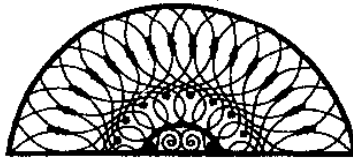


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HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE RELEASES 2013 LEARNING LUNCH SCHEDULE

The History Museum of Mobile is pleased to announce the 2013 schedule for Learning Lunch, a free monthly lecture program focusing on the region's diverse history.

The program, now into its second year, allows guests to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a free noontime presentation about a topic related to Mobile's rich 300-year history.

"Our Learning Lunch program has become popular because from its inception, we wanted to appeal to the widest possible set of demographics among our patrons," said History Museum Director David E. Alsobrook, Ph. D. "There certainly is a very fine line between education and entertainment, and that realization has driven our selection of speakers and topics.

"In other words, we wanted our lunches to be interesting and informative and not heavy, scholarly lectures. We clearly see the lunches as an integral vehicle for our primary mission of preserving, illuminating and disseminating Mobile's history, but we also want to continue to do our part to encourage an ongoing dialog among our constituents about Mobile's past, present and future. By so doing, we're contributing to a better quality of life for our city."

Some of the 2013 lecture topics include the Tuskegee Airmen; a modern history of Mobile's football heroes and games; 17th century French consumption and design; Mobile's role in World War II; and a look at the University of South Alabama through its 50 years.

One familiar name on this year's list is Roy Hoffman, an award-winning journalist and author. Hoffman will kick off the 2013 Learning Lunch schedule on Jan. 9 by discussing some of his favorite stories about Mobilians.

"Learning Lunch is always a good experience — an island of sanity, erudition, and eloquence amid the *strum and drang* of modern life in the tired old town," said John Sledge, local author and architectural historian for the Mobile Historic Development Commission. "Attend! You won't be sorry."

For more information about Learning Lunch, contact Curator of History Scotty Kirkland at Scotty.Kirkland@cityofmobile.org or (251) 208-7246.

HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE: Located in the Old City Hall/ Southern Market at 111 South Royal Street in downtown Mobile, the History Museum of Mobile documents the 300-year history of Mobile and the surrounding region. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. For more information, call (251) 208-7569.

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