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

Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation for the inaugural 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 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 newly-formed program, the Preservation Lyceum Series, is travelling the highways, byways and crossroads of Alabama exploring, experiencing and engaging in preservation.

Our Spring Lyceum, the second in the 2011 series, will focus on the historic trails and byways of Alabama. Fearing the extinction of historic roads and pathways that connected early Alabama settlements, the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and Alabama Historical Commission named the Old Federal Road to the 2010 Places in Peril list. Join the Alabama Trust in Monroe County to explore and travel the remnants of this historic highway, learn more about proposed historic and scenic byways in Alabama and tour Monroeville’s historic courthouse, businesses and neighborhoods.
SPRING PRESERVATION LYCEUM
Sponsored by the
Alabama Trust For Historic Preservation
The Monroe County Heritage Museum and Claiborne-Purdue Hill Foundation.

When
Friday, April 8– Saturday, April 9, 2011

Where
Monroeville

PROGRAM

Friday Evening
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Southern Hospitality: Twilight on the Farm
6:00 p.m. – Cocktails
7:00 p.m. – Buffet Dinner

Historic Meadow Bank Plantation
16179 Hwy 84 West
Six miles west of the Alabama River
Private Home of Ann Bedsole

Enjoy a spring evening of casual dining on the grounds of Meadow Bank Plantation. Listen to the Alabama River to the east, cast your eyes westward to the sunset and watch twilight fall on land settled by Alabama’s early pioneers. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the plantation is the site of the oldest continuously operated farm in Alabama reflecting changes in rural, agrarian Alabama from the early 1800’s until present time. The farm includes the early settlement town of Claiborne and old Claiborne Cemetery.

Cocktail and dinner compliments of Ann Bedsole, recipient of the 2010 Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation’s Gwendolyn C. Turner Award for life-long dedication and service to preservation in Alabama.

Saturday Morning
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Beehive Coffee & Books
Coffee, Check-in and Briefing
11 West Claiborne Street

A re-adapted historic building in Monroeville’s downtown business district is home to Beehive Coffee and Books. A bookstore, coffee shop and meeting place, Beehive Coffee and Books was featured in Southern Living magazine. Begin the day with sips of coffee and an early morning browse of books by local authors, such as Truman Capote, Mark Childress and Harper Lee.

Coffee courtesy of Beehive Coffee and Books, proprietress Chrissy Nettles, with husband Alexander, winners of the 2010 Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation’s Preservation of Alabama’s Small Towns Award.
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
**Meadow Bank Plantation Tour**
16179 Hwy 84 West, Monroe County

“Traveling The Old Federal Road”

Originally a horse path for postal riders in the first decade of the nineteenth century, during second decade, the Old Federal Road became the major military artery connecting forts in the Creek Lands and Mississippi Territory to Alabama’s southeastern boarder, the Chattahoochee River. Later in the century, it would serve as Alabama’s super highway bringing thousands pioneers from the Carolinas and Georgia to settle the new frontier.

With Ann Bedsole, Meadow Bank owner, explore remnants of the Old Federal Road on the farm. Learn more about the history of this disappearing historic pathway and the early settlement of Alabama’s southwest frontier.

Tour includes the **Historic Governor John Murphy House** with restoration architect Nick Holmes. This plantation home of the State of Alabama’s fourth governor (1825 – 1829), was originally located on land in Clarke County, which later became Monroe County. The Murphy House was moved to the Meadow Bank Plantation for preservation and restoration.

11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
**Historic Masonic Lodge Tour**
Intersection of Hwy 84 West and Alabama County Rd 1, Perdue Hill
across from W.E. Broughton Store at 10115 Hwy 84

Continue along the Old Federal Road past the site of historic Claiborne, one of Alabama’s lost towns, for lunch at the Historic Masonic Lodge (circa 1823-1825). The Masonic Lodge is the oldest documented public building in Alabama. Tour this historic structure with preservationist Agee Broughton. Learn more about Alabama’s historic routes, proposed scenic byways and heritage trails and preservation challenges in Monroe County.

“Traveling the Highways and Byways of Alabama”

Presentations/Discussion and Boxed Lunch

Presenters/Panelists
Agee Broughton, Claiborne-Purdue Hill Foundation
Mark Dauber, photographer, author of forthcoming book *Exploring the Old Federal Road in Alabama*
K.T. Owen, Monroeville Historic Preservation Commission
Joe Watts/ Linda Vice, Alabama Scenic Byways Advisory Council
Wimberly Comer, Alabama Black Belt Nature and Heritage Trail

Saturday Afternoon
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m
**Historic Monroeville Tour**
Monroe County Heritage Museum and Courthouse
31 North Alabama Avenue, Monroeville
Move eastward along the Old Federal Road past Old Salem Church on Highway 27 to the heart of historic Monroeville. With museum staff Stephanie Rogers and Nathan Carter, tour the Monroe County Heritage Museum, visit the courtroom made famous in Harper Lee’s book *To Kill a Mockingbird*, stroll Monroeville’s historic downtown streets and shops and see some of Monroeville’s historic neighborhoods.

Lyceum participants will have an opportunity to visit shops in Monroeville’s historic courthouse district.

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Under the Magnolias: Wine and Cheese Soiree**

*Russell-Harper House*

1395 Pineville Road, Monroeville

*Private Residence of Will and Robison Harper*

End the Spring Lyceum Weekend with a tour by owner Bill Harper of the historic Russell-Harper House (circa 1849) and a wine and cheese soiree. Originally an unpainted dog-trot style structure and home to a Monroe County sheriff, Will Russell, the house was later remodeled by Mrs. Charlie Floyd, grandmother of the owner; into its current form, an elegant Greek-Revival residence surrounded by towering magnolia trees – a historical feature of the grounds that references an earlier name, Magnolia Villa.

**Sunday**

Optional for Lyceum participants, travel through Monroe County exploring its driving tours and historic sites.

**Burnt Corn/Old Scotland**

Tour includes sections of the Old Federal Road and fields of wildflowers.

**Claiborne – The Lost Town and Purdue Hill**

Includes Old Claiborne Cemetery, William Barrett Travis Cottage, McConnico Cemetery, and the W. E. Broughton Store.

**The Old Federal Road**

From Claiborne on Highway 84 travel through Monroeville on Highway 27 to Burnt Corn on County Road 5.

**The Piney Woods**

Includes Old Jones Mill Post Office Museum, Jones House (circa 1889), King-Criswell Plantation House, Norris House (circa 1881) and Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

**The Red Hills**

See Finklea’s Store, the Robbins Hotel, Rikard’s Mill, the Alabama River Museum, Buena Vista Cemetery, Hybart, Bell’s Landing, McDuffie Place, Franklin School House and Alabama River Museum.

Tour Information included in registration packet at check in.
REGISTRATION
Lyceum Weekend packets with tour information available for pick-up at Saturday check-in.

Spring Preservation Lyceum

For ATHP Members
$50 per person
Includes Saturday lunch and Wine & Cheese Soiree

For Non-Members
$75 per person
Includes Saturday lunch, Wine and Cheese Soiree and one-year membership in the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Holiday Inn Express
120 Hwy 21 South
251 743-3333
Lyceum Weekend rate: $89.99 per night - Note: Request rate for Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.
# Spring Preservation Lyceum

## Reservations

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