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Grant Deadlines - Alabama Humanities Foundation

Preliminary proposals are due August 1 to Tom Bryant, Grants Director, at tbryant@ahf.net. Full online proposals are due September 15. For more information, visit <http://www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/>.

Historic Hart House On the Market

Eufaula's historic Greek Revival-style Hart House (1825-1849) located on North Eufaula Avenue in the city's Seth Lore and Irwinton Historic District will go on the market soon. Owned by the Historic Chattahoochee Commission (HCC), the National Register for Historic Places structure will be sold to support the programs and services of the HCC. For more information, contact Deborah Shaw at deborah.shaw@chattahoocheetrace.com or 334-687-9755.

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Your gifts help preserve Alabama's historic treasures, its history, its legacy. Historic Preservation makes Alabama a better place to live and a better place to visit. Give your support today to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and your local preservation organization. To make a gift to the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, visit www.alabamatrust.info, click on Donate.

Events

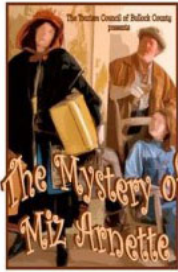
BALDWIN COUNTY

Saturday, August 1 - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - 151st Commemoration of the Battle of Mobile Bay

Historical Reenactors and history buffs will convene on the grounds of historic Fort Morgan for the 151st Commemoration of the Battle of Mobile Bay. This yearly historical encampment and reenactment brings together reenactors from across the region at historic Fort Morgan, one of two historic forts guarding the mouth of Mobile Bay. Location: Fort Morgan, 110 State Highway

180, Gulf Shores. Admission: Charged. For more information call John Gurner at (251) 540-5257 or visit their website at www.fort-morgan.org.

BULLOCK COUNTY



Saturdays, August 1 & 8 and Sunday, August 9 - 7:30 p.m. - *The Mystery of Miz Arnette Theatre*

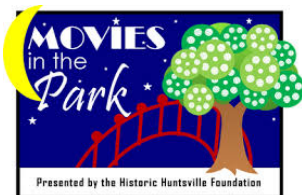
Theatrical performance set in 1934 in an Oklahoma's town devastated by the Dust Bowl draught. Baby Face Nelson and Pretty Boy Floyd gangs roam the territory. From nowhere arrives Miz Arnette to stir up some more dust. Tickets: \$15 per person. Location: Historic Red Door Theatre, Intersection of Prairie Street & U.S. Highway 82, Union Springs. For more information and ticket purchase, email conecuhpeople@knology.net or call 334-738-8687.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Wednesday, July 1 - Sunday, September 6 - Exhibition: "Rising Up - Hale Woodruffs Murals at Talladega College"

Not to be missed! In 1938, Atlanta-based, African-American artist Hale Woodruff painted a series of murals for Talladega College, one of the first colleges established in 1867 for African-American students in the United States. After studying with Diego Rivera, Woodruff went to Talladega and completed the *La Amistad* murals. His Amistad murals stand as a statement of pride and hope for racial equality and symbols of the centuries-long struggle for Civil Rights. A collaboration between the High Museum of Art and Talladega College, in 2012 the murals were presented to a national audience with an opening exhibition at the High Museum in Atlanta. Current Exhibition Location: Birmingham Museum of Art, 2000 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd, Birmingham. For more information, visit www.artsbma.org/exhibition/rising-up-hale-woodruffs-murals-at-talladega-college/.

MADISON COUNTY



Friday, August 14 - 6 p.m. - Movies in the Park

The Historic Huntsville Foundation will be screening another of their family-friendly movies during their outdoor summer movie series. Enjoy "Despicable Me" and YMCA children's activities prior to screening. Admission: Free and the public is invited to attend. Presented by: Historic Huntsville Foundation. For more information, visit <http://www.historichuntsville.org>.

MOBILE COUNTY

Saturday and Sunday, August 29 and 30 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Living History Reenactments

The USS ALABAMA Living History Crew will be aboard ship for drill. These historical reenactors will commemorate the Japanese Surrender during WWII during the course of the weekend. Enjoy fire drills, battle station drills and enjoy visiting with the men who bring WWII back to life. Location: USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park, 2703 Battleship Parkway, Mobile. Admission: children under 5 - free, children 6 to 11 - \$6, children 12 through adults - \$15. For more information: visit www.ussalabama.com.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Wednesday, August 5 - Thursday, August 6 - Conference: Give Us the Ballot

Two-day conference on the historic 1965 Alabama Voting Rights Campaign and subsequent transformation of America's political system. Location: John L. Buskey Health Science Building, Alabama State University (ASU) campus, Montgomery. Sponsor: The National Center for the Study

of Civil Rights and African-American Cultural Center of ASU. For registration and program information, visit www.lib.alasu.edu/natctr/.

Thursdays, August 6 - 27 - 10:00 a.m. - Lemonade Thursdays

Every Thursday throughout the summer, enjoy ice cold lemonade at Old Alabama Town. Sip and see what summertime was like in early Alabama. Partake of a refreshing glass of lemonade and a tour of OAT's historic village. Location: Lucas Tavern, Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Old Alabama Town, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit www.aldalabamatown.com.

Thursday, August 13, 10:00 a.m. - Curator's Tour

Experience Old Alabama Town's collections of artifacts and historic interiors. Explore OAT's historic treasures with the museum's curator. Location: Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery. Sponsor: Old Alabama Town, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. For more information, visit www.aldalabamatown.com.

Thursday, August 20 - Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Architreasures: Food for Thought

A lunch-time lecture series offered the third Thursday of every month. This month, Billy Singleton presents *Visions of Flying Machines: Early Aerial Experimenters in Alabama*. Location: Farley Auditorium, Alabama Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Admission: Free. Sponsors: Friends of the Alabama Archives and the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.



Tuesday, August 25 - August 26 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - aLABama Downtown Laboratory

Don't miss Main Street Alabama's 2015 conference featuring, among other offerings, promotion and media tools for marketing and revitalizing historic downtowns, plus how to mobilize innovation in implementing historic downtown entertainment districts. Featured speaker, among others, Andy Kopietz of Good Done Daily, *Graphic Design as a Catalytic Tool for Storytelling*. For more information and to register, visit http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eavcf8r6468d17fa&llr=ht656jlab&utm_source=Summer+2015+Newsletter&utm_campaign=Spring+2015+Newsletter&utm_medium=email.

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

Thursday, August 13 - 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. - Sundown Lecture Series

Presentation and performance. "Linka-Freidman's Music" by John Boutwell. Refreshments served at 5:15 p.m. Lecture at 5:45 p.m. Location: Battle-Friedman House, 1010 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa. Admission: Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society members: Free; Non-members, \$5. Sponsor: Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society. For more information, email preservetuscinfo@att.net or call 758-2238.

News

Historic Chattahoochee Commission Announces Reorganization

The 45-year old Historic Chattahoochee Commission (HCC) announces a reorganization plan to create a "smaller financial footprint." Recent legislative sessions have failed to allocate funds to support the joint Alabama-Georgia agency. The HCC has no intention, however, to close the door on its heritage tourism program and other preservation services. Instead, it is seeking a management partner to assist with the administration of program activities. In addition, selected project partners will help with the management of the HCC's signature programs including historic markers, publications, the Creek Heritage Trail and regional promotion activities. The historic Hart House, the administrative home of the HCC, will be sold to augment

funds for programs and services. For more information of the Commission's program of work, contact Deborah Shaw at deborah.shaw@chattahoocheetrace.com or 334-687-9755.



Historic Alabama Worth the Read

Alabama journalist John Archibald recently hit the proverbial historic jackpot while traveling North Alabama. Interviews with Muscle Shoals "swamper" Jimmy Johnson, native Indian Te-Lah-Nay's great-great-great-great grandson Tom Hendrix, Wehner von Braun's International Relations Specialist Countess Ruth Gräfin von Saurma and a tour of Harrison Brothers Hardware by Historic Huntsville Foundation's Executive Director Donna Castellano are just a few nuggets of historic treasures revealed in Archibald's series "Alabama in 31 Days." Traveling Alabama without experiencing its history or talking to the state's history makers or memory holders wouldn't be worth a read. Archibald's Alabama is revealed as a rich tapestry of experiences and perspectives. His series reinforces our resolve to preserve and celebrate Alabama's rich cultural resources. To read more and view videos, visit <http://connect.al.com/staff/jaarchib/posts.html>.

History Exhibitions to Tour Alabama, 2016 - 2017

Thanks to the Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF), in 2016 and 2017 two forthcoming national exhibitions will tour the state. In 2016, the exhibition "*Hometown Teams*," focusing on sports as a nation, will tour Alabama with stops in Anniston, Brewton, Enterprise, Gadsden, Haleyville and Livingston. In 2017, the *Water Works* exhibition will tour the state. The Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street program brings traveling exhibitions to the nation's towns. In partnership with the AHF and the Smithsonian Institution, these forthcoming exhibitions are made possible with support from Alabama Power, Norfolk Southern Railroad, AAA Cooper Transportation and ALFA. For more information, visit www.alabamahumanities.org/host-cities-announced-for-2016-exhibit/.

Main Street Alabama Adds to Statewide Impact for Preservation

New Main Street Alabama communities include the cities of Elba, Fort Payne and Jasper. Albertville, Attalla, Daphne and Gulf Shores join the Downtown Network of Main Street programs. What each city has in common is the belief and desire to preserve historic places as good economic sense. To read more, visit http://www.mainstreetalabama.org/utm_source=Summer+2015+News+letter&utm_campaign=Spring+2015+Newsletter&utm_medium=email.

Rosa Parks Museum Welcomes New Director

Troy University-Montgomery welcomes a new director of the Rosa Parks Museum, Dr. Felicia Bell. A former assistant professor of history at Savannah State University, Bell's experience includes serving as the director of education and outreach for the U.S. Capitol Historical Society (Washington, D.C.) as well as director of education and programs for the Coastal Heritage Society (Savannah). The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation extends a warm welcome to Dr. Bell and to Alabama's historic preservation community.



National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) is seeking proposals from local, regional, statewide and national partners for educational sessions, panels, and round tables to be offered at FORUM 2016, a historic preservation conference and training program. NAPC will also welcome the members of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, which is convening its conference in conjunction with FORUM 2016.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: September 15, 2015. View request for proposals at: <https://napcommissions.org/forum/call-for-proposals/>.

Alabama Governor's Conference on Tourism

Mobile will host this year's Alabama Governor's Conference on Tourism. The conference opens Sunday, August 2 and continues through Tuesday, August 4. Among the presentations and tours offered during the 2015 session will be a presentation by Karlos Finley, brother of the late ATHP board member Dora Franklin Finley. Mr. Finley will be presenting an overview of Mobile's African-American Heritage Trail, founded by his sister. This interesting presentation will touch

on how important it is to embrace and celebrate your community's history, the methodology used to create the Trail and how important historical trails like this impact tourism across the state. Registration is still open. For more information visit www.algovernorsconference.com.

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Alabama Historic Sites Make the Motion Pictures

"Sweet Home Alabama" (2002) was filmed in Eufaula; the movie "Big Fish" (2003) in Wetumpka. More recently, the movie "42" (2013) used Birmingham's historic Rickwood Field and Alabama Theatre to tell the story of the all-time-great baseball player Jackie Robinson. Last year, Muscle Shoals figured prominently in the documentary by the same name. This year, the Edmund Pettis Bridge and other local sites were important to the making of the Oscar-nominated film "Selma" (2015).

Now comes the news that Nicolas Cage will star in the forthcoming movie, "USS Indianapolis: Men of Courage" being filmed in Mobile. Sunk in 1945, the USS Indianapolis delivered the atomic bomb to the South Pacific where it was retrieved by the plane that dropped it on Hiroshima. Of the 1,196 USS Indianapolis crewmen, only 317 survived. Filmed in part on the USS Alabama and in downtown Mobile, the movie is set for release in May 2016.

Would any of these productions be as authentic if filmed on a Hollywood site rather than on location with Alabama's historic buildings and places as backdrops? Not likely. Historic authenticity draws movie production dollars to Alabama, while reminding Alabamians of the state's heritage and treasures - and why the preservation of historic places and artifacts are important. To read more, visit

www.al.com/news/mobile/index.ssf/2015/07/nicolas_cage.html#incart_river.

Historic Civil Rights Site Added to Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail

A Perry County site has been added to Alabama's trail of the 1964 Voting Rights March. In July, Congresswoman Terri Sewell and National Parks Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, among others, unveiled a historic marker outside Marion's Zion United Methodist Church. To read more about the church's role in the march, visit

www.myfoxa.com/story/29590446/perry-county-site-added-to-civil-rights-selma-to-montgomery-national-historic-rail.

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