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# USA Archaeology Museum Newsletter - April 2023

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#### Movie in the Park: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade

When: Thursday, April 6th

The event begins at 6 pm and the movie starts at sunset.

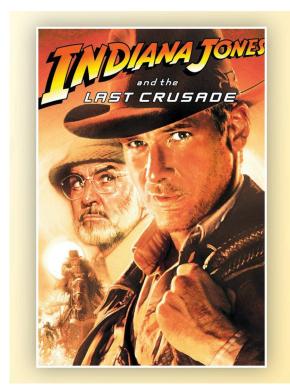
#### Where:

Robert Hope Community Center 850 Edwards Street Mobile, Alabama 36610 Africatown, USA

**What:** Rated PG-13: In 1938, after his father Professor Henry Jones, Sr. goes missing while pursuing the Holy Grail, Professor Henry "Indiana" Jones, Jr. finds himself up against Adolf Hitler's Nazis again to stop them from obtaining its powers.

Thanks to the City of Mobile Parks and Recreation Department for sponsoring this event which is **FREE and OPEN** to the public; we are also excited to have the USA Center for Archaeological Studies join us for this very special event!

To see the Spring 2023 list of Movies in the Park happening every Thursday, March 2-April 20, visit: <a href="https://www.cityofmobile.org/parks-rec/events/movies-in-the-park-spring-2023/">https://www.cityofmobile.org/parks-rec/events/movies-in-the-park-spring-2023/</a>.





#### Visit Mobile Walking Tour: I-10 Mobile River Bridge Archaeology Project

### Saturday, April 8th @ 10:00 am

The USA Center for Archaeological Studies is thrilled to be part of Visit Mobile's April Walking Tour series! Join them on April 8 to learn more about recent excavations at RV City as part of the <u>I-10 Mobile River Bridge Archaeology Project</u>. In the meantime, <u>check out this video</u> to step back in time at RV City.

Visit Mobile has put together free walking tours every Saturday in April for locals and visitors alike. All tours will begin at 10 a.m. each Saturday, departing from the Visit Mobile Welcome Center with the exception of the April 22 tour at Union Missionary Baptist Church in Africatown.

This annual event series is organized by the Alabama Tourism Department in an effort to promote the state's diverse history during one of the most beautiful seasons to be outdoors. From learning about Mobile's rich African American culture to discovering the wonders of the bustling waterfront, guests are sure to enjoy one, or all, of these walking tours.

"The April Walking Tours are a great opportunity for locals to become tourists in their own city," said Visit Mobile destination experience & tour manager, Michael Dorie. "They're also great for tourists to learn some of the lesser-told stories of Mobile. Throw in a Saturday morning stroll through downtown in April, what a great way to start your weekend!"

\*\*\*April 8 - I-10 Mobile River Bridge Archaeology Project, Rachel Hines, USA Center for Archaeological Studies

Visit RV City site where they unearthed 300 years of history, spanning the colonial period through the 1960s. Learn more about the project's findings and how it's contributing new insights to Mobile's past.

 ${\bf April~15 - Downtown~Public~Art}, Lucy~Gafford, Mobile~Arts~Council$ 

Join the Mobile Arts Council for a Public Art Walking Tour throughout Downtown Mobile. We will discuss sculptures, murals, and more created in the early 1900s through the last year. Learn about the artists, their inspiration, and how their works contribute to telling Mobile's story.

April 22 - Union Missionary Baptist Church & Old Plateau Cemetery\*\*, Derek Tucker, Pastor of Union Missionary Baptist Church

We'll visit the Old Plateau Cemetery, the final resting place of some of the Clotilda descendants. Then the historic Union Baptist Church of Plateau where we will learn the history of the church and hear songs that have been sung over the years.

\*\*This tour will meet at Union Baptist Church, 506 Bay Bridge Road, Mobile, AL 36610.

April 29 - Historic Architecture, Meredith Wilson, City of Mobile

This walking tour of Fort Conde Village recounts the history of Mobile from the fortified capital of French Louisiana to bustling 19<sup>th</sup>-century port city. Join us as we explore Mobile's storied past and gain a deeper appreciation of the varied architectural styles that make up the vibrant cityscape we see today.

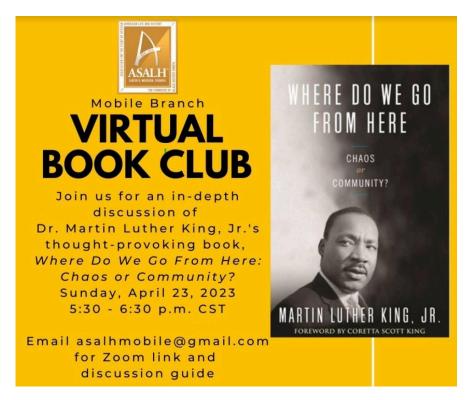
All tours depart from the Visit Mobile Welcome Center, 111 South Royal Street, Mobile, AL 36602 unless otherwise noted.

Tours depart promptly at 10 am and return around 11 am. ALL tours are FREE to the public. No reservations are required.

For more information visit mobile.org or contact Patty Kieffer, pkieffer@mobile.org or Michael Dorie, mdorie@mobile.org.

# Association for the Study of African American Life & History (ASALH) Mobile Branch Virtual Book Club

Sunday, April 23 @ 5:30 pm



## **Alabama Archaeological Society Spring Recap**

The Alabama Archaeological Society, Southwest Chapter Meeting Lectures are available on the USA Archaeology Museum's YouTube channel, including the recent:

- Native American Communities of the Gulf Coast ca AD 1150 1700 What Archaeology Can Tell Us
- Artifacts for Dummies

The USA Art History Department & the Alabama Archaeological Society, SW Chapter recently hosted a public talk by Diné artist, Emma Robbins. You can see an archive of a previous talk by her, "5,712 + Thirty Percent" and look forward to her return to Mobile in August 2023 for an upcoming art exhibition. Those details will be forthcoming!



### **Giving to the Archaeology Museum**

If you enjoy the Archaeology Museum's free public programs and want to add us to your end of year donations list, giving to the museum is now possible online! Please visit <a href="https://giving.southalabama.edu/archaeology">https://giving.southalabama.edu/archaeology</a> to make a secure, online donation to the museum. Every dollar counts! Some of our ongoing funding needs include K-12 supplies, paying student assistants, exhibit maintenance, and bringing new exhibits to campus.

#### Admission is Free! Contact Us:

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