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Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation - Vote Now for 2016 Board of Directors Members

Members of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation may vote for first and second term directors for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 8 a.m. a www.alabamatrust.info. Deadline for Casting Votes: Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016.



Alabama's Places in Peril 2016 - Call for Nominations

What are Alabama's most imperiled places in 2015? 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. For brief, illustrated profiles of each of the places in peril, please see the current year's listing and the archives for prior years at Alabama Heritage (<http://www.alabamaheritage.com/places-in-peril>).

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 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. **Nomination Deadline: March 1, 2016**

ALABAMA HISTORY AND PRESERVATION EVENTS - MARK 2016 CALENDARS!

Act Now!- Register for the 4th Annual Preservation Roundtable & Luncheon -

Friday, January 15, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Program includes introduction of the Alabama History Advocacy forum - a statewide preservation advocacy group - 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 Department of Archives and History. For more information or to register, visit www.alabamatrust.info or call 205-652-3497.

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

This 15th annual symposium will introduce a series of lively programs through 2019 that will be centered around the upcoming celebrations of significant Bicentennials involving the creation of the State of Alabama. Location: Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Sponsors: the 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.

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 and the annual Marble Festival, 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 Beard 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. Watch for posting of more information and registration form 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 Commission (NAPC). *Hip. Happening. 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.

Events

MOBILE COUNTY

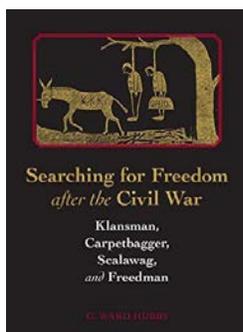
Wednesday, January 20, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Winter Wednesday Series

Furnishing the Bellingrath Home in the 1930s. Join Bellingrath's Tom McGehee for a special behind the ropes tour of the Bellingrath Home and learn about the house's antique furnishings and decorative arts. 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, January 14, 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, January 21, Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Food for Thought

A lunch-time lecture series offered the third Thursday of every month. Presentation by G. Ward Hubbs, *Searching for Freedom: Klansman, Carpetbagger, Scalawag, and Freedman*. The author and scholar has written extensively on 19th century Alabamians, especially during the Civil War years. His book, *Guarding Greensboro: A Confederate Company in the Making of a Southern Community*, won two national awards, including the 2003 Jefferson Davis Award for the most outstanding book on the Civil War era. Hubbs is professor emeritus at Birmingham-Southern College and archivist for the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. 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 Evening and Friday, January 21 - 22 - 1st Annual Alabama Decorative Arts Symposium

Don't miss this inaugural symposium celebrating Alabama's rich material culture and tradition of ingenuity. The symposium begins Thursday evening with an opening exhibition, *New Discoveries*, followed by a reception with menu by award-winning chef Frank Stitt. Friday will be a full-day symposium with presentations on Alabama art, traditional pottery, photographs, maps, quilts, silver and architecture. Sponsors: Alabama Dept. of Archives and History and Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For event locations, times and registration fees, visit www.landmarksfoundation.com or call 334-240-4617.

SUMTER COUNTY



Friday, January 29 - Noon - Black Belt Hall of Fame Luncheon and Induction

The Black Belt Hall of Fame seeks to recognize and honor those associated with the Black Belt region who have had a positive impact on the region, the State, the nation, and the world through contributions in art, business, education, industry, medicine, politics, and science. Honorees this year include Ms.

Nell Harper Lee and Dr. Wayne J. Flynt. Location: Bell Conference Center, The University of West Alabama, Livingston. Admission: \$15, includes meal. Sponsor: The Center for the Study of the Black Belt. *Registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 25. Please call 205-652-3828 for information.*

WILCOX COUNTY



Thursday, January 21 - 2 p.m. - Wilcox Historical Society Meeting

Join meeting hosts Kathryn and Tim Hicks at the Beck-Darwin-Jones-Hicks House, with guest speaker, Jim Lewis, author of "Lost Capitals of Alabama." Location: 312 Clifton Street, Camden. Admission: Free. *Dues for 2016 are now being collected.* For more information,

visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Wilcox-Historical-Society-140531269348557/?fref=ts>.

News

GRANTS/LOANS FOR PRESERVATION

Plan now for securing funds for preservation projects during 2016.



Alabama Humanities Foundation

Funding for projects that serve a wide variety of audiences including library and museum patrons, teachers and scholars and youth, among others. Grants are awarded solely for public humanities projects. For examples of funding categories, visit www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/qualifications/. For questions, contact Thomas Bryant at 205-558-3997 or tbryant@alabamahumanities.org.

Preliminary Proposal Deadline: January 15, 2016

Final Proposal Deadline: February 15, 2016

Website: www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Endangered Properties Trust Fund (EPT)

The EPT Fund provides loans for the emergency rescue of significant properties and/or acquisition, covenanted resale, preservation and rehabilitation of threatened landmarks. Created in 2005 by funding provided through the Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and charitable contributions, the EPT accepts loan applications year-round. Current projects include a loan for the preservation of the historic Selma Y.M.C.A. building.

Deadline: Application Process Open Year Round.

Website: www.alabamatrust.info/endangered-properties.php

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: www.danielfoundationofalabama.com

National Trust for Historic Preservation Grants

National Trust grants, including the Gwyn Turner Preservation Fund, are available for preservation-related conferences, consultants, educational programs and feasibility studies or historic preservation studies and include, among others, funds for the following proposes:

- Building sustainable communities: Does your project demonstrate that historic preservation supports economic, environmental and cultural sustainability in communities?
- Reimagining historic sites: Does your project use innovative, replicable strategies that create new models for historic site interpretation and stewardship?
- Promoting diversity and place: Does your project broaden the cultural diversity of historic preservation?
- Protecting historic places on public lands

Grants generally start at \$2,500 and range up to \$5,000.

Deadlines: February 1, June 1, October 1, 2016

Website: www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/preservation-funds-guidelines-eligibility.html

National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grants

This grant helps 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

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

NEWS



Alabama Historical Commission Welcomes Return of Former Staffer

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation board member, Dorothy Walker, returns to the Alabama Historical Commission as site director for the Freedom Rides Museum in Montgomery's Historic Greyhound Bus Station. Walker brings to the historic bus site her many years of experience in preservation historic projects and programs.

Alabama Historic Tax Credit Renewal - Update

Preservationists in Alabama will be closely watching progress on the renewal of the historic tax credit during the 2016 Legislative Session. If not renewed for the 2016 year, the historic tax credit program will end after a three-year period of unprecedented economic development of historic properties across the state. During the 2015 fiscal year alone, five projects earned state historic rehabilitation tax credits on \$30,719,933 of investment in Alabama's historic buildings. The Alabama historic tax credit program was administered by the Alabama Historic Commission - one of many services provided to Alabama citizens. The 2016 Legislative Session convenes in February. Watch the Alabama Trust and History Advocacy Facebook pages at <https://www.facebook.com/alabamatrustforhistoricplaces> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlabamaHistoryAdvocacy/> for updates about the Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit renewal.



Alabama State Council on the Arts Awards Preservation Grant for Tremont School Restoration

A \$10,000 Cultural Facilities Planning Grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts will help the **Selma-Dallas County Historic Preservation Society** save the historic school. Planning grants are awarded for such things as feasibility studies, use plans, needs assessments and other contracted work related to the intended operations for an arts facility.

This Historic Tremont School (1913), an early 20th century Revival style structure, was Selma's first high school. Ager and Cline were chosen as contractors, and William T. Warren from Birmingham, one of Alabama's foremost architects, designed the school. While the school building is still sound, an immediate need for window and roof repairs exists to prevent deterioration. As with many historic structure as well as new electrical and HVAC systems; plumbing and restrooms; repairs to walls, floors, doors and ceilings; and asbestos and lead paint

assessment and abatement.

The grant was made possible through an appropriation of the **Alabama State Legislature** and the **National Endowment for the Arts**. A match of \$10,000 is required. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Tremont School Project may send a check made payable to SDCHPS, PO Box 586, Selma, AL 36702-0586.



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.

The Hart House was built c 1850 and has approximately 3079 square feet. It was completely rewired in 2000 and the roof is four or five years old. Two heat pumps were installed in 2006. This property is zoned commercial but can also be used as a residence. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Seth Lore and Irwinton Historic District. If used for a commercial business, the property tax would be assessed at residential rate on application to the tax assessor. It would also be eligible for a 20% investment tax credit for any needed significant renovation work under the guidance of the State Historic Preservation Office, which is the Alabama Historical Commission whose office is in Montgomery. However, the office is in reasonably good shape now and would need very little work except for the two bathrooms. If used as a residence, a new kitchen would be desirable. And, there is ample parking in the back which fronts on Purcell Way. Incidentally, the lot size is 80 by 210. The building is serviced by underground utilities and there is a freight ramp at the rear of the house.

For more information, contact Doug Purcell at 334-687-9787, 334-695-5568 or email dpurcell@eufaula.rr.com; or Deborah Shaw at 334-687-9755 or email deborah.shaw@chattahoocheetrace.com.



The Curtain Rises for Birmingham's Historic Lyric Theatre

The Magic City's historic vaudeville venue, The Lyric (circa 1914) opens this month as a vibrant entertainment venue in the city's historic theatre district. Having undergone an \$11.5 million restoration during the past two years, the new-old Lyric will host three variety shows with vaudeville themes for grand opening January 14 - 17. The "Live at the Lyric" season kicks in after the opening including the Lyric Masquerade Ball on the 23rd. To read more, visit

www.al.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2015/12/birminghams_lyric_theatre_to_p.html.

STAND! Untold Stories of the American Civil Rights Movement

Airing this month on APT, the documentary chronicling the key events which led to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), selecting Birmingham, Alabama as the site for the now famous 'Project C' (Project Confrontation) in 1963. In the spring of 1962, a group of students from Miles College led by Frank Dukes, their 31-year-old Student Government Association President, created and launched a Selective Buying Campaign. Supporting the students were Miles College President Dr. Lucius H Pitts, selected faculty, local housewives, and members of Birmingham's White community. Broadcast on Monday, January 18 at 9:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.aptv.org/episodes/30289/Stand-Untold-Stories-of-the-Civil-Rights-Movement/.



By Hand and Eye

Alabama's cultural history and art intersect in this exhibition at the Montgomery Museum of Art. The museum's collection has more than 200 examples of works by self-taught American artists, most from Alabama or the Southeastern U.S. The *By Hand and Eye* exhibition features a cross-section of these works, from drawings by the early master Bill Traylor (1856-1949), to works by contemporary Alabamians of the Dial family, to selected late-20th century quilts made in West Alabama. Featured quilters are Lureca Outland (1904-2008) and Joanna Pettway (1924-1993). For more information, visit <http://mmfa.org/exhibitions/by-hand-and-eye-2/>.

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Email information for the February issue of the *Preservation e-Newsletter* by January 20 to alabamatrust@athp.org. Please mark as Attention: E-News.



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