

SELMA TOUR OF HOMES TICKET INFO:

Package Ticket \$50

Pass to everything we have to offer! The package ticket entitles you to the Friday night Gala Event with special presentation by Chip Cooper, refreshments and live band (The Selma Boys); tour of all nine homes on Saturday plus access to two museums, an art show, quilt display, paranormal program, and cemetery tour.



Child Daytime Ticket \$25

(For children under 12 accompanied by parent, babes in arms are free)

Cemetery Tour..... \$10

No individual tickets will be sold except for the **Cemetery Tour**. It is included in the Package Ticket or may be purchased individually.

Tickets are available on **EventBrite.com** or on March 14 & 15 at the Vaughan-Smitherman Museum, 109 Union St., between 9AM and 4PM or at the cemetery on Saturday evening.

Follow us on Facebook  and Instagram  at **historicselma** and on our web page at

HistoricSelma.org

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- *Please no smoking on the properties.*
- *No interior photography permitted.*
- *Plans subject to change.*

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stay for the hospitality!*

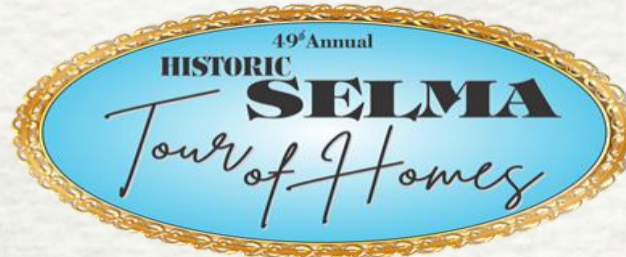
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334-412-8550 or 800-457-3562.

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Nestled atop a bluff overlooking the Alabama River on U.S. Highway 80, Selma hosts thousands of tourists year-round from all over the world who come to view historic sites that date back to the early 1800s. The Historic Selma Tour of Homes offers visitors a chance to experience hands-on history through guided tours.

The *Selma Art Guild* is a cooperative for artists in the area. Selma has always been a center for the arts and the Art Guild displays works in a variety of media. Artworks will be for sale.



Stop by *Miss Minnie Sue's* to admire a *Quilt Display*, view *Selma Ghost Stories*, and examine *Historic Documents* while enjoying a refreshing glass of lemonade in this 1830s cottage in Heritage Village.

Stroll through the serene and peaceful *Old Live Oak Cemetery* with huge Live Oaks draped with Spanish moss. Various "ghosts" will visit on Saturday evening from 4 until 6:30. Visitors will be captivated by the stories of humor, perseverance, and tragedy as history comes alive.



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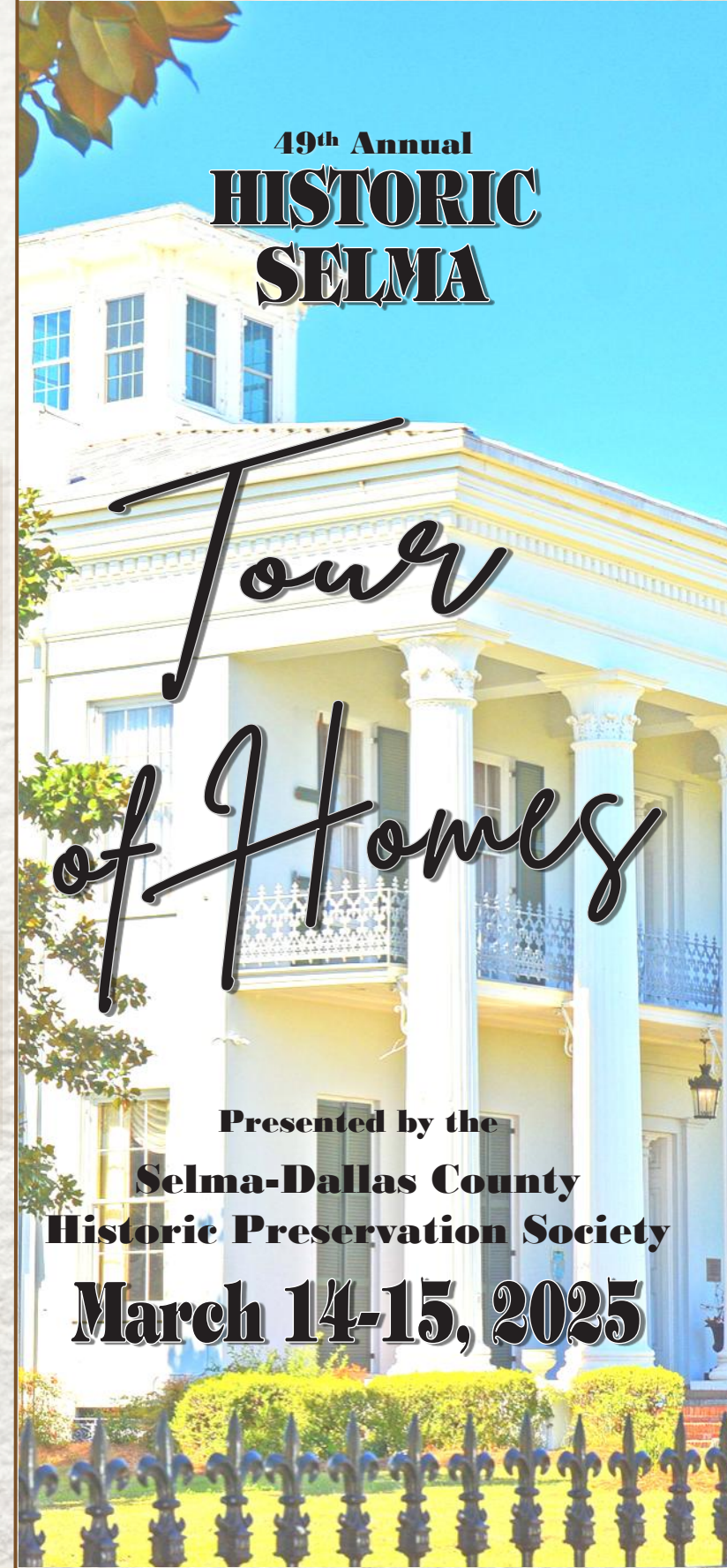


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**49th Annual
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*Tour
of Homes*

**Presented by the
Selma-Dallas County
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March 14-15, 2025

49th Annual HISTORIC SELMA TOUR OF HOMES

The Selma Dallas County Historic Preservation Society and the City of Selma are proud to once again showcase our beautiful city. Experience the remarkable resilience and creativity of Selma on this year's Tour of Homes. Each home showcased was impacted by the January 2023 tornado and has since undergone stunning restoration.

Step inside private homes to admire breathtaking artwork, treasured family heirlooms, and exquisite furnishings, each telling its own story of resilience and renewal. Don't miss this extraordinary celebration of beauty, history, and hope!

Beginning Friday evening, March 14, the SDCHPS will host a welcoming **Gala Event** at the **King-Welch Mansion**, formerly known as Henderson



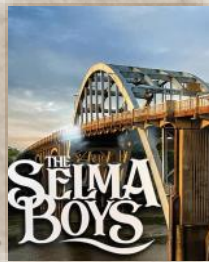
House, with doors opening at 6 PM. Join us for an inspiring evening with award-winning photographer **Chip Cooper**.



Renowned for his ability to capture and define the essence of the South through his evocative photography, Mr. Cooper brings a unique perspective to his craft. He previously served as the Director of Photography at the University of Alabama and now holds the position of Artist-in-Residence in the

Honors College. His exceptional work has been featured in numerous prestigious magazines, and he is the author of several acclaimed books. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with one of the South's most celebrated visual storytellers! Mr. Cooper will speak at 6:30 PM in the Parlor followed by refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts.

Entertainment will then be provided by the **Selma Boys** duo, featuring Selma natives, **Rick Carter** and **Richard Tabor**.



Saturday will showcase nine historic homes, two museums, quilt display, and an art show from 10 AM until 4 PM. The **Vaughan-Smitherman Museum** will open at 9 for ticket



sales and tours. This Greek Revival building, built in 1847 by Selma's Masonic Lodge #27, is one of Selma's most historic treasures. Originally built as a school for orphans and children of Masons, it has served as a Confederate hospital, the Dallas County Courthouse, a military school, and the Vaughan Memorial Hospital through the years.

Saturday's home tour will feature **Fair Oaks Square** in the Old Town Historic District of Selma. The mansion and Victorian cottages on tour were part of an award-winning restoration in the early 1980s by Circle "S" Industries.



The **King-Welch Mansion** is a Greek revival home built c. 1853 for William B. King, nephew of Rufus King, our 13th Vice President. During the Civil War, the property was seized by Wilson's Raiders and used as a hospital for Union soldiers, but the family was allowed to live in two upstairs rooms. The Spencer family, current owners, began the restoration process after the January 2023 tornado which ravaged the home and grounds.

The **Strand Cottage** and art studio was built between 1899 and 1901. During the 1980's restoration, the Carpenter Gothic house's exterior was authentically restored while the interior was modernized to retain many of the original features. Today the home is filled with inherited antiques, the owners' art collection and Anne Strand's artwork and décor.



The **Tipmore Cottage** follows the Victorian plan book used to build the four colorful cottages on Union Street. The porch's ceiling is painted the classic "haint blue," believed to keep evil spirits away. Owner David Tipmore has filled the rooms with family treasures, including a baby grand piano, antiques, mementos from his travels, and his own book collection.



With more than 3,000 carefully curated used and new books, **Fair Oaks Books** was started in 2021 by owner David Tipmore. The three rooms at the front of the home, once its two parlors and dining room, have kept their original fireplaces, molding, and chandeliers.



Gigi's Cottage is an Italianate style cottage that boasts some of the original fireplaces, as well as original pine flooring and crown molding. Owner Gina Gerstner loves the porches that provide true Southern comfort while enjoying the beauty of this neighborhood.



The **Portis-Welch-Cavalieri-Rhodes Home** was built in 1906. Larry Striplin added this house to his Henderson House/Fair Oaks Complex in 1996. This Colonial Revival style home was purchased in 2022 by Richard Cavalieri and Paula Rhodes. They have blended traditional elements with modern day living and functionality.

Byrdland Home and Gallery is currently owned by artists Trés and Helene Taylor who are only the third family to own the home. The 1878 home is filled with many original architectural details including hand-painted fresco friezes and a stained-glass window by famed artist, Clara Weaver Parrish. The home is furnished with contemporary furniture paired with their tribal and contemporary art collection.



Sturdivant Hall, c. 1856, offers opulence and hospitality inside and out. This magnificent Greek Revival mansion with its six front Corinthian columns, imported Italian marble, and quiet Southern grace is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the epitome of the South's Golden Age. Grand. Magnificent. Elegant.

Gold, soldiers, and family will be some of the subjects covered on the front porch tour of the **Wash. Smith-Quarles Home**. It was built in 1849 by Col. Washington McMurray Smith, great grandfather of current resident Shirley Baird. Mr. Smith was a lawyer, banker and pioneer builder of Selma and Dallas County. This fine antebellum home is one of the few still owned and occupied by descendants of the original family.



The Oaks is the only home on tour that is not in the Old Town District; however, it is only a short drive west of town. It is a stately home built in 1849 by Kirkland Harrison and stands as a testament to the grandeur of a by gone era--an antebellum home that breathes history, resilience and charm. This home, a product of meticulous craftsmanship, and the grounds were devastated by the January tornado. Bob and Buffy Donlon purchased it in 2024 and began the restoration process. While the house is now complete, the landscaping renewal will begin in the spring of 2025.

