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 second 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 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. The summer 2012 Lyceum Weekend in Florence will tour historic sites in the Shoals area, the historically rich corner of northwest Alabama.

Join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation in examining two centuries of historic architecture from the neo-classical engineering feat of the Wilson Lock Dam spanning the Tennessee River; to the antebellum mansion of Belle Mont gracing its hilltop, to the Usonian Frank Lloyd Wright-Rosenbaum home embracing the interior and exterior landscape.

Cover photograph of the Hugh C. Leckey House (circa 1872-1873) courtesy of Evie and Fennel Mauldin.
PROGRAM
FRIDAY EVENING

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Cocktails and Dinner at the Historic Leckey House
7740 Old Hwy 20, Leighton
Intersection of AL Hwy 20 and Cty Rd 48

Enjoy cocktails and dinner at the historic Hugh C. Leckey House (circa 1872-1873), private home of Evie and Fennel Mauldin. The clapboard, three-bay front Leckey House is noted for its Italianate-style elements, hipped roof, center hall with back-crossing hallway and Anthony Brewington-designed gardens.

SATURDAY MORNING

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

Registration/Check-In
Rogers Hall, University of North Alabama
500 Court Street, Florence

Rogers Hall (circa 1855) was constructed by planter George Washington Foster. One of the oldest buildings on the University of North Alabama campus, Rogers Hall served as a command post during the Civil War for Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Bus departs from Rogers Hall parking lot at 8:00 for Saturday tours.

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

HISTORIC WILSON LOCK DAM
Tennessee Valley Authority Muscle Shoals Reservation

Tour Wilson Lock Dam (circa 1918-1924). Experience a part of Alabama’s engineering history with a visit to this neoclassical-style structure. Constructed by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, the lock and dam was the first successful project to tame the “treacherous shoals” of the Tennessee River. Acquired by the
Tennessee Valley Authority in 1933, the lock and dam are part of Alabama’s river system connecting the Tennessee River with the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

9:30 – 10:30 p.m.

HISTORIC BARTON HALL
U.S. Hwy 72
2.5 miles W of Cherokee

Visit historic Barton Hall (circa 1840). Formerly known as Cunningham Plantation, the Greek Revival-style antebellum residence is noteworthy for its architectural features including a Doric column entrance, limestone-paved courtyard, double-flight stairway and rooftop observatory. A National Historic Landmark, Barton Hall, a private residence, is not open to the public. Lyceum only participants will have a private tour of the residence by the owner Bo Osborn, who restored the historic structure.

11:00 – Noon

HISTORIC BELLE MONTE
1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia

Tour of House Museum (circa 1828-1832). An Alabama Historical Commission site, Belle Monte is one of Alabama’s great plantation houses. Jeffersonian influences are evident in the Palladian-style of the house with its brickwork, wood trim and a two-story center with flanking one-story wings.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

GREEN ACRES STUDIO
6th Street W, Tuscumbia
Between Main and Water Streets

Enjoy a boxed lunch at Green Acres Studio (GAS). Learn about photographer Robert Raush’s vision for an artist community located in local historic structures. Explore his studio, created from re-adapting two historic, three-story buildings, where the photographer directs photo shoots for clothing designer Natalie Chanin’s Alabama Chanin wear. Next door is sculptor Audwin McGee’s studio and loft, another re-adapted historic building.

2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

ROSENBAUM HOUSE
601 Riverview Drive, Florence

Tour the Rosenbaum House (circa 1939), Alabama’s only Frank Lloyd Wright-designed structure and one of few Wright buildings in the southeast. Considered the purist form of the architect’s Usonian design, the house was meticulously restored by local community preservationists.
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Disembark bus for walking tours of Walnut Street and Main Street historic districts.**

**WALNUT STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
355 Government Street, Florence

Walk a part of Florence's 622-site Walnut Street Historic District with historian Billy Warren. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, experience one of the city's oldest neighborhoods.

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**MAIN STREET FLORENCE**  
Court Street, Florence

Explore preservation and its impact in creating a thriving downtown area in the city's historic core. End the day with Main Street Florence and shop the city's historic commercial center. Peruse the shop of clothing designer Billy Reid. Visit boutiques or take a brief respite and sample the district's culinary and entertainment venues.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**COCKTAILS - HISTORIC WAKEFIELD HOUSE**  
N Court Street, Florence

Enjoy the end of the day with libations at the historic antebellum Wakefield House (circa 1820's). Attributed to master builder James Sample, the Federal cottage displays notable features, such as its fine brickwork laid in Flemish bond pattern and a repeating ellipse and circle motif in primary windows. Architect Harvey Jones oversaw the house restoration with interior renovations by Bill Ingram and gardens by Ryan Gainey and Anthony Brewington. Private residence of Zac Abramson.

*Compliments of Zac Abramson.*

**SATURDAY EVENING**

6:30 p.m.

**DINING AROUND THE SHOALS**

Enjoy the culinary experiences of the Quad Cities. Celebrate the Year of Alabama Food by dining in a variety of the region’s restaurants. Choose your favorite cuisine. *Reservations recommended. See listing at end of program.*
8:00 p.m.

Optional

IVY GREEN - HELEN KELLER BIRTHPLACE
300 N Commons Street
Helen Keller House Museum, Tuscumbia

See playwright William Gibson’s world-renowned drama “The Miracle Worker” performed on the grounds of Ivy Green, the childhood home of Helen Keller. For more information and to reserve tickets, call the Helen Keller Birthplace Museum at 256-383-4066.

Optional

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY ADVENTURES
Explore the natural and cultural history of the Quad Cities.

Alabama Music Hall of Fame
617 U. S. Hwy. 72 West, Tuscumbia,

The museum pays tribute to Alabama’s many music achievers. View memorabilia from stars, wax figures, the first tour bus of country music group Alabama and much more. For more information, call 256-381-4417.

Coon Dog Graveyard
7 miles W of Tuscumbia, US Hwy 72, Cherokee
Turn left on Alabama Hwy 247; travel 12.8 miles, turn right and follow signs to attraction.

A unique tribute to man’s best friend. Over 185 coon dogs have been buried at the site. Visitors can enjoy reading the headstones. For more information, visit www.coondogcemetery.com.

Fame Recording Studios
603 East Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals

Fame Recording Studios (circa 1959) was the first successful professional recording studio in the state. The studio became world renowned mixing “Southern Rock,” “Southern Soul” and “Country Soul,” to create “the Muscle Shoals Sound.” Artists recording in the Fame Studio include music greats, such as Aretha Franklin, Tom Jones, ALABAMA, the Osmonds, Wilson Pickett, Mac Davis, Clarence Carter, Paul Anka, and Andy Williams. Open by chance or by appointment. For more information, call 256-381-0801.

Helen Keller Home (Ivy Green)
300 North Commons, W, Tuscumbia

The 1820’s home is available for tour 7 days a week. See the famous pump where Helen Keller first spoke “w-a-t-e-r” (with the help of teacher Anne Sullivan), original house furnishings and memorabilia. Tour includes main house, birthplace home, separate kitchen and cook’s room. For more information, call 256-383-4066.
Indian Mound & Museum
South Court Street, Florence

This great mound, called “Wawmanona” by the Native Americans, is the largest one of a number found in the Tennessee Valley. Adjacent to the mound is the museum featuring relics of the early mound builders. For more information, call 256-760-6427.

Muscle Shoals Sound Studio Museum
3614 Jackson Hwy, Sheffield

The studio produced many of the top-hit recordings made in the Muscle Shoals area by studio musicians “The Swamper” (aka Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section). Famous artists recorded in the studio included the Rolling Stones, Rod Stewart, Cher, Lynyrd Skynyrd and many more. Museum features original equipment, instruments and photographic displays. For more information, call 256-783-2641.

Tennessee Valley Museum of Art
511 N. Water Street, Tuscumbia

Serves a three-county region with changing visual arts exhibits in two galleries. The permanent Martin Petroglyph Exhibit houses an important work of prehistoric stone carvings by Native Americans. Also, don’t miss the traveling exhibition Alabama In the Making: Traditional Arts of People in Places, which includes artifacts from the Alabama Center for Tradition Culture, photographic collections, audio interviews and video. For more information, call 256-383-0533 or visit www.alabamainthemaking.com.

W. C. Handy Birthplace Museum
620 West College Street, Florence

The log-cabin home of the “Father of the Blues.” See the famous piano on which Handy wrote “Saint Louis Blues,” “Memphis Blues” and more. Museum houses memorabilia, musical instruments and original manuscripts from some of Handy’s most famous works. For more information, call 256-760-6434.


Dining and Hotel information on the second page following.
**Winter Preservation Lyceum**

**RESERVATIONS**

**Florence**

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**ATHP Members**

| # Reservations | $____ |
| # Reservations | $50 per reservation |

**Non-Members**

| # Reservations | $____ |
| # Reservations | $75 per reservation |
|                | Fee includes one-year membership |

**Contributions**

| Alabama Trust For Historic Preservation | $____ |
| Endangered Properties Trust Fund       | $____ |

TOTAL $____

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

Reservations recommended.

City Hardware
105 N Court Street
Florence, AL 35630
Phone: 256-275-3294

Dish Gourmet
118 W Mobile Street
Florence, AL 35630
Phone: 256-766-2414

Frank’s Italian Restaurant
500 N Montgomery Avenue
Sheffield, AL 35660
Phone: 256-314-4407

George’s Steak Pit
1206 Jackson Highway
Sheffield, AL 35660
Phone: 256-381-1531

Ricatoni’s Italian Grill
107 N Court Street
Florence, AL 35630
Phone: 256-718-1002

Rosie’s Mexican Cantina
302 N Court Street
Florence, AL 35630
Phone: 256-767-7080

Sweet Magnolia Café
1154 N Wood Avenue
Florence, AL 35630
Phone: 256-765-2234

HOtel Accommodations

Holiday Inn Express
180 Etta Gray Street, Florence

For Reservations:
Call the hotel reservation desk at 256-246-2200.
Request rate for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation or Preservation Lyceum Weekend.
Group Rate: $89 per night plus tax

Preservation Lyceum Registration

Summer, 2012 – Florence
Lyceum Weekend packets with tour information available for pick-up at Friday afternoon at the Leckey House or Saturday morning at check-in.

For ATHP Members
$50 per person
Includes Friday and Saturday cocktail parties, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.

For Non-Members
$75 per person
Includes Friday and Saturday cocktail parties, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.