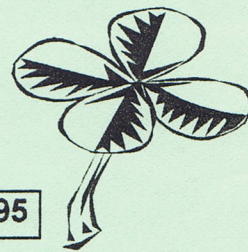


# ESCAMBIA ECHOS



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**ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION P.O. BOX 300900  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130-0900**

The Alabama Historical Commission invites you to learn and share your concerns about the future of Alabama's historic cemeteries and graveyards at a statewide meeting on April 8. The meeting will be held at the State Capitol Building in Montgomery from 9:00 to 4:30. Local preservationists, genealogists, church officials, concerned citizens and public officials are encouraged to attend.

The morning sessions will include lectures by historian Gregory Jeane and cemetery preservation consultant, Sharyn Thompson. A panel of state agency representatives will discuss the laws they enforce that regulate activities concerning cemeteries and burials. Participants will include the Alabama Historical Commission, Dept. of Public Health, Office of the Attorney General, Dept. of Transportation, and Ala. Cemetery Association. A panel of local cemetery preservationists will discuss how they provided support to family graveyards, municipal cemeteries, abandoned cemeteries and others.

The afternoon session begins with a lecture on identifying and protecting cemeteries by Sharyn Thompson who has done extensive work with cemetery preservation projects in the Southeast. The remainder of the afternoon will be devoted to four concurrent workshops.

The funding Sources workshop will include information on funding sources for projects; the process for receiving non-profit, tax-exempt status; and creative fundraising strategies. In the Alabama Cemetery Survey workshop, participants can learn how the Commission and other state and local agencies record cemeteries. The discussion will also include how

## CAHAWBA ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK

ALABAMA'S FIRST CAPITAL AND MOST FAMOUS GHOST TOWN WILL BE BUSTLING AGAIN SATURDAY MAY 13TH FOR THE 16TH ANNUAL OLD CAHAWBA FESTIVAL. THE SITE OF OLD CAHAWBA IS LOCATED 15 MILES WEST OF SELMA AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE ALABAMA AND CAHABA RIVERS. ITS USUALLY A PLACE OF QUIET SCENIC BEAUTY AND HISTORIC RUINS DRAPED IN SPANISH MOSS. ON MAY 13, THE OLD ABANDONED STREETS WILL COME ALIVE AGAIN WITH TOE TAPPIN' ENTERTAINMENT, OVER 100 ARTS AND CRAFT VENDORS, CHILDRENS GAMES, AND THOUSANDS OF VISITORS. THE GATES WILL OPEN AT 9 A.M. AND FESTIVITIES WILL END AT 5 P.M.

VISITORS CAN BUY EVERYTHING FROM QUILTS TO POTTERY TO BEAUTIFUL PAINTINGS. THERE WILL BE REAL SOUTHERN BARBECUE TO EAT AND A STAGE FULL OF FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY LONG. WORLD FAMOUS STORYTELLER KATHRYN WINDHAM WILL BE THERE AND THE BAND "THIS SIDE UP" WILL PLAY EVERYTHING FROM COUNTRY TO JAZZ TO ROCK N' ROLL. COSTUMED INTERPRETERS WILL BE ON THE SITE AND THERE WILL BE SOME "HANDS-ON HISTORY" DEMONSTRATIONS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES.

THE FESTIVAL IS SPONSORED BY CAHAWBA CONCERN, A GROUP OF CITIZENS THAT Banded TOGETHER 16 YEARS AGO TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT OF ALABAMA'S FIRST STATE CAPITOL. THEY REFUSED TO LET THE LAST VESTIGE OF THIS GRAND ANTEBELLUM COMMUNITY DISAPPEAR. DUE TO THEIR EFFORTS, 45 ACRES OF THE OLD TOWN HAS BEEN PURCHASED BY THE STATE AND AN INTERPRETIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK IS BEING BUILT ON THE SITE. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE FESTIVAL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE. THE ENTRANCE FEE TO THE FESTIVAL IS ONLY \$3.00 PER CARLOAD, SO BRING THE FAMILY.

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### Meeting News

**Meeting Time:** Tuesday March 28, 1995  
at 3:00 p.m.

**Meeting Place:** Jefferson Davis  
Community College,  
Thomas E. McMillan  
Museum

**Program:** Surprise! Come to  
this meeting, you will  
enjoy it.

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### Cemetery preservation cont'd

to list cemeteries on the Nat'l Register of Historical Places or Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage. The Appropriate Maint. workshop will focus on cleaning, resetting gravestones and groundskeeping. The Abandonment/Inaccessibility workshop will focus on the Ala. codes that address reclaiming abandoned cemeteries and providing for those surrounded by private property.

Through active local organization and support, we can successfully preserve our threatened historic cemeteries. Use this meeting to network with other historic cemetery advocates and learn valuable information. To receive a registration form or more information, contact Beverly True or Mary Mason Shell of the Ala. Hist. Comm. at (334) 242-3184.

**Editor:**  
**Barbara Jones**

**After many years of serving as Secretary to the Escambia County Historical Society, Mary Catherine Luker has resigned. Mary Catherine, you did a fantastic job! We welcome Jane Howington as our new secretary.**