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**Lyceum**  
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# 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 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 FALL PRESERVATION LYCEUM**

### ***The Roots of Religious Architecture in Lee and Macon Counties***

Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation in exploring the plains of Alabama in search of sacred spaces from early revival campgrounds, to cemeteries, to churches, to schools and university chapels.

From the early churches and campuses of Auburn and Tuskegee, from town and gown to rural communities, Alabama's early and modern religious structures capture, enthrall and inspire visitors who pass through these historic sacred spaces to glimpse times past and moments of the here and now – experiences that enlighten and remind the passerby of what it means to be an Alabamian.

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Friday, November 1 – Saturday, November 2

Auburn – Tuskegee

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



## FALL PRESERVATION LYCEUM

### **The Roots of Religious Architecture in Lee and Macon Counties**

Sponsored by the  
*Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Osher Life Long Learning Institute at Auburn  
and Shiloh Community Preservation Foundation.*

#### **When**

**Friday, November 1 – Saturday, November 2**

#### **Where**

**Auburn/Tuskegee**

### **PROGRAM**

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#### **Friday Evening**

**5:30 – 6:30**

### **BLESSED ASSURANCE**

#### **Vespers, Registration, Wine and Cheese Opening Reception**

Auburn Unitarian-Universalist Church/Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church  
450 East Thach Avenue, Auburn

Join the ATHP Board and local preservationists for a wine and cheese reception in the sanctuary of this early African-American church (circa 1870) built by a congregation of freed slaves. This well-preserved frame structure retains its handsome interior molded door and window surrounds and stained wood paneling.

Shari Williams will present information about The Ridge Dig, a local history group focused on Native-American and African-American archeological sites along the Old Federal Road. Lyceum participants may make appointments for special tours of Ridge Dig sites, including several early African-American church sites and cemeteries, none of which are on the Saturday itinerary because of their remote location in southeastern Macon County.

*Hospitality courtesy of the Board of Directors, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.*

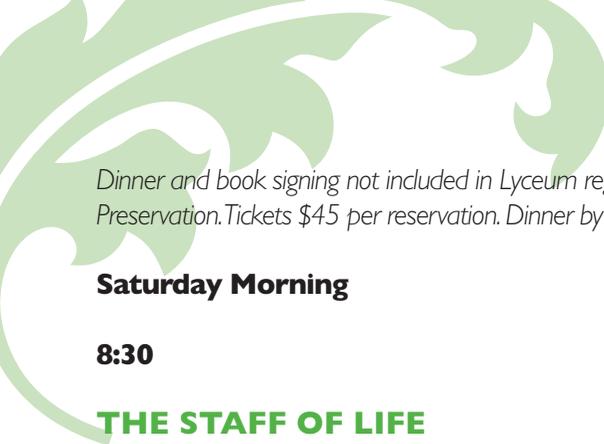
**7:00**

### **BLESS THIS FOOD**

#### **ATHP Benefit Dinner and Lost Auburn Book-Signing**

Historic Noble Hall  
1433 Lee Road 97

Dine with the authors of *Lost Auburn: A Village Remembered in Period Photographs* (New South Books, 2012) in Noble Hall, the antebellum home of Ann Pearson, who co-authored *Lost Auburn* with Ralph Draughton Jr. and Delos Hughes. Books will be available for purchase at Noble Hall, a gracious Greek Revival plantation home on the northern outskirts of Auburn. Noble Hall (circa 1854), was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. Attire: Dressy Casual.



*Dinner and book signing not included in Lyceum registration fee. Proceeds benefit the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Tickets \$45 per reservation. Dinner by Ursula's Catering.*

## **Saturday Morning**

**8:30**

### **THE STAFF OF LIFE**

#### **Registration, Check-In & Coffee**

Auburn Unitarian-Universalist Church/Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church  
450 East Thach Avenue, Auburn

Check-in and enjoy coffee and juice before a busy day of exploring the religious roots of East Alabama's plains.

*Hospitality courtesy of the Division of Educational Outreach-University of West Alabama.*

**9:00**

#### **Invocation, Introductions and Orientation**

Invocation and overview of Saturday's activities and schedule and brief introduction to the religious architecture of Lee and Macon counties. Presenters: Lyceum organizers Michael Panhorst and Florence Young, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation board members.

*Car caravan departs church for walking tour of South College Street.*

**9:30**

#### **A Closer Walk in Sacred Spaces – Walking Tour of Early Churches Near Toomer's Corner**

Take a walk with Auburn's native son Ralph Draughon, Jr. and discover the architecture of faith along Auburn's historic South College Street. *Comfortable walking shoes recommended.*

#### **Auburn University Chapel**

139 South College Street, Auburn

The Chapel was built in 1851 as Auburn's Presbyterian Church and now serves the University and a new "home church," which has already outgrown its residential beginnings. The University Chapel was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

*Please note that the Chapel is reserved for a wedding. Lyceum participants are asked not to enter the building.*



## Langdon Hall

152 South College Street, Auburn

Originally the chapel of the former Auburn Masonic Female College, Langdon Hall (circa 1853) was moved and renovated in 1883.

## St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

136 East Magnolia Avenue, Auburn

This 1900 Neo-Gothic chapel was built for the university community and still sits on its original site and serves its original purpose.

**10:45**

## HALLALEUHA TRAIL

*Car caravan departs from South College Street to Little Texas Tabernacle and Cemetery.*

**11:00**

## Lord Bless these Crops and this Food and Our Service...

### Little Texas Tabernacle

Williams Chapel United Methodist Church, Little Texas  
County Road 69 at intersection County Road 71, Macon County

While Lyceum participants will not be arriving by horse or buggy, or bring any cows and chickens (except the modern, pre-fried variety), many locals did when attending week-long, mid-summer camp meetings at the Little Texas Tabernacle (circa 1848) during the middle of the 19th century. A brush arbor served as the sanctuary prior to construction of the current open-air, hipped-roof, mortise-and-tenon temple with its fixed pews and sawdust floor:

Over time, the bottoms of some of the massive wooden posts have been discretely replaced with concrete, and the original wooden shakes have been replaced with tin roofing, but square nails remain in the broad, rough-cut roof decking that is visible from "inside" the sanctuary. The Tabernacle's pews show evidence of square nails, while marks of the straight saw have been worn smooth by generations of worshippers. These old pews made with broad, one-board seats are hard and uncomfortable, but vintage.

### Little Texas Cemetery

This mid-19th century cemetery is located across the road from the Tabernacle, opposite the camping grounds where early worshippers built their temporary "tents." Lyceum participants are invited to amble over when time permits for a self-guided tour among the spirits of the devoted departed.

## Breaking Bread Together – Dinner on the Grounds

In homage to the long-standing camp-meeting tradition of breaking bread with family and friends, Lyceum participants will dine together under the impressive complex of sheds and tables on the grounds of the Tabernacle. If the weather is inhospitable, or Lyceum participants prefer, tables and chairs will be available in the church's warm and cozy Fellowship Hall.



## **Saturday Afternoon**

**1:00**

### **HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION**

#### **Tuskegee's Historic 19th Century Churches**

*Preview commentary at Tabernacle and departure for windshield tour of Tuskegee's historic downtown churches. In the interest of time, participants will not tour the interior of the churches. Regretfully the tour of historic Tuskegee does not include Tuskegee University sites due to weekend traffic for the University's Homecoming events. For historic sites on campus, see Sunday's Optional listing at end of this schedule.*

Discussion about the importance of these historic churches by Robert Gamble, Senior Architectural Historian of the Alabama Historical Commission.

#### **First United Methodist Church**

202 South Main Street, Tuskegee

The church (circa 1861) introduced Norman Revival style architecture to Alabama. While the Methodist Church is the largest of the three historic Tuskegee churches on the tour, today it has a small congregation. Note the round-arched stained glass windows and new roof.

#### **Booker T. Washington Birthplace Log Cabin**

Tuskegee Visitors Center, South Elm Street

One block beyond the church is the Tuskegee Visitors Center. Lyceum participants may park in the Visitor Center's lot to visit the reproduction log cabin in which Booker T. Washington was born in Virginia. There is no access to the inside of the cabin. For visitors, interpretive signage is located outside the cabin.

#### **First Baptist Church**

North Church Street at AL 81, Tuskegee

This 1855 brick Greek Revival building lost its center steeple to lightning. Rather than rebuild the steeple, the congregation added a colossal portico. The church, attached education annex and two-story brick parsonage behind the church are no longer used.

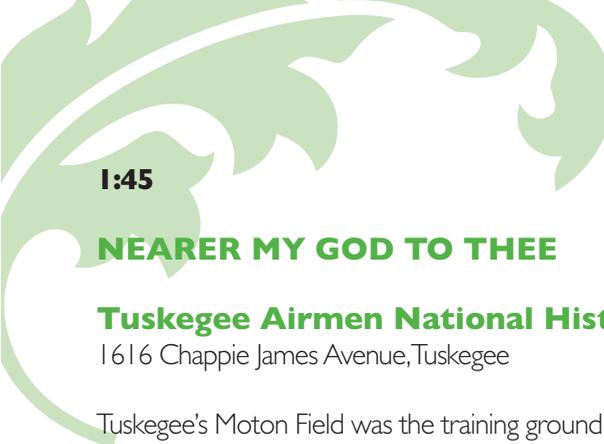
#### **First Presbyterian Church**

East Lee Street at AL 81, Tuskegee

This 1879 white clapboard sanctuary has a handsome steeple and a two-story brick education annex.

#### **Historic Tuskegee Town Square**

*Lyceum participants will stop briefly for photographic opportunities of this historic district. The Tuskegee Main Street Historic District and Macon County Courthouse are listed on the National Register for Historic Places.*



**1:45**

## **NEARER MY GOD TO THEE**

### **Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site/Museum**

1616 Chappie James Avenue, Tuskegee

Tuskegee's Moton Field was the training ground for the renowned Tuskegee Airmen of World War II. The experiences and achievements of these African-American pioneer-aviators changed the course of U.S. military history. A National Historic Site administered by the National Park Service, the museum commemorates and interprets the experiences of these historic airmen. Self-guided tours of renovated Hanger # 1 will be available. The grand opening of the recently reconstructed Hanger # 2 is scheduled for Veterans Day weekend.

**3:30**

*Car caravan departs Museum for ten-mile drive to Notasulga.*

## **SING THE LORD'S PRAISES**

### **Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and Cemetery**

7 Shiloh Road, Highway 80, Notasulga

Greetings by the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church gospel choir and tour of the building followed by a tour of the adjacent Rosenwald School with school alumni. An optional self-guided tour of the nearby Shiloh Cemetery, which contains the graves of some Tuskegee Syphilis Study participants, is available.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church is listed in the National Register for Historic Places and the Alabama State Historic Register. The building is a gable-front frame structure with a frame bell tower that serves as a prominent landmark along the rural highway where it stands. Sided in vinyl in 1990, the building preserves its 1916 form and interior features like decorative painted graining on doors, pews and wainscoting.

The Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church was formed in 1870 in the small community known today as Notasulga. By 1914, the congregation acquired acreage to erect a church building and the Shiloh-Rosenwald School, the latter completed with financial assistance from the Rosenwald Fund endowed by Julius Rosenwald, CEO and co-owner of Sears Roebuck & Co.

## **Cleanliness...No, Education Is Next to Godliness**

### **Shiloh Rosenwald School**

7 Shiloh Road, Alabama Highway 80, Notasulga

The Rosenwald Fund, a partnership between Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington, built more than 5,000 rural schools, many sponsored by local religious congregations. These schools served the South's African-American communities from Maryland to Texas. Built with design and engineering help from the faculty at Tuskegee Institute, local funds, and matching funds from Rosenwald, by the mid-20th century, an estimated 1/3 of all African-American school children in the South were educated in a Rosenwald School.



The last surviving Rosenwald School in Macon County, the Shiloh Rosenwald School was built in 1922 and is listed on the National Register for Historic Places and the Alabama State Historic Register. It was remodeled in 1936 when a New Deal agency expanded the industrial room and made other interior and exterior changes. Still, the building retains much of its architectural integrity. The Shiloh Community Preservation Foundation initiated restoration in 2011, marshaling support from Auburn University architecture faculty and students and Lowe's, among many other patrons.

**5:00**

## **THE BENEDICTION – GO FORTH TO PREACH THE WORD OF PRESERVATION**

### **Shiloh Baptist Missionary Church/Rosenwald School**

Reflections and refreshments. Review the sights (and sites) and sounds of the day and savor the flavor of hot mulled cider and ginger snaps before hitting the road home. Join together in giving thanks for the rich culture and diversity of Alabama's religious heritage. Pay tribute to those efforts that have preserved the historic fabric of Macon and Lee counties' religious roots.

*Hospitality courtesy of the Shiloh Community Preservation Foundation and Division of Educational Outreach-University of West Alabama.*

### **Sunday**

#### **THE DAY THE LORD HAS GIVEN**

Optional programs for Lyceum participants staying over Saturday night before traveling home. See *Lyceum packet for optional programs and touring details.*

#### **The Ridge Dig**

Optional for Lyceum participants with an interest in archeology sites and Native-American and African-American culture and history. ***Pre-registration required prior to 5:00 PM Saturday.***

#### **Faith of Our Fathers**

Attend services in a historic church of your choice.

#### **The Oaks**

##### **Tuskegee University Campus, Tuskegee**

The Oaks, a Queen Ann-style historic house (circa 1899), was built with bricks made by the faculty and students of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute for college president, educator, author and orator Booker T. Washington. Designed by architect and faculty member Robert Taylor, one of few African-American architects in America at the time, the first floor boasts circa 1908 murals by European artist E.W. Borman. A portion of the second floor is furnished with pieces constructed by Institute students. The National Park Service restored the home in 1980 and preserves and administers the site. See *Lyceum packet for details.*



## **Tuskegee University Chapel Tuskegee University campus, Tuskegee**

This remarkable chapel was designed by Auburn University graduate and Yale College of Architecture dean, Paul Rudolph, and built by the African-American firm of John A. Welch and Louis Fry, both of whom were former Tuskegee Institute faculty. The chapel (circa 1967-69), with its cavernous sanctuary, provides a sharp contrast to smaller places of worship and is studied by students of architecture throughout the United States. It has been described as "one of the remarkable structures designed for any college in the United States and abroad." The "Singing Windows" that were lost when the earlier campus chapel burned were reproduced and installed in the current chapel. See Lyceum packet for details.

### **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

#### **Hampton Inn and Suites**

*3000 Capps Way, Opelika*

*Group Rate: \$104 per night*

*Deadline for Group Rate: Friday, October 18*

*For reservations call, 334-745-4311.*

*For group rate, use reservation code ATP for Alabama Trust Preservation.*

### **PRESERVATION LYCEUM REGISTRATION INFORMATION Fall, 2013 –Auburn/Tuskegee**

Lyceum Weekend packets with tour information available for pick-up at Friday evening and Saturday morning at the Auburn Unitarian-Universalist Church.

#### **For ATHP Members**

*\$50 per person*

*Includes Friday wine and cheese reception and Saturday coffee, lunch and closing gathering.*

#### **For Non-Members**

*\$75 per person*

*Includes Friday wine and cheese reception; Saturday coffee, lunch and closing gathering; and one-year membership in the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.*

#### **For OLLI Members**

*\$50 per person*

*Includes Friday wine and cheese reception; Saturday coffee, lunch and closing gathering; and one-year membership in the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.*



# Fall 2013 Preservation Lyceum RESERVATIONS Auburn/Tuskegee

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 – Auburn Unitarian-Universalist Church** Yes \_\_\_\_  
(complimentary)

**Friday Night Benefit Dinner/Book Signing** Yes \_\_\_\_  
(\$45 per reservation)

**Saturday Dinner – Church Grounds, Little Texas** Yes \_\_\_\_  
(included in registration fee)

**Saturday Closing Gathering** Yes \_\_\_\_  
(complimentary)

*Registration fees include Friday reception, Saturday lunch and closing gathering.*

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

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

**OLLI-Members** # Reservations \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_  
\$50 per reservation  
*Fee includes one-year membership*

**Benefit Dinner** # Reservations \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_  
\$45 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.

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