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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
THE IMPACT OF NEW DEAL MONEY ON "SMALL TOWN" ALABAMA
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ArchiTreats: Food for Thought continues another year of informative talks on Alabama history at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Join us at **noon on Thursday, August 19** as **Karen I. Henricks** presents *The Impact of New Deal Money on "Small Town" Alabama*. This program is in conjunction with the Alabama Tourism Department's Year of Alabama Small Towns and Downtowns.

During the difficult years of the Great Depression a number of the alphabet agencies associated with the Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt sought to revive the depressed economy with new construction and building programs. The amazing effect of those programs nationwide has been known for some time--facts and figures can be obtained for the incredible numbers of schools, public buildings, or the miles of roads constructed by the various agencies. However, little has been done to investigate the individual projects and their impact on the lives of small-town America. This program uses case studies to review the type of programs in Alabama associated with the New Deal and the relationships of the various agencies involved in the building projects.

Karen Peterson Henricks holds a PhD in Art History and Archaeology from the University of Missouri in Columbia. She has been the art historian at Jacksonville State University since 1987. Henricks developed an early interest in the art and architecture of the New Deal and has researched New Deal programs in Alabama for many years. She has lectured and presented papers about the New Deal in Alabama regionally and nationally. Along with her interest in the New Deal, Henricks also serves as a Foundation Board member and consultant for the Berman Museum of World History in Anniston, Alabama and has done research on other aspects of Alabama art and architecture.

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought lecture series is made possible by the Friends of the Alabama Archives. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a bit of Alabama history. Coffee and tea will be provided by the Friends of the Alabama Archives. For more information, call (334) 353-4726.

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