

# *Belle Mont Mansion*

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## **Plantation Christmas**

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Belle Mont Mansion, Tuscumbia, Alabama

Belle Mont Mansion, one of Alabama's most distinguished antebellum homes, will celebrate the holiday season with "A Plantation Christmas" on Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm.

The afternoon event, reminiscent of the hospitality of the "Old South", has been held annually at the mansion on the first Sunday in December for more than 30 years and has twice been listed among the Southeastern Tourism Society's top twenty list for the season.

Fresh greenery, fruit, and traditional decorations will fill the elegant antebellum mansion. Vocalists and musicians will perform period music while vintage ballroom dance is enjoyed. Costumed docents will be on hand to share the history of the house and to serve refreshments.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6 to 12 years-old, and free for children under six. The event is sponsored by the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation, which operates the museum. Proceeds will benefit Belle Mont and local historic preservation projects.

Belle Mont Mansion is located at 1569 Cook Lane (County Road 53), approximately ¼ mile west of Highway 43 South in Tuscumbia.

Belle Mont Mansion is an excellent example of Jeffersonian style architecture of the early American Republic. Constructed in 1828 and featuring high quality brickwork and refined woodwork, it is now owned by the Alabama Historical Commission. It is among only five state-owned historic homes. As a house museum it is furnished with period antiques from the Tennessee Valley and a number of portraits and other items original to the Isaac Winston family, who once owned the plantation.

For more information about "A Plantation Christmas" or Belle Mont Mansion in general, call the museum at 256-381-5052 or Colbert County Tourism at 256-383-0783.

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### **About Belle Mont**

Belle Mont, built in 1828, is owned by the Alabama Historical Commission. Currently, the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation operates this historic home and is offering special programming to increase awareness and to raise funds to maintain the site. Belle Mont is open Thursday-Saturday, 12:00- 4:00. The Alabama Historical Commission *protects, preserves, and interprets Alabama's historic places* and is the State Historic Preservation Office.

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