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 2014 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.

**FALL 2014 PRESERVATION LYCEUM WEEKEND**

*Historic Eufaula*

Friday, October 31 – Saturday, November 1

The Lyceum weekend in Eufaula will explore some of the history of the Chattahoochee Valley and current threats to City’s historic heritage.

Join the Alabama Trust for this weekend in “one of the most beautiful cities of the South” and home to the Alabama’s oldest annual pilgrimage of historic homes and places.

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FALL PRESERVATION LYCEUM
Historic Eufaula
Sponsored by the

When
Friday, October 31 – Saturday, November 1

Where
Eufaula

PROGRAM

Friday Afternoon

3:30 – 4:30

Check-In
Lakepoint Resort State Park Lodge and Convention Center
104 Lakepoint Drive, Eufaula

Friday Evening

Welcome to Historic Eufaula

5:00 – 5:45

Historic Bray-Barron-Bennett House Tour
411 North Eufaula Avenue

Enjoy a private tour of the Bray-Barron-Bennett House, a circa 1850 Greek Revival cottage on one of Eufaula’s avenues of historic homes.

Tour of home courtesy of owners Dee & Jason Bennett and Lakeside School students.

6:00 – 8:00

Shorter Mansion Reception
340 North Eufaula Avenue

Mix and mingle with Lyceum participants and members of the historic Eufaula preservationist community at the Shorter Mansion, a 1906 Neo-Classical Revival showplace.
Meet Alabama historian Jeffrey (Jeff) Benton, author of *Through Others’ Eyes: Published Accounts of Antbellum Montgomery* from NewSouth Books and *The Very Worst of Roads: Travellers’ Accounts of Crossing Alabama’s Old Creek Indian Territory* first published by the Historic Chattahoochee Commission. The evening includes brief remarks by Benton and a book signing.

Tour of mansion, hors d’oeuvres and open bar courtesy of the Eufaula Heritage Association.

8:30 – 9:30

**Scary Tales – Tall Tales**

Welcome in O-Hallow’s Eve with ghosties, goblins and all things that go bumping through the southern night with ghost stories of the region. Clothed in secrecy, the location will be revealed during the reception.

*Bring your own chair or blanket and imagination. Dress warmly.*

Saturday Morning

Greet the morning with a view over the water and breakfast at the Lakepoint Resort Lodge.

*Breakfast not included in Lyceum registration fee*

9:00 – 9:30

**THE HISTORY OF EUFAULA**

**Eufaula Carnegie Library**
217 North Eufaula Avenue

While visiting the 1904 library, learn more about this historic valley of Alabama with a brief overview of Eufaula’s past. Presentation by well-known preservationist Doug Purcell, executive director emeritus, Historic Chattahoochee Commission and Coordinator, the Save North Eufaula Avenue Coalition.

*Light refreshments courtesy of the Eufaula-Randolph Neighborhood Association.*

9:30 – 10:30

**Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Eufaula**

See historic downtown Eufaula in person and on foot with guide Jennifer Langdale, Eufala Historic Preservation Commission.

*Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.*
**Bluff City Inn**  
Corner of West Broad Street and North Eufaula Avenue  
A circa 1885 building, formerly the Central Hotel, this three story masonry structure is attached via a 1928 addition to the former Odd Fellows Hall circa 1885.

**Confederate Monument**  
Intersection of Broad Street and Eufaula Avenue  
The 35 feet tall monument has a base and shaft of Georgia granite. The Confederate soldier is sculpted of Italian marble. The monument is a gift to the City of Eufaula from the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

**The Eufaula Athenaeum**  
114 East Broad Street  
Formerly a drug store dating from the late 1850s, in 2005 the Athenaeum opened to the public for viewing of the A.S. Williams’ private collection of historical artifacts from Eufaula, Barbour County and portions of the Chattahoochee Valley.

**Bank Trust**  
218 East Broad Street  
Formerly the Eufaula Bank and Trust Company, the lobby chandelier is Gold Dore’ with Baccarat crystal circa 1800. The freestanding staircase is Italian marble. Furnished with antiques, the bank is a Eufaula showpiece.

**Old Post Office**  
Blondheim & Mixon, Inc.  
240 East Broad Street  
Built on the site of the old St. Julian Hotel, where Jefferson Davis and his daughter stayed during their 1881 visit to Eufaula, the 1913 building currently houses the offices of Blondheim and Mixon architects.

**Reeves Peanut Company**  
340 East Broad Street  
Originally built as the Eufaula Grocery Company, by the W.C. Bradley Company, of Columbus, Georgia, the 1903 building now hosts a peanut warehouse and law offices.

**Central of Georgia Freight Depot**  
Eufaula – Barbour County Chamber of Commerce  
333 East Broad Street  
This 1889 structure continues to serve Eufaula housing the Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Eufaula and Leadership Barbour.
Barbour County Courthouse
303 East Broad Street

Constructed in 1925, the courthouse was remodeled in 1983 as a branch of the County’s main courthouse located in Clayton, 20 miles east of Eufaula.

Masonic Building
227 East Broad Street

Built in 1871, this Masonic building has been occupied by the Harmony Lodge since 1890.

John McNab Bank Building
Lewis Agency
201 East Broad Street

Chartered as the Eastern Bank of Alabama, circa 1853, it is one of the oldest bank buildings in the State of Alabama. The building provides offices for the Lewis Agency and attorney Jim Martin.

Saturday Mid-Morning

10:30 – Noon

HISTORIC HOMES TOUR
Driving/walking tour of North Eufaula and North Randolph Avenues homes.

Hart House
211 North Eufaula Avenue

This 1850s Greek Revival cottage is the headquarters or the Historic Chattahoochee Commission.

Couric-Smith House
325 North Eufaula Avenue

The 1845 house is the ancestral home of television journalist Katie Couric’s family. Built by Charles M. Couric, a Frenchman, it is the private residence of Ann Smith.

Home open to Lyceum participants.

Salter-Goggans-Mathias House
343 North Eufaula Avenue

With its Craftsman-style elements, since 1906 house has been owned by only a few Eufaula families construction. It is currently the private residence of Mary Ellen and Bruce Mathias.

Home open to Lyceum participants.
**Lewy-Mixon House**  
423 North Eufaula Avenue

This 1879 home, with its hand-cut columns, banister and gingerbread trim, is the home of Joan and Frank Mixon.

**Russell-Kellogg House**  
437 North Eufaula Avenue

Built in 1905 for Mr. and Mrs. Lore Russell by relative and land speculator Seth Lore. Lore helped lay out the plan for Irwinton (now Eufaula) in 1836. The house is the private residence of Dee and Don Kellogg.

**Rhodes-Davis House**  
633 North Randolph Avenue

Built in 1889 by Jamie Rhodes, with money won in a New Orleans lottery, the front yard features one of the largest male Ginkgo trees in the State of Alabama. Jamie Rhodes was the son of Chauncey and Elizabeth Daniel Rhodes whose home (Rhodes-Winkleblack) is situated immediately adjacent to the south. Today it is the private residence of Cynthia and Mike Davis.

**Rhodes-Winkleblack House**  
619 North Randolph Avenue

The 1852 historic home of Chauncey and Elizabeth Rhodes. *The Diaries of Elizabeth Rhodes: Depicting Her Life and Times in the South from 1858* will be a gift to each Lyceum participant from the current owners of the house, Mary and Doug Winkleblack.

*Home open to Lyceum participants.*

**Dean-Page Hall**  
539 North Randolph Avenue

An 1850 Italianate showplace, the original kitchen is in the basement. The Hall is the private residence of Chris Page.

**Long-Powell House**  
605 North Randolph Avenue

Built in 1888 by Edgar and Mamie Long, she was the daughter of Chauncey and Elizabeth Daniel Rhodes and a sibling of Jamie Rhodes. The Rhodes-Winkleblack House is immediately adjacent to the north. The current owner of the home is Zoe Powell.

*Home open to Lyceum participants.*

**First Presbyterian Church**  
201 North Randolph Avenue

Constructed in 1869 with brick imported from Holland, the structure is noted for its large Tiffany window in front of the church.
Saturday Afternoon

Lunch

Noon – 1:00
Mercer-Bennett Home
312 North Eufaula Avenue.

Box lunch on the front porch and yard. Built by C. G. Mercer, a mayor of Eufaula, it is now the home of Tara & Robert Bennett.

Home not open for tour.

Luncheon courtesy of the Save North Eufaula Avenue Coalition and the Eufaula-Barbour County Chamber of Commerce.

1:00 – 2:00

**PROTECTING HERITAGE TOURISM—HOW TO SAVE HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS**

MARGARET HALL, SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

300 North Eufaula Avenue

Presentation by Doug Purcell, Coordinator, Save North Eufaula Avenue Coalition. Explore preservation where perceived progress and a history of preservation collide. What to do and how to do it to save critical historic assets for the long-term future of a community, neighborhood or city.

Open for touring following the presentation and discussion. The 1905 church named for President James K. Polk.

For questions about the Save North Eufaula Avenue Coalition, call (H) 334-687-9787 or (C) 334-695-5568. Email dpurcell@eufaula.rr.com or dcpurcell@gmail.com.

Saturday Mid-Morning

2:30 – 3:45

**EXPLORING EUFALUA**

Drive by Fendall Hall at 917 West Barbour Street, an 1860 Italianate mansion owned by the Alabama Historical Commission.

The Hall is not open for touring due to a private event.

Don’t miss Superior Pecan Company, 303 Britt Street (just off North Orange Avenue), the oldest pecan business in the State of Alabama.
Browse the shops of Eufaula’s historic downtown or stroll the grounds of the Civil War-era Shorter Cemetery, located on Riverside Drive, the burial site of Alabama’s Civil War Governor John Gill Shorter, his family and family slaves.

4:00 – 5:00

At Close of Day – Reflections on Preservation

**Gracelyn Manor**
300 North Randolph Avenue

Renovated in 2000 by the current owner Gracelyn Graves.

*Open to Lyceum participants. Light refreshments courtesy of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission.*

Saturday Evening

6:30

Dine around. Enjoy the culinary experience of downtown Eufaula. The Main Street Eufaula restaurants listed below are part of Eufaula’s new Arts and Entertainment District. Suggested restaurants include:

**Cajun Corner – Bluff City Inn**
114 North Eufaula Avenue
334-616-0816

**El Jalisco**
128 East Broad Street
334-687-0063

**Legends Sports Café**
207 East Broad Street
334-687-9184

**River City Grill**
209 East Broad Street
334-616-6550

Or, by special arrangement with Jim Mathisen, President of the Eufaula Country Club:

**Eufaula Country Club**
2650 Country Club Road
334-687-2007

Country Club reservations required. Payment by check or credit card only.

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**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Lakepoint Resort**
104 Old Highway 165, Eufaula

**For Reservations:**
For hotel reservations, call (334) 687-8011.
Request rate for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation or the Preservation Lyceum Weekend, Reservation Group Number: 2963
Group Rate: $76.95 per night plus tax

**Deadline for Group Rate:** Friday, October 24.

**PRESERVATION LYCEUM REGISTRATION**

**Fall, 2014 – Eufaula**

Lyceum Weekend packets with tour information will be available for pick-up on Friday afternoon at Tasso Plantation or Saturday morning at check-in.

**For ATHP Members**
$50 per person

**For Non-Members**
$75 per person

Includes one-year membership

Registration Form on Following Page
To make reservations by phone, call the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at 205-652-3497.

Name(s) 
Address 

Daytime Phone E-mail 

Friday Night Reception at the Shorter Mansion Yes ___ Number ___ 
Saturday Lunch at the Mercer-Bennett Home Yes ___ Number ___ 
Saturday Afternoon Reflections at Gracelyn Manor Yes ___ Number ___ 

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Contributions 

Alabama Trust For Historic Preservation $____

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