

# Spring

## in Alabama's Black Belt

### Alabama's Front Porches

Spring 2017

#### **1st Morning Art Walk**

Selma. Walk the first Sat. of each month in downtown Selma.

Artists open studios to the public. 8 a.m.–12 p.m. [334-375-3838](tel:334-375-3838).

#### **Bridge Crossing Jubilee**

**March 2-5**

Selma. Commemoration of “Bloody Sunday” and Selma to Montgomery March, jubilee includes a pageant, dance, women & youth conferences, parade, festival, interfaith service & National Voting Rights Hall of Fame induction. [selmajubilee.com](http://selmajubilee.com).

#### **Road to Freedom Wagon Tour**

**March 4**

Orrville (near Selma). This wagon tour tells the story of Cahawba's African American majority and traces their path from slavery to freedom and how they reshaped Cahawba as they pursued their dreams of equality. 10–11 a.m. \$8 for 18 and younger, \$10 for adults. [334-872-8058](tel:334-872-8058) or [www.cahawba.com](http://www.cahawba.com).

#### **A Day in Old Monroeville**

**March 9**

Monroeville. Enjoy a day of immersion into the historical surroundings associated with the novel “To Kill a Mockingbird”. Guests will have the opportunity for a guided tour of exhibits in the Old Courthouse. 9 a.m.–12 p.m., \$10. [251-575-7433](tel:251-575-7433).

#### **Selma Pilgrimage**

**March 17-18**

Selma. Beneath the moss-covered trees of Alabama's largest historic district, enjoy the 42nd annual pilgrimage. Hands-on history with guided tours of antebellum homes & museums and more. 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. [334-412-8550](tel:334-412-8550).

#### **Wilcox Historical Society's Tour of Homes**

**March 25**

Camden. Explore historic homes of Canton Bend, Camden, Possum Bend & Sedan 10 a.m.–4 p.m. \$10 for youth tickets and \$20 for adult tickets. 6 and under is free. Group discounts available. [director@wilcoxareachamber.com](mailto:director@wilcoxareachamber.com) or [334-750-6854](tel:334-750-6854).

#### **Civil War Walking Tour of Old Cahawba**

**April 1**

Orrville (near Selma). Guided tour visits Castle Morgan POW camp to explore the plight of soldiers and the hardships of the town's Confederate residents. Wear comfortable walking shoes. 10–11 a.m., \$8. [334-872-8058](tel:334-872-8058) or [www.cahawba.com](http://www.cahawba.com).

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Many of these events sell out quickly.  
Call ahead and confirm ticket availability.

**Alabama Artists Roots & Wings Art Exhibition**  
**Fri & Sat April 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29**

Selma. Juried art show with artists who are from Alabama who now live and work elsewhere (Wings) and artists who currently live in Alabama (Roots). 10 a.m.–4 p.m. [artsrevive.com](http://artsrevive.com).

**Calico Fort Arts and Crafts Fair** **April 8-9**

Fort Deposit. One of the largest, most popular arts & crafts fairs in the South. 200 exhibitors & 20,000 attendees in a natural amphitheater, children's area with rides & petting zoo. Good food including old-fashioned pork barbecue & funnel cakes. 9 a.m.–4 p.m., \$5 adults, \$2 children. 334-227-8589.

**Castleberry Strawberry Festival** **April 15**

Castleberry. Castleberry Strawberry Festival will be held in downtown Castleberry. Food, crafts, entertainment and fresh strawberries. 9 a.m.–5 p.m. 251-966-2422.

**Pepper Jelly Festival** **April 29**

Thomaston. The 10th Annual Pepper Jelly Festival will be held on the grounds of the Alabama Rural Heritage Center where visitors can enjoy arts, crafts, food, entertainment and much more. [ruralher@frontiernet.net](mailto:ruralher@frontiernet.net) or (334) 627-3388.

**Rock "n" Ribs Benefit** **April 29**

Selma. Enjoy a day full of all you can eat ribs and wings with local entertainment on the grounds of Lions Fair Park. 1–11 p.m. [www.facebook.com/events/1836230706663774/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1836230706663774/)

**6th Annual Mark Curl Memorial BBQ** **May 5-6**

Camden. Enjoy a weekend of BBQ, music and fun! BBQ teams from across Alabama compete to see who can cook the best BBQ Ribs and Chicken. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. [director@wilcoxareachamber.com](mailto:director@wilcoxareachamber.com) or 334-682-4929.

**Cotton Patch Festival** **May 20**

Uriah. 24th Annual Cotton Patch Festival and enjoy the arts, crafts, food vendors, entertainment, a petting zoo, lots of children's activities and more! 9 a.m.–3 p.m. 251-862-2279.

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