

## CALENDAR

parent teacher conference that gets unexpectedly volatile. 933-2383 or www.bftonline.org.

**“ZAP PRONTO”**  
7/25 - 26, 31 - 8/2 8 p.m.; 7/27 2 p.m. \$15 adults/\$12 students and seniors South City Theatre, 3612 Highway 26, Columbiana. World premiere play by Daniel Strickland of Alabaster. It's a sci-fi comedy. 621-2128 or www.southcitytheatre.com.

## EVENTS

**21 DAY FAT BLAST WITH JASON CERNIGLIA**  
FRI, MON, WED, 7/18, 21, 23 AND 25 5:45 a.m. Aldridge Gardens, 3530 Lorna Road, Hoover. Join Jason Cerniglia, owner of Hoover Fitness, author and personal trainer, for his 21 Day Fat Blast training program. For more information on the class, the cost or to enroll, email Jason at info@hooverfitness.com. 682-8019.

## CITY OF PELHAM'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

**FRI 5-9 p.m.; SAT 9 a.m.-10 p.m.** Free Pelham Civic Complex, 500 Amphitheater Road, Pelham. Ice skating, music, food and drink to celebrate Pelham's 50th year. Free. 620-6448 or www.pelhamciviccomplex.com/.

## ART ON THE ROCKS

**FRI 7-11 p.m.** Birmingham Museum of Art, 2000 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd, Birmingham. Food, drink and the Kopecky Family Band at the museum. 254-2565 or www.artsbma.org.

## RODNEY CARRINGTON

**FRI - MON, THU - 7/20 7:30 p.m.** \$44.50 The Comedy Club Stardome, 1818 Data Drive, Hoover. Star of "Rodney" and "Beer for My Horses." 444-0008 or www.stardome.com.

## PEPPER PLACE

**SAT, 7/19, 26, 8/2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 9/6, 13, 20, 27 AND 10/4 7 a.m.-NOON.** Pepper Place, 29th St. and Second Ave. S, Birmingham.

## AIDS ALABAMA PRESENTS: BAR AIDS

**TUE.** Various locations in Birmingham. Five local bars will participate in the fundraiser to raise money to benefit those affected by HIV/AIDS in Alabama: Our Place, Al's on Seventh, Crestwood Tavern, Garage Cafe, Wine Loft and World of Beer. For information, visit www.aidsalabama.org/baraids.

## DREW THOMAS

**TUE - WED 7:30 p.m.** \$9.75 The Comedy Club Stardome, 1818 Data Drive, Hoover. 444-0008 or www.stardome.com.

## BIRMINGHAM BARONS VS. MISSISSIPPI BRAVES

**WED - 7/17 7:05 p.m.; 7/19 6:30 p.m.; 7/20 3 p.m.** \$7-\$14 Regions Field, 1401 First Ave S., Birmingham. Ticket info: 205-988-3200.

## DISCUSSION ON RACE, POVERTY AND THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

**THU 6 p.m.** Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, 520 16th St. N, Birmingham. Free community discussion. The moderator for the program is Mr. Duncan Kirkwood, Alabama State Director- Black Alliance for Educational Options. The program is free, but registration is required at www.bcrici.org. 328-9696 or www.bcrici.org.

## WORLD DEER EXPO

**7/18 3 p.m.; 7/19 - 20 10 a.m.** \$15 adults/\$9 children under 12 BJCC Exhibition Hall, Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard between 22nd and 24th streets, Birmingham. 715-6000 or www.bjcc.org.

## LANDAID

**7/18 6 p.m.** \$15 advance/\$25 at the door Avondale Brewing Co., 201 41st St. S, Birmingham. Enjoy music and local brews while helping preserve the places that matter in Alabama. Featuring the Wild Feathers and Ocean Liner. Proceeds will benefit the Freshwater Land Trust. Purchase tickets at www.freshwaterlandtrust.org. www.avondalebrewing.com.

## SHELBY COUNTY SHINDIG BBQ COOKOFF

**7/19 10 a.m.-8 p.m.** Downtown Columbiana, Main Street, Columbiana. The event will feature 20 teams all vying for the title of Best Ribs in Shelby County. Teams will also compete for the top spot in Chef's Choice and Crowd Favorite. 669-0044 or www.shelbycountyartscouncil.com.

## 2014 "NEW YEAR, NEW YOU" REVEAL PARTY BENEFITTING CHILDREN'S OF ALABAMA

**7/31 6-9 p.m.** Iron City, 513 22nd St. S., Birmingham. A night to celebrate winner Lynnsie Mimms, as she reveals her amazing transformation after six months of dedicated hard work. Also including food, music, and the opportunity to bid in a silent auction, with all proceeds benefitting the CCWM. 381-3100 or http://www.lifefitnessbham.com/newyou.

## EAT UP: A TASTE OF UPTOWN

**7/31 6-9 p.m.** \$10 Uptown District, next to the BJCC complex, Birmingham. Seven restaurants offering tastings of their food, plus music by Belle Adair, The Bear and Donnie Fritts. Benefiting Jones Valley Teaching Farm.

## THE TASTE OF BIRMINGHAM

**7/31 6-9 p.m.** \$75 The Club, 1 Robert Smith Drive, Birmingham. An evening of tastings from Birmingham-area restaurants, including entertainment from the Birmingham Boys Choir. 205-767-9219 for tickets. www.thetasteofbirmingham.com/ 323-5821.

## BIRMINGHAM BARONS VS. HUNTSVILLE STARS

**8/6 AND 8 7:05 p.m.; 8/7 8:05 p.m.; 8/9 6:30 p.m.; 8/10 3 p.m.** \$7-\$14 Regions Field, 1401 First Ave S., Birmingham. Ticket info: 205-988-3200.

## BIRMINGHAM ART CRAWL

**8/7, 9/4 AND 10/2 5-9 p.m.** Birmingham Loft District, First and Second Avenues N. between 21st and 24th, Birmingham. Showcasing various art galleries each month. www.birminghamartcrawl.com. 2300 First Ave. North. Free, rain or shine.

## FIRST THURSDAYS: AFTER HOURS AT THE BMA

**8/7, 9/4 AND 10/2 5-9 p.m.** Birmingham Museum of Art, 2000 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd, Birmingham. Cocktails, gallery talks and more each month at the museum. 254-2565 or www.artsbma.org.

## MUSEUMS &amp; GALLERIES

## “AFTER SOSAKU HANGA: CREATIVITY AND MODERNITY IN JAPANESE PRINTS OF THE 1960S AND 1970S”

**FRI - THU.** Abroms-Engel Institute for the Visual Arts, 1221 10th Ave. S, Birmingham. 975-6436 or www.uab.edu/cas/aeiva.

## “HESTER BATEMAN: SETTING THE TABLE FOR FEMALE ENTERPRISE”

**FRI - 10/8.** Birmingham Museum of Art, 2000 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd, Birmingham. 254-2565 or www.artsbma.org.

## “LESLIE WAYNE: MIND THE GAP”

**FRI - THU.** Abroms-Engel Institute for the Visual Arts, 1221 10th Ave. S, Birmingham. 975-6436 or www.uab.edu/cas/aeiva.

## “LETHAL BEAUTY”

**FRI - 9/21.** \$10 Birmingham Museum of Art, 2000 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd, Birmingham. Samurai weapons and armor from the Clark Center for Japanese Art and Culture. 254-2565 or www.artsbma.org.

## “OBJECTS OF AUTHORITY: EMBROIDERIES AND OTHER CONTEMPORARY ARTS FROM WESTERN INDIA”

**FRI - THU.** Abroms-Engel Institute for the Visual Arts, 1221 10th Ave. S, Birmingham. 975-6436 or www.uab.edu/cas/aeiva.

## “TRAVIS SOMERVILLE: AMERICAN RHETORIC”

**FRI - 7/31.** Beta Pictoris Gallery, 2411 Second Ave. N, Birmingham. Work by the San Francisco-based artist.

## “VULCAN KEEPSAKES: IRON MAN MEMORABILIA FROM THE BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY”

**FRI - 9/7.** Vulcan Park and Museum, 1701 Valley View Drive, Birmingham. 933-1409 or www.visitvulcan.com.

## BARRY GRAHAM

**FRI - 7/31.** Aldridge Gardens, 3530 Lorna Road, Hoover. Work by the Birmingham native. 682-8019.

## CRAIG WEDDERSPOON

**FRI - 8/31.** Birmingham Museum of Art, 2000 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd, Birmingham. Tuscaloosa-

based sculptor who creates abstract works. 254-2565 or www.artsbma.org.

## KELLY BOYD

**FRI, WED - 7/18, 7/23 - 25, 30 - 31 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** Leeds Theatre and Arts Center, 8140 Parkway Drive, Leeds. Pressed flowers with acrylic and enamel on glass. 699-1892 or www.leedsartscouncil.org.

## AUTHORS ON TOUR

## LAURA MCNEAL

**7/22 4 p.m.** Alabama Booksmith, 2626 19th Place S., Homewood. Signing “Dollbaby.” 870-4242 or www.alabamabooksmyth.com.

## CRAIG DARCH AND COACH MEL ROSEN

**8/5 4 p.m.** Alabama Booksmith, 2626 19th Place S., Homewood. Darch and Coach Rosen will chat about and sign copies of “From Brooklyn to the Olympics: The Hall of Fame Career of Auburn University Track Coach Mel Rosen.” 870-4242 or www.alabamabooksmyth.com/event/craig-darch-brooklyn-olympics.

## KAREN ABBOTT

**9/3 4 p.m.** Alabama Booksmith, 2626 19th Place S., Homewood. The author of “Sin in the Second City” and “American Rose: The Life and Times of Gypsy Rose Lee,” chats about and signs copies of her latest book, “Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War.” 870-4242 or www.alabamabooksmyth.com/event/

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## KATY SIMPSON SMITH

**9/10 4 p.m.** Alabama Booksmith, 2626 19th Place South, Homewood. Katy Simpson Smith chats about and signs copies of her debut novel, “The Story of Land and Sea.” 870-4242 or www.alabamabooksmyth.com/event/katy-simpson-smith-story-land-and-sea.

## HEATHER JONES SKAGGS

**10/6 4 p.m.** Alabama Booksmith, 2626 19th Place South, Homewood. The author of “Bluff Park” returns to sign her latest offering in the Images of America series, “Hoover”!. 870-4242 or www.alabamabooksmyth.com.

## LECTURES &amp; LITERARY

## STORYTELLER AND AUTHOR BIL LEPP

**WED 6 p.m.** Birmingham Public Library, 2100 Park Place, Birmingham. Bil tells humorous stories that are family-friendly and appeal to people of all ages. Free.

## AUTHOR TIME AT HOOVER LIBRARY: SARAH MACLEAN

**THU 10 a.m.** Free Hoover Public Library, 200 Municipal Drive, Hoover. Skype with Sarah MacLean, bestselling author of “No Good Duke Goes Unpunished.” 444-7800 or www.hooverlibrary.org.

## CARLA JEAN WHITLEY

**7/21 4 p.m.** Alabama Booksmith,

2626 19th Place S., Homewood. Chats about and signs copies of “Muscle Shoals Sound Studio: How the Swampers Changed American Music.” 870-4242 or www.alabamabooksmyth.com/event/carla-jean-whitley-muscle-shoals-sound-studio.

## A MOCKINGBIRD TRIBUTE

**7/23 7 p.m.** \$35 The Alabama Theatre, 1817 Third Ave. N., Birmingham. Tickets include a signed first edition of “Mockingbird Next Door,” never-before-seen footage of Kathryn Tucker Windham (1918-2011) telling personal Harper Lee stories, an entry in the drawing for a 50th Anniversary edition of “To Kill a Mockingbird” with a bookplate signed by Harper Lee, an evening at the magnificent Alabama Theatre, and Marja Mills on stage giving inside information about Harper Lee as well as answering your questions. 870-4242 or www.alabamabooksmyth.com/event/mockingbird-tribute-alabama-theatre-benefit.

## WRITE CLUB

**7/26 10:30 a.m.** Free Hoover Public Library, 200 Municipal Drive, Hoover. Jeanie Thompson, poet, educator and director of the Alabama Writers' Forum, will preview her current writing project, The Myth of Water: Poems from the Life of Helen Keller, in “Writing Ourselves into History through Persona Poetry.” Call 444-7820 for more information. 444-7800 or www.hooverlibrary.org.

## LOVE IN THE LIBRARY AUTHORS EVENT

**8/1 7-10 p.m.** Free Hoover Public Library, 200 Municipal Drive, Hoover. Best-selling romance author Lauren Willig will speak, followed by a panel discussion and Q&A featuring Abbi Glines, Suzanne Johnson and Beatriz Williams. The evening will also include a dessert reception and book signing, with book sales provided by Barnes & Noble. 444-7800 or www.hooverlibrary.org.

## STORYTELLER AND AUTHOR BIL LEPP

**8/7 6:30 p.m.** Springville Road Public Library, 1224 Old Springville Road, Birmingham. Bil tells humorous stories that are family-friendly and appeal to people of all ages. Free. 226-4085.

## FOOD &amp; WINE

## FOOD PRESERVATION BASICS

**7/28 6-7:30 p.m.** Pelham Public Library, 3162 Pelham Parkway, Pelham. Part of the Money Smart Family Series. Learn how to do your own preserving at home. Class will cover canning low acid foods

(vegetables) in a pressure canner, high acid foods such as jams, jellies, pickles, etc. and discuss freezing fruits and vegetables. Free. Pre-register with the library by calling 620-6418. 620-6418 or www.pelhamlibrary.com.



## SPANISH GOLD

The trio — who Rolling Stone lauds as “a cross between the Black Keys and the Black Angels — will play with Mississippi band Water Liars and Preston Lovingsgood on Thursday at Bottletree. Show starts at 9 p.m., and tickets are \$12. www.thebottletree.com. (Courtesy)