Call for Proposals

2017 Southeast Regional Meeting of ALHFAM

The Southeast Region of the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (SEALHFAM) will present the 2017 Southeast Regional Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee at Historic Travellers Rest Plantation & Museum from March 31st to April 2nd, 2017. We are seeking session and workshop proposals. The theme for the conference is “Moundbuilders to Lawbuilders: Making Your Site’s Story Inclusive”.

Proposals are due by January 20th, 2017

Nashville is currently one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, which means that every day our city becomes more diverse and our audience at Travellers Rest is constantly changing. However, historic sites, museums, and the like can be slow to change, and when we do it is often reactionary instead of visionary. Join us in Music City to explore the ways in which your site’s story can be more inclusive and in doing so expand your interpretive horizons. We encourage proposals to explore ideas of inclusivity, story, and creative approaches to interpretation. Proposals on any aspect of living history or museum work are welcome, but those related to the conference theme will be given preference. Suggested presentations may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Museum education: What does it mean to your site, what does it look like at your site, and what should it look like?
- Accessibility
- Making living history inclusive & diverse
- Teaching across curriculum/ content transference
- Relating to diverse populations
- Creating programming for uncommon or unrepresented areas of history
- What does progress look like at your site: visionary vs. reactionary
- Not letting your space dictate your story
- Bringing meaning to programming - can you answer the question “So what?”
- Are you mission driven...or is your mission hidden?
- Collections and archives as a means of engagement
- Historical topics from Moundbuilders to Lawbuilders and everything in between!

Session proposals should be submitted no later than January 20th, 2017 to Tonya Staggs at:
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Please include the following: ●Type of presentation—individual, panel, or workshop; ●Presentation length (45 or 90 minute panel discussion, paper, or session; full-day or half-day workshop); ●Audio-visual equipment or building/facility needs for presentations and/or workshops; ●Title of session/workshop; ●Description of the presentation (200 words or less); ●Name of the presenter/session leader including affiliation, address, telephone, email, and similar information for any additional presenters.