



HISTORY HAPPENS

Official Newsletter of the Alabama Historical Commission

MAY 2023

A Word from Lisa

It's Preservation Month! AHC is celebrating Preservation Month with a theme called Places with a Purpose! Each day of the month, we will highlight a variety of projects, programs, and historic sites related to preservation on both Facebook and Instagram, so make sure to follow us and see all the unique work AHC is involved in.

Alongside our efforts of historic preservation, we recently met with Main Street America to discuss historic tax credits and the economic impact in rural areas and a potential partnership. In addition, we visited with Colonel Jeremy J. Chapman of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District to discuss current projects dealing with Section 106 environmental review. Lastly, our preservation staff went to Nashville for the regional National State Historic Officers Association Conference to meet other state historic professionals and continue learning about historic preservation programs and ideas.

AHC is working diligently with state legislators to support preservation across the state. Historic preservation has a positive impact on economic development; therefore, we continue to be in conversation with our elected officials to secure additional funds for grant programs. We are thankful to the legislature for its support of the AHC and preservation in Alabama. Happy Preservation Month!

Lisa D. Jones
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

Save the DATE!

May 6
If Bugs Could Talk Walking Tour
Old Cahawba

May 12-13
Celtic Festival
Belle Mont

May 14
Mother's Day Luncheon
Fendall Hall

May 15
Speaker Series
Pond Spring

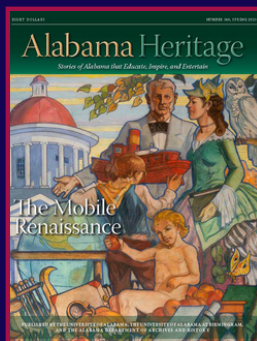
May 20
Living History
Fort Toulouse Fort Jackson

June 3
Bring Your Own Bike Tour
Old Cahawba

Places in Peril Program Receives Spotlight in Alabama Heritage Spring 2023 Issue

Since 1994 the Alabama Historical Commission, the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, and Alabama Heritage have partnered to promote Places in Peril, a public awareness program highlighting significant endangered historic properties in Alabama. As awareness yields commitment, and commitment yields action, these threatened properties can be saved as treasured and preserved landmarks. Places in Peril has encouraged the preservation of important places in Alabama that may otherwise have been lost. The program focuses on bringing attention to nominated places to rally local and statewide support. Over the course of twenty-eight years, the program has highlighted more than 260 resources. This year's landmarks include multiple structures with connections to the state's African American history. Being listed as a significant historic endangered site carries no formal protection, but it is hoped the listing generates the local support necessary for the preservation of these resources.

The 2023 Places in Peril nomination is now open between May 1 - October 31, 2023. For more information, please contact Paige Thomas at Paige.Thomas@ahc.alabama.gov or [here](#).



Alabama Heritage Spring 2023 Issue Cover

AHC Surpasses State Combined Campaign Goal

AHC surpassed its \$1,251 goal for the 2022 State Combined Campaign and gave 145.65% of the AHC goal with a total of \$1,822. AHC Personnel Assistant Crystal Sanders accepted the award on behalf of AHC!



FORT MORGAN IS HIRING!

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Fort Toulouse's French & Indian Encampment event was a success seeing 400+ visitors on April 22-23.

AHC Staff Attends Alabama Historical Association Conference in Prattville

In April, the Alabama Historical Association hosted its 75th Annual Meeting at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Prattville. AHC staff attended the meeting and had an opportunity to speak to attendees from across the state on the various programs at AHC. The three-day conference consisted of open house tours through Autauga County, a Friday night reception, breakout sessions and an awards banquet. AHC Chairman Jim Day presented on the Clotilda, BHC Coordinator Theo Moore presented on a North Prattville documentary, and Capitol Docent Laura Bonner presented on Prattville cemeteries.



AHC Hosts National Register Review Meeting

On April 27, the Alabama Historical Commission hosted a meeting of Alabama's National Register Review Board. The Board recommended that a total of 8 nominations be forwarded by the AHC to the National Park Service for final review.

The AHC administers the National Register for Alabama. Nominations to the National Register are submitted from each state by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to the National Park Service who has final authority to list properties in the National Register.

For more information on the National Register, please contact Christy Anderson at Christy.Anderson@ahc.alabama.gov



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