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November 20 – November 21 in Montgomery

Holiday Open House and book signing at Goat Hill Museum Store

The Ninth Annual Holiday Open House and author book signing at the Goat Hill Museum Store in Alabama's State Capitol is Friday, November 19, from 8:30 to 4:30, and Saturday, November 20, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Join us for our book signing event with Alabama authors Friday, November 19.

- . Miles DeMott, *Family Meeting* (10 am-1pm)
- . Carole King and Karren Pell, *Montgomery's Historic Neighborhoods* (10:30 am-3pm)
- . Mary Ann Neeley, *Works of Matthew Blue* (11am-2pm)
- . Paulette Ogard and Sara Bright, *Butterflies of Alabama: Glimpses into Their Lives* (10 am-1 pm)
- . Jim Bennett, *Iron and Steel: A Driving Guide to the Birmingham Area Industrial Heritage* (11am-1pm)

Alabama food will be featured from Fairhope's Punta Clara Kitchen; The Nut Shop in Tuscaloosa; Priester's Pecans; Las Hermanas; Raven's Nest Specialties; Betsy's; Wickles; Bee Hive. There will also be a large selection of Alabama cookbooks.

Other "made in Alabama" items include hand-quilted pinecones by the West Alabama Quilter's Guild, cotton boll and okra angels, Alabama flag and state-shaped stained glass ornaments, handmade glass candy canes, and angel ornaments. Collectors will also like the limited edition, blown-glass ornament of the historic Alabama capitol building and Governor Riley's last Christmas ornament. Goat Hill features many gifts made by Alabama artists:

- . Potters Rick Bowman, John Rezner, Jerry Brown, Wade Oliver, and Steve Loucks
- . Glass items by Cal Breed, Gray Collins, and LaDonna Idell
- . Handmade brooms by George Jones
- . Pine needle baskets by Bonnie Pritchard and Misha Craver
- . Wooden bowls carved from Alabama trees by David Lupton
- . Wisteria stockings, wreathes, baskets, mirrors, and Christmas trees by Mark Stinchcomb
- . Clay angels by potter Robin Rogers
- . State-shaped wood cutting boards by Shelby Myrick Young
- . Craftspersons Don and Gwen Chafin, specializing in cane stools and ornaments
- . Photographers Jim Morris and Beth Maynor Young
- . Cornhusk sculptures by Ellen Goode
- . Hand-turned wood writing pens by Ed Allen
- . Architectural prints by Joseph Stone and Melissa Tubbs

Special discounts and door prizes will be given away each day and mulled cider and snacks will be available to shoppers while they browse the store's large selection of unique holiday gifts.

On Saturday, free tours of the Capitol building are offered at 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm. Each tour lasts about 45 minutes and no reservations are necessary.

The Goat Hill Museum Store is located inside the historic Alabama State Capitol's Union Street entrance. The museum store is managed by the Alabama Historical Commission. Store profits go towards continued efforts to preserve Alabama's historic places.

*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission**, the **State Historic Preservation Office**.*