

Belle Mont Mansion

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A Day in May

Saturday, May 6, 2017

9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Belle Mont Mansion, Tuscumbia, Alabama

Artists from across the Shoals are invited to Belle Mont Mansion on May 6 to join fellow artists Martha Carpenter and Tim Stevenson for “A Day in May.”

This fun event begins with a “tag team” demonstration by Carpenter and Stevenson, both well-known for their differing styles, as they swap strokes and comments while creating an oil painting of the historic home and grounds. Expect some lively banter!

Martha Carpenter is a noted portrait artist with studios in Tuscumbia and St. Simon’s Island, GA. Tim Stevenson, of Florence, is known for landscapes and very detailed still life paintings, once focusing on antique Oriental rugs for his studies in perspective. Both artists conduct workshops and have a following of students and artist peers.

Artists of all skill levels are welcome and must register in advance for the day-long event at a cost of \$30 per participant. Sack lunches catered by Aunt Bea’s Bakery will be provided. Dine in the courtyard at Belle Mont, before taking to the field for an afternoon of Plein Aire painting (a French term for painting in the open air).

Afternoon visitors to Belle Mont will have the added pleasure of seeing the artists at work across the lawn. In case of inclement weather, artists will paint indoors and should bring a drop cloth.

The highlight of the afternoon will be a reception in the courtyard. The public is invited to see the artists’ work on display. A \$10 admission to the reception will include a “Wet Paint” Sale in which selected works created during the day will be available for purchase.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the ongoing restoration and operation of Belle Mont.

For more information about “A Day in May” or Belle Mont Mansion in general, call the museum at 256-381-5052 or Colbert County Tourism at 256-383-0783.

About Belle Mont

Belle Mont, an excellent example of Jeffersonian style architecture of the early American Republic, was built in 1828. It is owned by the Alabama Historical Commission and is currently operated by the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation. Belle Mont is open Wednesday-Saturday, 10:00- 4:00 and is located at 1569 Cook Lane (County Road 53), approximately ¼ mile west of Highway 43 South in Tuscumbia.

The Alabama Historical Commission *protects, preserves, and interprets Alabama's historic places* and is the State Historic Preservation Office.

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