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Vulcan® Park and Museum Announces its 2016 Spring Walking Tour Series

Birmingham, Ala. — After six years of hosting a series of Spring Walking Tours, Vulcan® Park and Museum is now joining forces with the **Alabama Center for Architecture**, underscoring the focus of the tours on Birmingham's architecture both new and historic. The walks offer participants a fun, invigorating way to experience the history and architectural beauty of Birmingham's neighborhoods and cultural districts. Also for the first time, the Spring Walking Tours will be presented by **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama** who encourage walking as a part of their healthy living initiatives.

On **March 19**, the series will kick off with a tour of **Parkside**. Beginning with Railroad Park and Regions Field, Parkside quickly grew into a vital neighborhood that has attracted an explosion of building projects, tourists and visitors from all over Birmingham. Our tour focuses on the power of good design to invigorate development.

The series will continue on **April 16** with downtown's **Historic Retail and Theater District**. The renovated Lyric Theatre is the centerpiece of recent development south of 20th Street. We'll visit the Lyric and explore the history and revitalization of its neighbors. With new apartments, office buildings, lofts, hotels and restaurants, this area showcases the active investment in downtown Birmingham.

Concluding the series on **May 14** will be an exploration of **Forest Park**. Jeff Dungan, AIA, is known for his modern approach to traditional vernaculars and classical architecture and few people are more knowledgeable on historic architectural styles. Dungan will lead us through Forest Park, identifying styles, materials and proportions that resonate in timeless residences.

All tours begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at noon. Registration is \$10 for Vulcan® Park and Museum members and \$12 for non-members and is required in advance.

Space is limited! Tour participants will be notified of the meeting location for their tour during the week prior to the event. For more information or to register see visitvulcan.com/events.

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About Vulcan® Park and Museum

Vulcan Park and Museum is a 501 (c) 3 organization. All proceeds from ticket purchases will be used to support Vulcan Park and Museum's mission to preserve and promote Vulcan as the symbol for the Birmingham region, advance knowledge and understanding of Birmingham's history and culture, and to encourage exploration of the region.