



PRESERVATION MONTH



MAY 1ST *Explore Mobile*

Since 2019, Explore Mobile has offered locals an opportunity to “be a tourist in your hometown,” that is, to experience many of the historical and cultural spaces we pass every day. Museums, historic homes, and other attractions will be offering FREE or reduced admission on this day. Start your exploration on South Royal in front of Mardi Gras Park, where visitors can enjoy food trucks, music, and a variety of vendors. Visitors will receive a passport with a map and with each venue listed. Be sure to stop at the History Museum of Mobile to get your passport photo taken! Visit facebook.com/ExploreMobileAL for more information.

MAY 3RD *CITY COUNCIL/MAYORAL PROCLAMATION*

Mayor Stimpson and the Mobile City Council will issue a joint proclamation designating May as Historic Preservation Month in Mobile.





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MAY 5TH

Happy Hour Hard Hat Tour

As part of National Historic Preservation month, the Downtown Mobile Alliance is hosting a tour of five recent redevelopment projects in Downtown Mobile. We'll board a trolley and get a "behind-the-scenes" look at these projects which represent some of the best historic preservation efforts in the region. At the last stop, you'll be treated to a Cinco de Mayo reception with beverages and light hors d'oeuvres.

MAY 12TH

Literary Landmark Dedication

The Ben May Main Library will be designated as a Literary Landmark, in part because of its connection to Eugene Walter, Mobile's Renaissance Man. A plaque unveiling along Scott Street will take place at 4:00 p.m., followed by a reception with food and beverages. In the spirit of the occasion, come in a costume of your choice (cats would be especially appropriate), wear a tutu, or don a festive hat! More information found here: <https://fb.me/e/nCd6N1x26>





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MAY 14TH & 15TH *Boyington Oak Festival*

Journeyman printer, poet, and musician, Charles Boyington, a nineteen-year-old, was hanged for the murder of his critically ill friend. As he predicted would happen to prove his innocence, an oak tree grew from his gravesite in Mobile, Alabama. It still stands almost 200 years later. The Boyington Oak Festival tells the story of Charles Boyington by visiting locations where he lived, worked, and was held prisoner. The festival also includes a special production of the play *The Truth is in the Tree*, written by Mary Palmer and directed by Dr. Thomas Rowell. For detailed information, visit our [Boyington Oak Festival](#) page.





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Cedar Street
Social Club
6pm - 8pm



MAY 25TH *Neighborhoods on Tap Cedar Street Social Club*

Socialize with Restore Mobile and friends to celebrate National Historic Preservation Month! Enjoy complimentary beer and hard seltzer, light eats, and music with like-minded preservations, architecture-lovers, and lovers of historic homes. This fundraiser is also an opportunity for Restore Mobile to present updates and news on their ongoing revitalization projects. Admission for two is free with the purchase of a Restore Mobile Preservation Month yard sign, or \$35 for two entries in advance or at the door. Order your sign or tickets here: www.restoremobile.org/shop

STARTING APRIL 21ST *Preservation Month Yard Signs*

May is National Historic Preservation Month so there's no better time to flaunt your historic home or building. To help you get in the spirit, Restore Mobile is bringing back their Preservation Month yard signs with a brand new, personalizable design. Plus, the purchase of a sign grants you entry to Restore Mobile's Neighborhoods On Tap event on May 25th at Cedar Street Social Club including free beer and hard seltzer. Add another event ticket and bring a friend for just an additional \$15. Yard signs will be available to purchase beginning April 15th at <https://www.restoremobile.org/shop>.





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PRESERVATION MONTH TOURS

Every Saturday in May at 10:00am

Saturday, May 7th – “Stories among the Headstones of Magnolia Cemetery,” with Tom McGehee

Saturday, May 14th – “Funerary Architecture of Conflict and War in Magnolia Cemetery,” with Stephen McNair

Saturday, May 21st – “Victorian Funerary Symbolism in Magnolia Cemetery,” with Douglas Kearley

Saturday, May 28th – “Mysticism in Magnolia: Carnival in the Cemetery,” with Cart Blackwell

All tours commence at the intersection of the two main drives entering Magnolia Cemetery from Ann and Virginia Streets.

If inclement weather arises, tour will be cancelled.