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Christopher Lang will present a free discussion on March 18 at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts on *Antique Alabama Furniture*. The discussion will start at noon so bring a sack lunch and learn more about the work of North Alabama cabinetmakers during the antebellum period. The discussion is part of the Alabama Humanities Foundation Road Scholar Speakers Bureau.

Lang, an independent scholar from Huntsville, will discuss the strong and diverse local cabinetmaking community that existed in North Alabama during the antebellum period. Scores of woodworkers can be identified in the state censuses and newspaper advertisements. The lecture will focus on specific cabinetmakers and groupings of furniture and observe comparisons between high-style and country-made furniture. Lang will show slides of early North Alabama furniture and will bring antique woodworking tools and other items of interest. He will also discuss the proper care of antique furniture.

Lang graduated from the College of Wooster, in Wooster, Ohio, with a double major in history and art. He trained in furniture conservation at the Smithsonian Institution in Maryland and the Conservation Laboratory of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in Virginia. Lang has served as a cabinetmaker and historical interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg and at the Alabama Constitution Village in Huntsville. Currently he specializes in the restoration and conservation of antique furniture while continuing his study of local historical furniture and early craftsmanship.

The Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF) is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is a nonprofit organization funded by the NEH as well as by corporate and individual donors. The AHF is dedicated to the promotion and celebration of the humanities throughout the state and conducts its own statewide programs and awards grants, on a competitive basis, to nonprofit organizations for humanities programs.

Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is located at 217 East Tuscaloosa Street and is open, free of charge, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (256) 760-6379 for more information. Sponsored by the Florence Department of Arts and Museums.

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