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**ALABAMA 200 HEADS SOUTH FOR WORKSHOPS IN CHATOM AND ROBERTSDALE**

**BALDWIN COUNTY, AL, June 6, 2017** - The ALABAMA 200 series of regional workshops, offering community members access to programming ideas, resources and funding opportunities, will make stops in Chatom and Robertsdale during the month of June. The workshops are designed to assist communities in planning for Alabama's bicentennial commemoration.

The Chatom workshop will be hosted at the Chatom Scott House on Monday, June 12, and the Robertsdale session will be held on Thursday, June 29, at the Central Annex Building in Robertsdale. Both sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m. The workshops are free and open to the public; however, registration is required.

For more information, visit [www.alabama200.org/communities/communityworkshops](http://www.alabama200.org/communities/communityworkshops).

Each workshop will be tailored to the region and will include tourism professionals, representatives from area history/heritage and arts organizations, local bicentennial committee members, chamber and county representatives and others.

Between 2017 and 2019, ALABAMA 200 will engage residents and visitors in educational programs, community activities and statewide initiatives that teach, inspire and entertain. Local communities, though, will be the heart of the commemoration. The regional community workshops are an opportunity to develop cross-county partnerships that can include shared calendars, collaboration on projects and join celebrations.

The workshops are supported by local and statewide partners, including Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourism, Alabama League of Municipalities, University of Alabama Center for Economic Development, Main Street Alabama, Design Alabama, Alabama Historical Commission, Black Heritage Council, Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama, Alabama Tourism Department, Alabama Association of Regional Councils, Alabama Communities of Excellence and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

For future workshop locations and dates, visit <http://www.alabama200.org/communities/communityworkshops>.

In 2013, the Alabama Bicentennial Commission was established by the governor and the legislature to help plan and execute the state's 200th anniversary. For more information about the bicentennial, visit [www.alabama200.org](http://www.alabama200.org), or call 334-242-4537.

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## PARTICIPATE, COLLABORATE, AND CELEBRATE WITH ALABAMA 200

Beginning this spring, the Local Activities Committee of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission will partner with communities and friends across the state to host one-day regional workshops to offer information on bicentennial projects, resources, funding, and more!

Combining local expertise with the experience of our partner agencies and committee members, we aim to convene hundreds of community leaders from all 67 counties by the end of the year.

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### INFORMATION WILL INCLUDE:

- Information about ALABAMA 200 projects and initiatives available to communities
- Information about funding opportunities and how to apply
- Resources for building local programming
- Marketing and branding materials
- Networking and idea sharing across community and county borders

**Thursday, April 13: FLORENCE, Florence-Lauderdale Public Library**

**Monday, June 12: CHATOM, Chatom Scott House**

**Thursday, June 29: ROBERTSDALE, Central Annex Building**

**Monday, July 10: CULLMAN, Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center**

**Thursday, July 27: DOTHAN, Wiregrass Museum**

**Friday, August 18: FORT PAYNE, Little River Canyon Center**

**Thursday, August 24: DEMOPOLIS, Demopolis Civic Center**

**Friday, September 22: OPELIKA, Lee County Meeting Center**

**Tuesday, September 19: GADSDEN, UA Gadsden Center**