public, to register for the free, live episode on Wednesday, December 1 - the 60th anniversary of **The Montgomery Bus Boycott**. Take part in the live webcasts of a student-participatory town hall meeting with civil rights scholars and human rights activists. Webcasts are 10:00 a.m. and Noon from Montgomery's Rosa Parks Museum. To register and for the live webcasts, visit www.aptv.org/IQLEARNING/ElectronicFieldTrips/series.asp?seriesid=3.

Events

BULLOCK COUNTY



Thursday, December 1 - December 13 - Historic Red Door Theatre Performance - Always A Bridesmaid

At the Red Door, theatre goes continue to be entertained by *Always A Bridesmaid* written by the playwright who brought *Mama Won't Fly* and *Hallelujah Girls* to the stage. Other productions for this season not to be missed include: *Southern Stars!*; *Wedding Bells*; *Doublewide, Texas*; *Last Train to Nibroc*; *In-Laws and Outlaws & Other People (That Should Be Shot)*. Location: Historic Red Door Theatre, Intersection of Prairie Street & U.S. Highway 82, Union Springs. For more information about dinner and ticket reservations, email conecuhpeople@knology.net or call 334-738-8687. *Tickets for individual performances or season subscriptions are available.*

MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Tuesday, December 1, 3:00 p.m. - Dedication Historic Marker, Montgomery Bus Boycott

In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the historic **Montgomery Bus Boycott**, Alabama State University (ASU) will host a dedication ceremony and unveiling of a state historic marker. The marker honors the important roles played by Rosa Parks, Jo Ann Robinson, Fred Gray, E.D. Nixon, the Women's Political Council and the university in organizing, planning and promoting of the historic boycott. Admission: Free. Location: William Hooper Council Hall, Alabama State University Campus, 915 S Jackson St, Montgomery. Sponsor: Alabama State University. For more information, email Kenneth Mullinax at kmullinax@alasu.edu.

Thursday, December 3, Noon - Documentary Screening, More Than a Bus Ride

Screening of William Dickerson-Waheed's film, *More Than a Bus Ride*. The film, originally released in 2005, is edited for the 60th anniversary of the **Montgomery Bus Boycott**. *More Than a Bus Ride* profiles a group of women, and the lawyers who represented them, in the struggle to fight racial discrimination in the city's 1950s' public transportation system. The documentary features interviews with plaintiffs, attorneys, and members of the original Montgomery Improvement Association, several of whom are deceased. Admission: Free. Location: Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. For more information, visit



Saturday, December 5, 2:00 p.m. - Oakwood Cemetery, Eastern Ridge

Join Jeff Benton as he launches the first tour of the Eastern Ridge of Montgomery's historic Oakwood Cemetery. Visit the graves of Civil War heroes, a Union burial plot, the Jewish Eternal Rest area, Hank and Audrey Williams, and more. Admission: \$10. Tour Start Location: Hank Williams gravesite, Oakwood Cemetery, Gate, Lower Wetumpka Road,

Montgomery. Sponsors: Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit www.landmarksfoundation.com/events/detail/trekking-through-the-past or call 334-240-4500.

Thursday, December 10, 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.

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

A lunch-time lecture series offered the third Thursday of every month. Enjoy *Collards: A Southern Tradition from Seed to Table* by Edward H. Davis, professor/chair of the Geography Department, Emory & Henry College, and coauthor of *Collards* and *The Virginia Creeper Trail Companion: Nature and History along Southwest Virginia's National Recreation Trail*. 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.

TALLADEGA COUNTY



Friday, December 4, 7:00 p.m. - Live Performance, THE SWAMPERS present JACKSON NANCE

Don't miss this concert inspired by renewed international acclaim and fueled by the hit 2014 documentary hit *Muscle Shoals*, by some members of the original Muscle Shoals Rhythm & Blues musicians, who are on tour with a new lead singer, Jackson Nance. New to the Swampers is 16-year old

musical prodigy Jackson Nance, the youngest singer/songwriter/artists to sign with Warner Chappell Nashville. Tickets: Adults: \$20; Students, \$14. Location: Historic Ritz Theatre, Court Square N, Talladega. For more information, visit <http://ritztalladega.com/events/>.

SUMTER COUNTY



Thursday, December 3, 2:00 p.m. - Black Belt Quilt Unveiling and Reception

The Black Belt Quilt Trail is Alabama's first multi-county quilt trail that includes sites in all nineteen counties served by the Black Belt Treasures Cultural Arts Center. The Trail serves as an economic development and tourism opportunity highlighting historic and contemporary quilts, along with sites, artists, organizations, and individuals sharing their stories through the creation of their own publicly displayed quilt block artwork.

(Unveiling at 2 p.m., reception at 3:15 p.m.) Admission: Free. Location: Black Belt Museum, Corner of Washington and Franklin Streets, Livingston; Reception Location: at 3:15: Munoz Home, 502 Old Livingston Road, Cuba. Sponsors: The University of West Alabama's Division of Economic Development and Outreach and Black Belt Treasures Cultural Arts Center. For more information, click [here](#).

WILCOX COUNTY

Saturday, December 5, 1:30 p.m. - The Photographs and History of Furman Plantation Life and Snow Hill Institute

Donald Stone will present an overview of the Mary Lee Simpson Photograph Collection currently on display at the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History and speak about the history of the Snow Hill Institute. The collection's early 1900s images depict plantation life in the Furman-Snow Hill area. Mary Lee Simpson's father, R.O. Simpson, was instrumental in the establishment of Snow Hill Institute, which was founded by Stone's grandfather William James Edwards. Location: Furman Civic Club (old Furman School), 8191 Ala. County Rd. 59-S, Furman. (*South of the intersection of Ala. County Road 59 and State Hyway 21.*) Sponsor: Wilcox County Historical Society. For more information, email grsouth@frontiernet.net.

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Alabama Historical Commission - Meet the New Staff

Hannah Garmon joins the AHC as a Cultural Resource Specialist. A native of Cordova, Green holds a master's degree in history with a concentration in public history. In addition to her work at the Alabama Historical Commission, she also works with the Alabama Bicentennial Commission as assistant to the Education Committee.

Jacquelyn Kirkland, a native of Dothan, joins the AHC staff as the Marketing and Public Relations Manager. Kirkland holds a master's degree in museum studies from Johns Hopkins University. She has worked in several areas of public history including the University of South Alabama's Center for Archaeological Studies and Archaeology Museum and the History Museum of Mobile. In addition, her professional includes archaeological digs, archival and photographic research, event planning and social media marketing.



Alabama's Historic Kymulga Covered Bridge - USA Today

Not with standing Alabama's lack of snow, December brings forth the seasonal, historical iconic image of traveling to grandmother's house by carriage, over country roads and through picturesque covered bridges. Such images, if never authentically correct, remain with us today. In November, *USA Today's* web-travel section included a photo essay of covered bridges in America. Among these is Alabama's Kymulga Covered

Bridge (1864), which spans Talladega Creek near Childersburg. Photos by Melody McClure showcase the historic bridge. For more information about the Talladega County's historic Kymulga Bridge, visit <http://experience.usatoday.com/america/picture-gallery/best-of-lists/2015/11/19/30-beautiful-covered-bridges-around-the-usa/76054218/>. For more information about Alabama's historic covered bridges, visit <http://alabama.travel/trails/covered-bridge-trail>.

B.B. Comer Bridge - A Pathway to History Lost

The B.B. Comer Memorial Bridge - a piece of Alabama history, Scottsboro history, American history and a 2015 Alabama Places In Peril - is scheduled for demolition. Despite the efforts of the B. B. Comer Bridge Foundation and its supporting friend's group, the lack of a governmental entity to assume ownership of the bridge opens the pathway for demolition. With the bridge's demise, comes the loss of dreams of federal grant awards to preserve the Comer Bridge as a pedestrian and biking trail and a site location for the motion picture industry. It is with "great sorrow" the Friends of the B.B. Comer Bridge report defeat and thank all of the donors and other dedicated preservationists who helped in the multi-year, sustained effort to save and retrofit this historic Alabama landmark spanning the Tennessee River.

New Alabama Preservation Organization Announced

Alabama Preservation Action, a 501(c)(4) non-profit, was recently established as a statewide organization with the mission of developing and advocating for legislation, regulations, education and government programs to promote historic preservation, stimulate the economy through economic development and promote the general social benefits of historic preservation in

Alabama. APA aspires to bring together organizations and individuals to unite behind a common public policy agenda at the local, state, and national levels to promote the economic benefits of historic preservation in Alabama.

Alabama Preservation Action's primary agenda, along with other preservation organizations in the state, for the 2016 legislative session is the renewal of the state historic rehabilitation tax credit program. Initiated in 2013 - the tax credit program initiated millions of dollars in private investment, while successfully preserving some of Alabama's architectural heritage.

For more details about Alabama Preservation Action, email Stephen.McNair@gmail.com. For information about Preservation Action in the U.S., visit https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Preservation_Action.

Photographs From The Past - Who Are They?

The Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, with *Prime Magazine Montgomery*, invites your help in identifying the people and events captured in historic photographs held in the collections of the Archives. Visit www.archives.alabama.gov/who_are_these_people/who_Are.html.

Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society (TCPS) Honors Local Efforts

The Preservation Society presented 14 awards recently to area organizations and individuals whose efforts support the preservation of historic structures in Tuscaloosa County. **Bricks and Mortar Awards** went to the **Tuscaloosa Arts Council** and **Ruth O'Connor** for mural restoration at the **Bama Theatre**; for repair and restoration of residential and commercial structures, **Zabun Burton**, **Hallie and Mike Musgrove**, **Kim and Marc Roberts**, the **Bama Bed & Breakfast**, and **Nika McCool**, the **Drish House**.

Ian Crawford was presented the **Face of Preservation Award** for his work promoting the importance of the history of Tuscaloosa. The **Media Award** was presented to **WJRD Radio** for their support of the Preservation Society and advocacy of all public events. **Karen Merrill** received the **Artisan of the Year Award** for custom draperies at the **Battle-Friedman House** and the **Jemison-Van de Graaff Mansion**. The **Volunteer of the Year Award** was presented to **Judi Rabel** for her efforts planning the Heritage Celebration Decorator's Break-Out Showcase event and her unwavering support of the Society. **Dean Milla Boschung** received the **Educator of the Year Award** for supporting the ongoing research and documentation of Tuscaloosa's historic structures and **Dr. Barbara Rountree**, principal of the internationally accredited **Capitol School**, was presented the **Lifetime Achievement Award** for her unwavering dedication to the revival of the **Capitol Park** area.



USS ALABAMA Battleship Commission Announces New Executive Director

The USS ALABAMA Battleship Commission and the USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park, the 2015 top tourist attraction, announce the appointment of Major General Janet Cobb, US Army Reserve to fill the position of Executive Director vacated by Bill Tunnell's retirement. Cobb joins the USS ALABAMA staff as the Park celebrates its 50th Anniversary, bringing extensive military and real estate experience to the historic landmark. Colonel Patrick H.

Downing, the Chairman of the Battleship Commission, stated, "Janet Cobb will bring superb leadership and management to the Park and a deep sense of commitment to our mission and our Park employees. We are very fortunate to have someone of Janet's caliber to occupy this very important position."

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