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November 18–19 in Montgomery

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
ALABAMA AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING
GOAT HILL MUSEUM STORE, inside the State Capitol



The 10th Annual Holiday Open House and Alabama author book signing at the Goat Hill Museum Store in Alabama's State Capitol is Friday, November 18, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, and Saturday, November 19, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Goat Hill is the best place to find gifts made in and about Alabama. In addition to Alabama books, food, gifts, souvenirs, and artist-made items, there will be a large selection of holiday ornaments, decorations, and gifts! Meet Alabama fiber artist Diana Hiott on Friday as she demonstrates her techniques for making ornaments and folk dolls.

Join us for our book signing event with Alabama authors Friday, November 18.

- . Noelle Matteson, *The Freedom Rides and Alabama* (11 am – 1 pm)
- . Wayne Flynt, *Keeping the Faith-Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives* (11 am – 2 pm)
- . David Haynes, *Motorcycling Alabama* (10:30 am – 2 pm)
- . Missy Mercer, *Auburn University Cookbook* (11 am – 2 pm)
- . Browne Mercer, *University of Alabama Cookbook* (11 am – 2 pm)
- . Carole King and Karren Pell, *Montgomery, Then and Now* (2 – 4 pm)

On Friday, November 18, we will unveil three limited-edition Alabama ornaments: felted birds by Clanton artist Diana Hiott, knitted Christmas mice by Montgomery artist Paula Weiss, and hand-turned wood finials by Bud Rogers. Other “made in Alabama” items include hand-quilted pinecones by the West Alabama Quilters Guild, cotton boll and okra angels, glass candy canes, and angel ornaments.

Additionally, the Easter Seals of Central Alabama will be at the Capitol selling their 2011 Christmas ornament and their new cookbook honoring 50 years of serving the local community.

Perfect for the holidays are Alabama food items including candies and jellies from Fairhope's Punta Clara Kitchen; chocolate-covered nuts from The Nut Shop in Tuscaloosa; holiday candies from Priester's Pecans; habanera and jalapeno jelly and hot sauce from Montgomery-based Las Hermanas; mulling spice and party food mixes from Raven's Nest Specialties; Betsy's cheese straws; wickedly good Wickles pickles and relishes; honey from the Bee Hive in Ramer; and the largest selection of Alabama cookbooks in town.

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Searching for the perfect holiday gift? Goat Hill features many items by Alabama artists:

- . Potters John Rezner, Jerry Brown, Wade Oliver, and Steve Loucks
- . Glass items by Cal Breed, Gray Collins, and Kay Basiago
- . Handmade brooms by George Jones
- . Pine needle baskets by Misha Craver
- . Hand-felted and knitted dolls, scarves, and hats by Diana Hiott and Paula Weiss
- . 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
- . Crafts persons Don and Gwen Chafin, specializing in cane baskets, star and reindeer ornaments
- . Photographers Cameron Pfeiffer, 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. Contact the museum store at (334) 353-4969 for more information.

The museum store is managed by the Alabama Historical Commission. Store profits go towards continued efforts to preserve Alabama's historic places.

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