



PRESERVATION
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2012



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 its second year of the **Preservation Lyceum Series**, a set of quarterly programs for preservation-minded individuals who want to know more about and visit historic preservation projects.

The 19th century Lyceum Movement that flourished in America provided hundreds of informal gatherings for the purpose of improving the social and intellectual fabric 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 landscape.

Drawing from the past, the **Preservation Lyceum Series**, travels the highways, byways and crossroads of Alabama exploring, experiencing and engaging in preservation.

Mobile, one of the oldest cities on the Gulf Coast, dates from 1702. After its capture by the United States from the Spanish in 1813, the city blossomed as the only port for the Alabama river system bringing French, English, Spanish and American settlers to the Alabama Territory and later during the early years of statehood. From its historic churches, graveyards, homes, museums and restaurants, no city in Alabama has as many historically ethnic roots as the Bay City.

Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation to explore the cultural and historical dimensions of Old Mobile. With the oldest standing preservation program in the state, Mobile has more historic structures standing than any other city in Alabama.

WINTER PRESERVATION LYCEUM

Sponsored by the
*Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Mobile Historic Development Commission
and the Mobile Historic Preservation Society*

When

Friday, January 20 – Saturday, January 21, 2012

Where

Mobile

PROGRAM

FRIDAY EVENING

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration/Check-In

Dunlap-Dendy House

161 South Georgia Avenue

Cocktail Reception

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Enjoy pre-dinner libations at the historic home of Penny and John Dendy. The Dunlap-Dendy House (circa 1904) located in Mobile's historic Oakleigh Garden District, is an eclectic blend of Classical Revival architecture with a Mediterranean influence. Hosted by Mary Cousar, Penny and John Dendy and Michon Trent of the Mobile Historic Preservation Society.

7:00 p.m.

Dinner Around the Bay

Partake of the Bay City's culinary treats and historic ambience. Celebrate the Year of Alabama Food by dining in a variety of Mobile's finest restaurants housed among the city's historic districts. Choose your favorite cuisine and architecture. (See *Dining In Historic Mobile*.)

SATURDAY MORNING

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Registration/Check-In

Lobby, History Museum of Mobile

111 South Royal Street

Tea, coffee, juice and pastries, compliments of the History Museum of Mobile. Museum Shop will be open. Parking available at the Fort Conde Welcome Center across Royal Street from the museum.



9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

Contextual Remarks: Dora Franklin Finley, Chair; Mobile African-American Heritage Trail

9:30 – Noon

TOUR MOBILE'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

(Bus tour fee included in Lyceum registration.)

Learn about Mobile's diverse cultural heritage from its earliest days of settlement to its 20th century historic figures.

Take a bus tour of selected historic sites along this historic trail with more than 40 sites. Experience the Mobile of yesterday from the homes and churches of Mobile's early African-American leaders, to the public buildings of its Creole citizens, to the playing fields and school of the legendary Satchel Page and Hank Aaron.

Docents: Barrye Brown; Nicole Hunt

Selected sites to tour include the following.

Old Plateau Cemetery, Africa Town

Located along the Mobile River in Africa Town, the Old Plateau Cemetery (circa late 1800's) is the final resting place for Africans aboard the last slave ship, the Chlotilde, which landed illegally on the continent in 1860. Recent archeological work by a team from William and Mary College has identified previously lost gravesites within the cemetery.

David Patton House

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987, the two-story Mediterranean-style home was designed in 1915 by architect George Bigelow Rogers (1870–1945). Patton (1879-1927), a prominent African-American entrepreneur and real estate developer in Mobile, built many of the city's roads, schools and other buildings including the foundation for the historic Saenger Theatre.

State Street African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

The oldest documented African-American Methodist church in Mobile, State Street AME Church (circa 1854) is the second structure to house the congregation, which dates back to 1829. The church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978 and is the oldest documented Methodist Church structure in Alabama and one of two Mobile African-American churches founded in the Methodist tradition prior to the Civil War.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

Wintzell's Oyster House

Roger Williams Room • 605 Dauphin Street

“Oysters, Shrimp and Crab – Oh, My!”

Where else but the Bay City's most famous historic seafood restaurant for a noon collation? (Non-seafood option available.)

1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

TOUR FAITH AND FUN IN OLD MOBILE

The Sacred – the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Cathedral Square

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (circa 1834-1849) is the seat of the Catholic Archdiocese of Mobile. The congregation dates back to 1703 and is the oldest of its kind in the central region of the Gulf Coast. Designed by Claude Beroujon, a local seminarian architect, the cathedral is sited on a Colonial burial ground. Cathedral Square Park, which the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception faces, is designed to reflect the cathedral's basilica floor plan.

Tour Guide: Tilmon Brown, Docent, Catholic Heritage Society

2:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Return to the History Museum of Mobile. *Car caravan for the remaining afternoon events.*

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

The Profane – Mobile Carnival Museum

355 Government Street

Formerly the Bernstein-Bush House (1872), it was one of the last residences in Mobile to incorporate pre-Civil War Italianate architectural style. Today, the structure houses the Mobile Carnival Museum. See the costumes, crowns, doubloons, photographs, royal robes, and scepters spanning 300 years of Mobile's Mardi Gras tradition.



3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Cocktails at the Creole Fire House #1

13 North Dearborn Street
Historic Home of Jamie and Tilmon Brown

Quench your thirst in the historic Creole Fire House #1 (circa 1872). Designed by James H. Hutchisson, a Mobile architect known for his ornamental ironwork, the structure housed Mobile's first volunteer fire company founded in 1819, which served the city for more than 150 years. The volunteer company was disbanded in 1970. This historic fire house is now home to Jamie and Tilmon Brown. Learn more about re-adapting historic spaces into livable, lovable homes. *Cocktail Party compliments of Rhonda P. Davis, Devereaux Bemis and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.*

PRE and POST-LYCEUM EXCURSIONS

Optional for Lyceum participants who wish to explore more historic sites along Mobile Bay.

Bellingrath Mansion and Gardens

12402 Bellingrath Gardens Road, Theodore

Combining natural and man-made beauty, the 65-acre estate is often referred to as the "charm spot of the Deep South." The estate, created by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bellingrath, dates back to 1917. Among its decorative arts, the mansion décor includes a collection of Boehm Porcelain. For more information, visit www.bellingrath.org/.

Bishop Portier House

Cathedral Square

The house (circa 1834) is one of Mobile's best surviving examples of early neoclassical details. Designed by Claude Beroujon, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970.

Bragg Mitchell Mansion

1906 Spring Hill Avenue

The most photographed house in Mobile, the mansion (circa 1855) is canopied by a grove of century-old oaks and furnished with fine antiques and crystal chandeliers.

Conde-Charlotte House

104 Theater Street

Also known as the Kirkbride House, the Conde-Charlotte House (1822) was constructed with hand-made brick and a smooth stucco plaster exterior. It was Mobile's first courthouse and jail. Each room of the house is decorated in different period of furnishings to reflect the nations that once ruled Mobile.



Oakleigh Historic Complex

350 Oakleigh Place

Visit this complex of historic buildings comprised of the Oakleigh Mansion museum (circa 1833), Cook's House, Cox-Deasy Cottage and Minnie Mitchell Archives buildings. The mansion is a raised Greek Revival-style cottage and is one of Alabama's larger T-shaped homes.

Phoenix Fire Museum

203 South Claiborne Street

The restored home of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company No. 6., the building houses turn-of-the-century horse-drawn steam engines and early motorized vehicles. The upstairs gallery recounts the history of the volunteer fire companies of Mobile from their organization in 1838.

Richards DAR House Museum

256 North Joachim Street

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Richards DAR House (circa 1860) is known for its cast-iron façade and Italianate-style architecture. Furnishings in the museum are pre-1870. Interior architectural elements include Carrara marble mantels, electrified Cornelius and Baker gasoliers and ruby Bohemian glass.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Renaissance Historic Battle House Hotel

26 North Royal Street

For reservations, call 251-338-2000.

The original Battle House Hotel, constructed in 1852, burned in 1905. A new Battle House Hotel began serving Mobilians and visitors in 1907 and continued to do so until it closed in 1974. These beloved hotels played key roles in Mobile's history, hosting notables such as Jefferson Davis; Admiral Raphael Semmes; Generals Bragg, Beauregard, and Taylor; and President Woodrow Wilson, among others. At its closing, the loss was mourned by many. The Battle House Hotel was restored and re-opened in 2007 and replicates in design and décor the grand hotels of the early twentieth century.

PRESERVATION LYCEUM REGISTRATION

Winter, 2012 – Mobile

Lyceum Weekend packets with tour information available for pick-up Friday evening at the Dunlap-Dendy House Cocktail Party or Saturday morning at the History Museum of Mobile.

For ATHP Members

\$50 per person

Includes bus tour, Saturday lunch, museum admission and cocktails on Friday and Saturday evenings.

For Non-Members

\$75 per person

Includes bus tour, Saturday lunch, museum admission, cocktails on Friday and Saturday evenings and a one-year membership in the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.



Winter Preservation Lyceum RESERVATIONS Mobile

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

Friday Night – Cocktail Reception **Yes** _____

Saturday Lunch at Wintzells **Yes** _____

Saturday Night - Cocktails Reception **Yes** _____

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

Non-Members **# Reservations** _____ \$ _____
\$75 per reservation
Fee includes one-year membership

Contributions **Alabama Trust For
Historic Preservation** \$ _____

**Endangered Properties
Trust Fund** \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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Mail to: ATHP, UWA Station 45, Livingston, AL 35470.

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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



DINING IN HISTORIC MOBILE

For the preservation-minded gourmet, try one of these restaurants located in historic structures. Reservations are recommended.

Blind Mule, 57 North Claiborne Street - (251) 694-MULE

Buck's Pizza, 350 Dauphin Street - (251) 431-9444

The Bull, 609 Dauphin Street - (251) 379-5091

Cabo Cantina, 225 Dauphin Street - (251) 441-7685

Harbor Room, Renaissance Riverview Plaza, 64 South Water Street - (251) 738-4000

Heroes Sports Bar Grille, 273 Dauphin Street - (251) 433-4376

Hopjacks Pizza Kitchen & Taproom, 251 Dauphin Street - (251) 445-6000

Kitchen on George, 351 George Street - (251) 436-8890

Mediterranean Sandwich Co., 274 Dauphin Street - (251) 545-3161

NOJA, 6 North Jackson Street - (251) 433-0377

Royal Scam, 72 South Royal Street - (251) 432-7226

Samurai J., 167 Dauphin Street - (251) 433-7644

Spot of Tea, 310 Dauphin Street - (251) 433-9119

Trellis Room, Battle House Hotel, 26 North Royal Street - (251) 338-2000

True Midtown Kitchen, 1104 Dauphin Street - (251) 434-2002

Wintzell's Oyster House, 605 Dauphin Street - (251) 432-4605