



Friends of Fendall Hall

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Fendall Forum

Greetings:

The Friends of Fendall Hall is pleased to present its second newsletter. Thanks! to Board Member Bart Boyd and his committee.

Fendall Hall was a busy place this summer with the "Hands on History" summer day camp and an art exhibit featuring local artists.

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the following events: **Oct. 7th, Annual Dinner;**
Oct. 22nd, Tea

By becoming a member of /or renewing your membership in the Friends of Fendall Hall, you are helping support historic Fendall Hall and its projects. We are grateful to our members and their generosity.

Carol Kleinhoff,
President
Friends of Fendall Hall

Upcoming Event Calendar

October 7 – Annual Dinner for Friends of Fendall Hall

October 22 – Friends of Fendall Hall Tea

December 11 – Friends of Fendall Hall Wine and Cheese

Call 334-687-8469 for details on these events!

Special Events

Deborah Casey

Happenings at Fendall Hall!

June 14 – Organizational meeting of the Capt. Stouten Hubert Dent Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) held at Fendall Hall. Anyone interested in joining may call Ellen Green at 334-687-5489.

July 14 – July 16 – **Hands on History Day Camp.** The first of what we hope to be an annual event. The Fendall Hall mural (pictured below) is on display at the Chamber of Commerce.

August 10 – Community Art Exhibit Open House - Over 100 people attended!!

August 4 – September 30 – **Community Art Exhibit** - Over 70 pieces of art from 30 local artists on display at Fendall Hall. Members of Friends of Fendall Hall free admission – *Non-members paid admission*



Rachel Boyd & Kayleigh McQueen work on the Fendall Hall mural at **Hands on History**.

Planned Chandelier Repair at Fendall Hall

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In the 1880's as part of the redecoration of Fendall Hall, Capt. S. H. and Anna Young Dent installed crystal chandeliers in the public or guest areas of the home. These areas included the front hallway, the parlor or drawing room and the painted dining room. When the family sold Fendall Hall to the state in 1973, the decision was made to allow the chandeliers to remain.

The chandeliers were originally gasoliers and were wired in 1912-1914 when electricity was first installed at Fendall Hall. The three original chandeliers were rewired when the house was rewired in 1956, as reported in an article that appeared in *Powergrams*, in March 1956. (*Powergrams* was a publication of the Alabama Power Company.)

With this rewiring, a new Czechoslovakian crystal chandelier was added in the living room. The original three chandeliers are now believed to be Baccarat crystal.

Some of the original crystals on all four chandeliers have been broken, chipped and lost. At the August 11, 2008 broad meeting of the Friends of Fendall Hall, the board voted to replace lost, broken and damaged crystals and clean all four of the crystal chandeliers at Fendall Hall. The chandeliers should be sparkling and complete in time for the Friends of Fendall Hall annual meeting on October 7, 2008.

The cleaning and repair of the crystal chandeliers at Fendall Hall is only the latest of many projects funded by the Friends of Fendall Hall. Protecting and preserving Fendall Hall is an ongoing goal of both the Friends of Fendall Hall and the Alabama Historic Commission.

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