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GAINESWOOD CELEBRATES HERITAGE DAYS SATURDAY APRIL 6

Gaineswood National Historic Landmark invites you to experience the history and culture of the Black Belt at Heritage Days.

Now in its 13th year, Heritage Days began as an educational program for fourth graders. Site Director Eleanor Cunningham says, "In the past, Heritage Days was only offered to pre-registered school groups. This year we expanded the event to include a Saturday open to the public, no reservations required, from 10 am to 2 pm."

This living history event explores life at Gaineswood during the 19th century. Tour one of America's finest Greek Revival houses and experience demonstrations by blacksmiths and potters, learn about Choctaw lifeways, and hear storytelling by "Riverboat John" Ferguson and a French militia re-enactor.

Heritage Days is sponsored by the Friends of Gaineswood through financial support from the Black Belt Community Foundation, the Wal-Mart Foundation, and the Alabama Black Belt Heritage Area.

Located in Demopolis at 805 South Cedar Avenue, Gaineswood is a historic site museum of the Alabama Historical Commission. Tours of the historic home are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Admission to the grounds to see the presenters is free.

For more information, contact Gaineswood at 334-289-4846. Media should phone Eleanor Cunningham at the same number or gaineswd@bellsouth.net.

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