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**PRESERVATION**  
2010 CONFERENCE

**PRESERVING ALABAMA'S HOMETOWNS**  
*Embracing Historic Places - Making Life Better*

Thursday, October 7 – Saturday, October 9, 2010  
Historic Montgomery, Alabama

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

The Alabama Preservation Conference is a program of the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Alabama Historical Commission, Black Heritage Council of Alabama and the Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery.

**Thursday Evening, October 7**

Private Tour, First White House of the Confederacy  
Reception and Opening Session, Alabama Department of Archives and History  
Tour, New Exhibitions, forthcoming Museum of Alabama, Alabama Department of Archives and History  
Special Event benefitting the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Private Venue  
Or Dinner in Historic Downtown Montgomery restaurants and eateries

**Friday Morning, October 8**

Plenary Session, Key Note Address, Historic Preservation Is Economic Development, Don Rypkema, Alabama Department of Archives and History

**Friday Noon, October 8**

Key Note Luncheon: ***Making It Happen: Economic Development in Historic Downtowns*** by Don Rypkema. Alley Station Ballroom, Historic Downtown Montgomery. (*Open to the public, reservation required, not included in conference registration fee.*)

**Friday Afternoon, October 8**

Concurrent Tracks (*Tracks begin late morning, end late afternoon. Track programs include brown bag lunches unless otherwise noted.*)

**Track 1: Preservation and Economic Development: Making Downtowns Come Alive**

What does it take to turn a historic downtown around? Montgomery's lively Lower Commerce area is a case study in preservation and economic development. Meet with preservationists, planners, developers, and business leaders to explore the principles, practices and potential pitfalls in turning historic downtowns into destinations. Sessions offer opportunities for in-depth exploration of topics, including a special session with keynote speaker Don Rypkema on small town downtowns and The Main Street approach. All sessions are in and around The Alleyway, a delightful space that is a key part of Montgomery's downtown revival plan. Tours and meeting spaces include renovated offices, restaurants, event spaces and lofts. (Track includes ticket to Key Note Luncheon with Don Rypkema speaking.)

**Track 2: Preserving History and Its Symbolic Structures: Civil Rights and Beyond**

Join local Montgomery historians and preservationists on a special in-depth tour to explore some of Montgomery's African American places with historian and archivist at Alabama State University, Dr. Howard Robinson. The tour will showcase historic homes and community institutions that gave birth to and nurtured the nation's greatest movement for social change. See historic churches led by Dr. Martin Luther King and Rev. Ralph Abernathy and the homes of key Civil Rights icons Rosa Parks, E. D. Nixon and Johnnie Carr. The tour includes one of Alabama's oldest black universities and a portion of the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Voting Rights Trail, including the City of St. Jude where Harry Belafonte

and Peter, Paul and Mary, among others, entertained marchers in 1965. Track includes lunch at the Historic Jackson Community House, an antebellum home restored by the Montgomery City Federation of Colored Women Clubs with presentations by project leaders on the process of preserving the building.

**Track 3: *Preservation and Historic Neighborhoods: Building Better Communities***

Presentations and conversations with key people, community leaders and urban planners, in working and living in neighborhood associations across the state covering a wide-range of topics, such as developing a Master Tree Plan to enhance historic neighborhoods, examining urban planning and city codes and touring historic neighborhoods in Montgomery. Lunch is included in the track.

**Track 4: *Preservation and the Decorative Arts: Living with Art, Artifacts and History***

Presentations and discussions about 19th Century Alabama-made furniture, silver and samplers from 1810 until 1860 with Jack Burwell, collector, and tour of the Alabama Department of Archives and History painting collection with Robert Cason, retired curator, Alabama Department of Archives and History. Participants may bring a decorative arts item for appraisal by collector and appraiser Ed Patillo. Lunch is included in the track.

**Friday Evening, October 8**

Preservation Awards Reception and Ceremony, Montgomery Historic Train Station  
Special Event benefitting the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, Private Venue

**Saturday Morning, October 9**

Concurrent Special Interest Sessions, Old Alabama Town

**Session 1: *Archiving Your Historic Treasures***

How to catalogue and archive family documents, photographs with Alabama Power archivist, Bill Tharpe.

**Session 2: *Alabama Architecture: Looking at Building and Place***

Slide presentation by architectural historian and preservationist Alice Bowsher based on her stunning book, *Alabama Architecture*, of more than 150 original images with text illustrating the best of Alabama's architectural landscape as seen in houses and other structures throughout the state.

**Session 3: *A Two-Way Ticket to the Cemetery: A Tour of Historic Oakwood Cemetery***

A discussion about the preservation of 19th Century memorial sculpture commonly used in southern cemeteries by art historian and Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts curator Dr. Michael Panhorst followed by a talk and tour by Montgomery historian Mary Ann Neeley of historic Oakwood Cemetery's Scott's Free Burying Ground. The walking tour includes the *Top of the Horseshoe* (African-American interments), *Land of Peace* (the first Jewish burials) and Confederate grave sites

**Session 4: *Revisiting Alabama's Places in Peril***

A historical look at 16 Years of Alabama's Places in Peril - the State's most significant historical and architecturally threatened places. What was saved, lost or remains in peril presented by Donna Castellano, chair, ATHP Places in Peril Committee, followed by a tour of Montgomery Places in Peril with AHC architectural historians Melanie Betz and Robert Gamble.

**Session 5: *Decorative Arts of Old Alabama Town***

Guided tour of the Old Alabama Town decorative arts collection with curator and Alabama quilt expert, Carole King.

**Session 6: *Historic Landscaping: Montgomery's Beloved Gardens***

Guided tour of selected historic gardens of Montgomery.

**Saturday Noon, October 9**

**Closing Luncheon: *What's Been Done – What To Do***

Open to anyone interested in preserving Alabama's historic places, join the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation for its annual celebration of preservation efforts across the state during the year and learn more about preservation challenges for the forthcoming year. Historic Young House Restaurant (*Reservation required.*)

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