



**For Immediate Release
November 9, 2016**

Annual Holiday Open House

Wednesday, November 16 and Friday, November 18

8:00am – 4:30pm

The Goat Hill Museum Store, Montgomery, Alabama (inside the historic Alabama State Capitol at the Union Street entrance)

Mulled cider and refreshments will be available to shoppers while they browse the store's large selection of unique holiday gifts. The Goat Hill Museum Store is the best place to find Alabama-made gifts, specialty food, souvenirs, holiday ornaments, and more!

A special book signing will be held for Ed Bridges' *Alabama: The Making of an American State* on November 17 from 9:00-11:00am. The book itself has been described as "a watershed event in the long and storied history of the state of Alabama . . . [It] conveys the magisterial sweep of Alabama's rich, difficult, and remarkable history with verve, eloquence, and an unblinking eye."

"From Alabama's earliest fossil records to its settlement by Native Americans and later by European settlers and African slaves, from its territorial birth pangs and statehood through the upheavals of the Civil War and the civil rights movement, Bridges makes evident in clear, direct storytelling the unique social, political, economic, and cultural forces that have indelibly shaped this historically rich and unique American region." Read more at <http://www.uapress.ua.edu/product/Alabama.6460.aspx>

The open house will also feature **artisans and book signings with Alabama authors (see full schedule below).**

November 16 th	November 17 th	November 18 th
9:00am – 11:00am		
Peggy Walls, <i>Alabama Gold</i> Karen K & S Monogramming	Larry Lee, <i>In the Land of Cotton</i> Janet Frazier's Blue Light Design Lightning Hill Candles Ed Bridges, <i>Alabama: The Making of an American State</i> Karen K & S Monogramming	Wade H. Hall with Nancy DuPree and Christopher Sawula, <i>Greetings from Alabama</i> Karen K & S Monogramming
11:00am – 1:00pm		
Margaret Lowder, <i>Amos the Dog</i> Hardin's Seasoning	Frye Gaillard, <i>Go South to Freedom</i> Janet Frazier's Blue Light Design	Chere Gillham's Gemini Treats Janet Frazier's Blue Light Design
1:00pm – 3:00pm		
Kendell Weaver, <i>Ten Stars: The African American Journey of Marine General Cary Cooper</i>	TBA	Mark Fagan, RTJ, <i>Golf Trail Its History</i> Aqualime

For more information please call (334)353-4969 or find us on [Facebook!](#)

The store is owned by the Alabama Historical Commission, and all profits help continue efforts to preserve Alabama's historic places.

About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission of safeguarding Alabama's historic buildings and sites. The Commission is tasked with the acquisition and preservation of historic properties and educating the public about historic sites in Alabama. For a complete list of properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit www.ahc.alabama.gov

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