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

Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation for the third season 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 Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation’s Preservation Lyceum Series travels the highways, byways and crossroads of Alabama exploring, experiencing and engaging in preservation.

2013 SUMMER PRESERVATION LYCEUM
The Antebellum Roots of Alabama’s Black Belt
Friday, August 2 – Saturday, August 3

During the pre-territorial days of Alabama and long before statehood, Alabama’s Black Belt nurtured its native citizens and early settlers. This summer, the ATHP’s Lyceum tours Alabama’s historically and culturally-rich Black Belt to explore and study the region’s architecture and heritage.

The 2013 Summer Preservation Lyceum Weekend begins in Livingston, the western end of a string of antebellum pearls gracing the northern edge of the Black Belt prairies, by exploring what is possible for the restoration of historic churches and homes. A drive through the region’s prairie lands will end in gracious Greensboro, whose history features early pioneers, Alabama governors, Civil Rights leaders and the luminance of creative revitalization through historic preservation.

Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation for this Preservation Lyceum Weekend to see what small towns are doing to preserve and enhance some of the best of the Black Belt’s historic gemstones.

2013 FALL PRESERVATION LYCEUM
The Roots of Religious Architecture in Lee and Macon Counties
Friday, November 1 – Saturday, November 2
Auburn – Tuskegee

Explore the preservation of Alabama’s scared spaces from cemeteries, to churches, to early revival campgrounds.

Schedule and registration information available mid-September.

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SUMMER PRESERVATION LYCEUM
Sponsored by the
Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, City of York, Greensboro Area Business and Tourism Association, Hale County Historic Preservation Society, Sumter County Historical Society and the University of West Alabama.

When
Friday, August 2– Saturday, August 3

Where
Livingston/Greensboro

PROGRAM

Friday Evening

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Black Belt Hospitality Energized – Cocktails and Dinner**
**Prystup House**
Conti Street, York


Black Belt Hospitality compliments of the Division of Educational Outreach-University of West Alabama, City of York and Sumter County Historical Society.

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**Registration and Check-In**
Student Union Drive, Land Hall, University of West Alabama campus, Livingston
Select luncheon menu option at sign-in.

Have a cup of coffee with a briefing of the day’s schedule.

Coffee courtesy of the Division of Educational Outreach-University of West Alabama.
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**History on the Move**
Student Union Drive, Land Hall, University of West Alabama campus, Livingston

Walk through history with a tour of buildings relocated to the University campus by the Center for the Study of the Black Belt. Tour includes historic structures from Hale and Sumter counties including the Alamuchee-Bellamy Covered Bridge (circa 1861), Campbell House (circa 1900) and Cedarwood (circa 1818). Learn how preservation can enrich the culture of a college campus, while serving as a learning laboratory for scholars and students. Tour Guides: Dr. Tina Jones, Dean of the Division of Educational Outreach, and Dr. Valerie Burnes, Director of the Center for the Study of the Black Belt, University of West Alabama.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Ramble Through the Black Belt**

Take the 48-mile scenic drive through the western Black Belt countryside from Livingston to Greensboro along Highways 11 and 14. Enjoy the best of geographical and historic vistas traveling through the Tombigbee River Valley to quaint Boligee, once the center of the richest plantation region in the country, before heading across the prairie lands to Greensboro. See an abundance of waterfowl and raptors attracted to the region’s glistening catfish ponds. Slow down through Eutaw to see the newly restored courthouse square before crossing the Black Warrior River into Hale County and watch for the geographical transition from prairie to woodlands.

See Lyceum registration packet for driving directions.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Tour of Historic Greensboro Downtown**

Project Horseshoe Community Club House
1310 Main Street

A brief introduction to Greensboro highlights the town’s origins and current efforts to revitalize its historic downtown through preservation. Walk through Greensboro’s historic Main Street business district – designated as a historic district in the National Register of Historic Places. Visit recently restored and re-adapted historic commercial buildings and several ongoing projects. Tour includes the Project Horseshoe Community Clubhouse (circa 1890’s), HERObike (circa 1890’s), HERO Headquarters (1900); and the Greensboro Opera House (1903). Tour Guide: Ashley Dumas, Greensboro resident and Professor of Archeology, University of West Alabama. Walking shoes recommended.

www.greensborooaperhouse.org
11:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Lunch**

**Newbern Mercantile Company**
7780 Highway 61, Newbern
8 miles south of Greensboro

Lunch at the historic Newbern Mercantile (1900), followed by a short driving tour of historic Newbern’s antebellum churches and Chantilly (circa 1850s), an unusual historic home being renovated by Auburn University’s architectural students studying at the Rural Studio. Funding for the renovation is provided in part by the Alabama Historical Commission.

**Saturday Afternoon**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Safe House Museum**
2401 Davis Street, Greensboro

During the night of March 21, 1968, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. took refuge from the Ku Klux Klan with the Burroughs, a local family residing in the (now historic) Depot Neighborhood of Greensboro. In 2011, students in the Rural Studio renovated and re-adapted the historic neighborhood’s classic shotgun-style houses as modern museum space. Today, the Burroughs house and an adjacent property serve as a museum interpreting the local events of the American Civil Rights Movement.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Magnolia Grove**
1002 Hobson Street, Greensboro
Intersection of Highway 14 and West Main Street

Owned and operated by the Alabama Historical Commission, Magnolia Grove is a fine example of Classical Greek Temple-style architecture. Constructed in 1840 by Isaac Croom, the mansion and grounds are the Southern archetype of what many tourists expect to see in the Deep South.

Mature magnolia trees and a beautiful boxwood garden surround the home. The mansion is furnished with original family pieces including portraits of the Croom’s and Hobson’s families. An original slave house and kitchen are under restoration with funds provided through the Save America’s Treasures program of the National Park Service.

*Magnolia Grove was the boyhood home of Spanish-American War naval hero, U.S. Congressman Richmond Pearson Hobson. In addition to his military fame, Hobson was a Progressive-era politician, who championed women’s rights and civil rights, as well as a national leader in the fight against alcohol and drug abuse.*
Wide, double doors of walnut and three massive, identical gables of this privately owned house (circa 1851) contribute to the antebellum architecture of the Black Belt region. Local tradition holds that the structure was destroyed by arson shortly after its completion. Undeterred, owner Dr. Gaston Drake persevered with his vision and immediately rebuilt the home.

Drake-Northrup-Cherry House is only open to the Lyceum participants courtesy of the owners Adelaide and Al Cherry.

Saturday Evening

5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Evening Libations

Noel-Ramsey House
700 Market Street, Greensboro

Relax with appetizers and wine at the historic Noel-Ramsey House (circa 1821), the oldest original, remaining residential building in Greensboro and home to the Hale County Historic Preservation Society. Its builder, Thomas Noel, fled a slave insurrection in the West Indies to present-day Demopolis. A member of the failed Vine and Olive Colony, Noel eventually settled in Greensboro.

The Vine and Olive Colony, an ill-fated effort by a group of French Bonapartists, who fearing for their lives after the fall of Napoleon Bonaparte and the Bourbon Restoration, attempted to establish an agricultural settlement growing wine grapes and olive trees in the Alabama wilderness, now the counties of Marengo and Hale.

Welcome and cocktails courtesy of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and the Hale County Historic Preservation Society.

FAREWELL TO THE BLACK BELT - A PIECE OF PIE FOR THE JOURNEY

The Pie Lab
1317 Main Street, Greensboro

Partake of supper at the Pie Lab where a bite of history nourishes the future of Greensboro. Enjoy an evening meal at the world-famous Pie Lab (1904). Renovated in 2009, the historic building is used as a training laboratory for local students in the hospitality industry. Take advantage of this bit of comfort before heading home along Alabama’s highways and byways.

www.pielab.org
SUNDAY OPTIONS
Optional for Lyceum participants who wish to explore more of Hale and Sumter counties.

Courthouse Square
Livingston

In 1833, a commission was formed to organize Sumter County. The first courthouse was built of logs and replaced by a frame courthouse in 1839, which burned in 1901. The current courthouse, a Beaux-Arts design with elements of Romanesque, was built in 1902. As with many early Alabama towns, the courthouse sits on a square around which buildings of commerce flourished. Among these historic structures are the University Theatre (circa 1900) and the former McMillan Bank building (1906), which is undergoing restoration to house the Black Belt Museum.

http://www.ci.livingston.al.us

The Rural Studio
Newbern

Tour rural Hale County and observe the work of The Rural Studio, a program of Auburn University’s School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture. The Rural Studio was created in 1993 by Auburn alumnus, architect and MacArthur Fellow, Samuel Mockbee and his longtime friend D.K. Ruth, architect and university professor.

The Rural Studio philosophy suggests that everyone, rich or poor, deserves the benefit of good design. The program gives architecture students a hands-on experience whilst assisting an underserved population in Alabama’s Black Belt region. The scope and complexity of its projects continues to expand focusing largely on community-oriented work and taking on preservation efforts that foster economic development. To date, the Rural Studio has built more than 150 projects and educated more than 600 “Citizen Architects.”

www.ruralstudio.org
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Bailey’s Guest House**  
8 miles to Greensboro  
8687 AL Hwy. 61  
Newbern, AL 36765  
334-624-3515

- Two rooms for Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at $40 per night, breakfast not included.  
- Deadline for group rate: First Come-First Served

**Best Western Plus/Two Rivers Hotel and Suites**  
25 miles to Greensboro, 27 miles to Livingston  
662 US Highway 80 W  
Demopolis, Alabama, 36732  
334-289-2611

- Ten king or queen-size rooms at $98.95 per night reserved for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.  
- Deadline for Group Rate: Monday, July 15.

**Blue Shadows Guest House**  
3 miles to Greensboro  
AL Hwy. 14  
Greensboro, AL 36744  
334-624-3637

**Comfort Inn**  
25 miles to Greensboro, 27 miles to Livingston  
943 US Hwy. 80 W  
Demopolis, AL 36732  
866-611-6301

- Ten rooms reserved for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. King-size rooms $90.20 per night/Queen-size rooms $94.95 per night.  
- Deadline for Group Rate: Friday, July 19.

**Comfort Inn**  
141 Trucker Boulevard  
Livingston, AL 35470  
205-652-4839

- Call after July 15 for rate and availability.

**Sleep Inn and Suites**  
20 mi to Greensboro, 68 miles to Livingston  
1605 AL Hwy. 5  
Marion, AL 36756  
334-683-8600

- Ten king and queen rooms reserved for Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation at $109 per night.  
- Deadline for Group Rate: Friday, July 19.

PRESERVATION LYCEUM REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
Summer, 2013 – Livingston/Greensboro

Lyceum Weekend packets with tour information available for pick-up Friday afternoon and Saturday morning at Land Hall, University of West Alabama campus.

**For ATHP Members**  
$50 per person  
Includes Friday cocktail dinner, Saturday lunch, and admissions to Magnolia Grove and Safe House museums. Saturday night dinner an additional $10.

**For Non-Members**  
$75 per person  
Includes Friday cocktail dinner, Saturday lunch, admissions to Magnolia Grove and Safe House museums, and one-year membership in the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Saturday night dinner an additional $10.

Registration Form on Following Page
Summer 2013 Preservation Lyceum

RESERVATIONS
Livingston/Greensboro

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

Name(s)__________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

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Daytime Phone_________________________________________ E-mail ________________________________

Friday Night – Black Belt Hospitality Energized (complimentary) Yes __

Saturday Lunch – Newbern Mercantile Co. (included in registration fee) Yes __

Saturday Cocktails – Evening Libations (complimentary) Yes __

Saturday Dinner – Farewell to the Black Belt Pie Lab Dinner ($10 per reservation) Yes __

Registration fees include Friday cocktail dinner, Saturday lunch and admission to Magnolia Grove and Safe House museums.

ATHP Members # Reservations ____ $____

$50 per reservation

Non-Members # Reservations ____ $____

$75 per reservation

Fee includes one-year membership

Contributions/Gifts Alabama Trust For Historic Preservation $____

Alice Bowsher Operating Reserve Fund $____

Endangered Properties Trust Fund $____

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE(S) $____

If paying by check, make check payable to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.
Mail to: ATHP, UWA Station 45, Livingston, AL 35470.

If Payment by Credit Card, mail to the ATHP, UWA Station 45, Livingston, AL 35470 or call 205-652-3497.

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