

The Phoenix Flies at the Georgia Capitol



The eighth annual “Phoenix Flies: A Citywide Celebration of Living Landmarks” presented by the Atlanta Preservation Center begins on Saturday, March 5, 2011. This two week event features special tours and program throughout the metro Atlanta area focusing on historic landmarks and preservation.

This year the Georgia Capitol Museum is hosting three events:

Thursdays, March 10 & March 17, at 4:00PM we will be giving an Art & Architecture tour of the Capitol.

Wednesday, March 16, at 10:00AM we will be giving a Civil Rights tour of the Capitol.

Tours will be given by Timothy Frilingos, Museum Services Manager. All tours are free, open to anybody, and begin in the Capitol Rotunda. You can learn more about each tour below.

To learn more about all the events during the Phoenix Flies visit their website at <http://phoenixflies.org/>.

Architecture and Art of the Georgia Capitol (3/10 & 3/17, 4:00PM): One of the most distinct parts of the Atlanta skyline is the Georgia Capitol. Built to symbolize Georgia’s rebirth after the

Civil War, it signaled not only Atlanta as the capital of Georgia but also of the "New South." This tour will demonstrate how the building's architecture serves both practical and symbolic functions. The tour will also feature a discussion of the recent renovation and the realities of historic preservation in a working capitl. Weather permitting, this tour will feature an outdoor portion

The Georgia Capitol and Civil Rights (3/16, 10:00AM): Built in 1889 to symbolize the ideals of Georgia's democratic government, the Capitol was inaccessible to many of Georgia's citizens. Both women and African-Americans had to struggle to make their voices heard and their votes count beneath the gold dome. This tour will use the Capitol's spaces, memorials and artwork to tell the story of events within the Capitol that both prevented and then provided for equal Representtion for all Georgians. Weather permitting, this tour will feature an outdoor portion.