lyceum- (li-se-am), a place for public lectures, debates, classes, concerts and entertainment.

Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation for the 2016 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 2016 PRESERVATION LYCEUM WEEKEND

Cullman

Friday, November 11 - Sunday, November 13

Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation for a weekend in Cullman, Alabama’s authentic German Community which survived a catastrophic tornado in April of 2011, despite the destruction of 1000 buildings in the historic part of town. The Trust has partnered with the Cullman County Historical Society and Museum to produce a program that presents Cullman’s history intertwined with the story of the storm that changed the face of their community. Everything in Cullman is designated as before or after the tornado. The tornado forced Cullman to rethink itself as a community. We examine how the community pieced together the fragments of their historic buildings and repurposed them to be an integral part of the community and commerce of Cullman.

Cover photograph of the Cullman County Museum courtesy of the Cullman County Museum.
Friday, November 11

4:00-5:45 p.m.
Arrival at the Cullman County Museum for a Welcome Reception and Overview of the History of Cullman before and after the tornado.

6:00 p.m.
Dinner at the Cotton Gin in Good Hope. Good Hope is essentially a suburb of Cullman. The Cotton Gin is a historic structure that has been moved to its present site where it has been repurposed into a seafood restaurant. (Dutch Treat)

Saturday, November 12

Breakfast at the La Quinta Inn and Suites (Included in hotel reservation.)

8:30 a.m.
Drive to St. Bernard College, site of the Abbey.

9:00 a.m.
Tour of the Abbey. While awaiting their faciltiies to be built at Redstone Arsenal, the scientists who accompanied Werner Von Braun to the US painted the beautiful murals in the Chapel.

10:00 a.m.
Tour of Ave Maria Grotto. Built of found materials by a monk who lived at the Abbey, this is a folk art outdoor garden and replica museum of some of the world’s famous historical sites. This place is unique and known worldwide as Little Jerusalem. The gardens are planted to enhance the miniature architectural replicas.

11:00 a.m.
Tour Southern Accents Architectural Antiques. Learn from owners Garlan and Heather Gudger how Dr. Garlan Gudger started rescuing architectural objects from buildings slated for demolition. Hist rescue efforts turned into a full-time business that has brought people from around the country to the city of Cullman.
12:30 p.m.

Lunch at All Steak. A well-known Cullman institution, the restaurant’s original location was blown away during the tornado. The business moved to a renovated historic building. All Steak was originally to be All Steak Hamburgers, but the sign wouldn’t hold the entire name, thus it became All Steak. The restaurant is on the Alabama Department of Tourism’s 100 Places to Eat Before You Die list. It is famous for its orange rolls served at the end of every meal. (Included in Lyceum registration.)

1:00–3:30 p.m.

There are two tour options available for self-guided tours. One is a Walking Tour and the Other is a Driving Tour. These were developed by the Cullman County Museum for the Volksmarch Touring groups who frequently come through Cullman. Also available are two pubs in the downtown area. Football fans can join the locals in rooting for their favorite team. There are a number of interesting shops in the downtown area that can also be explored.

5:00 p.m.

A Tour of Peinhardt Farms with dinner

Peinhardt Farms was founded by a German immigrant, Otto Peinhardt in 1870, and has remained in the family since that time. The present generation has seriously begun the effort to link education with preservation. In addition to farming, there are several buildings which have been restored for their original purposes or repurposed for multipurpose activities. There is an Agriplex Heritage Center in the old schoolhouse on the property. In the old schoolhouse, Lyceum participants will enjoy a barbecue dinner catered by Johnny's Barbeque, another Cullman institution. (Included in Lyceum registration.)

**Sunday, November 13**

Optional Activities for the dedicated preservationist:

10:30 a.m.

Brunch at the Top of the Town – located on the top floor of the Cullman Savings and Loan. This is the place for Sunday Brunch. (Dutch Treat)

12:30 p.m.

On the way home, visit the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament built by Mother Angelica, the nun who started the Eternal Word satellite television station. It is located east of Hanceville. It is a surprise to come upon this Spanish style cathedral with its large plaza and red tile roof in this rural area. The floors of the cathedral are marble mosaics worthy of the finest cathedrals in Europe. The hand carved floor-to-ceiling gilded altar is a work of art. Every hour on the hour, chimes ring out across the plaza. Inside the cathedral, every half hour, Gregorian chants sung by nuns are played. The lower level of the building features an authentic replica of the Shroud of Turin.
To make a reservation by phone, call the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at (205) 652-3497.

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**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

**La Quinta Inn & Suites**
2054 St Joseph Dr NW, Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 775-9500
$109 plus tax. Full breakfast included. Ask for Alabama Trust rate.

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**EVENTS**

**Friday Night – Welcoming Reception** (included in Lyceum registration fee)

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**Saturday Lunch** (included in Lyceum registration fee)

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**Saturday Dinner** (included in Lyceum registration fee)

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