

Spirit of Anniston

November 2010 Newsletter

**Don't Miss Downtown Anniston's
Holiday Open House**



Friday, Dec. 3rd ~ 10am-5pm

Saturday, Dec. 4th ~ 10am-2pm

Look for the BIG red bows downtown and register to **WIN THREE GRAND PRIZES OF \$100**

...and great door prizes at these participating merchants:

Couch's Jewelers~15 East 10th St, Furniture Outlet~1006 Noble St, Griffin's Jewelers~1028 Noble St, Lance Johnson Studios~1213 Noble St, Nunnally's Custom Framing~1014 Noble St, The Rabbit Hutch Gift Shop~1026 Noble St, and Still Midtown Ceramics~1230 Noble St.

Pick up your entry card at each participating merchant, Spirit of Anniston office~1018 Noble St., or clip out from the full page ad featured in the thanksgiving edition of The Anniston Star, Thursday, Nov. 25th. Visit each listed merchant and have them sign your entry card. Then leave your signed card with the last merchant visited for the day. Completed signed cards will be eligible for multiple door prizes and **THREE GRAND PRIZES** of \$100 checks! Drawing to be held at Spirit of Anniston on Tuesday, December 7th at 10:00 am. You do not have to be present to win.

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE Invites College Students to



“Get on the Bus”

**Be one of 40 college students to join original Freedom Riders
in retracing the 1961 Rides.**

May 6-16, 2011: Washington, DC to Jackson, MS
[Apply now!](#)

In May 2011, forty college students will embark on a journey retracing the route of the original 1961 Freedom Rides, beginning an important national conversation about the role of civic engagement today. The ten-day, all-expenses-paid trip is a unique opportunity for college students who are committed to learning from history and to applying those lessons today.

The application deadline is January 17, 2011~Decisions will be announced by the end of February 2011.

For more info: www.pbs.org/freedomriders

Civil Rights & Heritage Trail Update



Highlights from Carver Community Meeting October 28, 2010

The Trail committee welcomed an excited and interactive group of more than 40 local residents to hear an update on logo development, brochure & sign copy, and to contribute mural ideas.

Jason Wright, JSU graduate student, who has been working on a logo design for the Trail, showed several versions of his design. Jennifer Gross, JSU history professor and Theresa Shadrix, Star special publications editor, both working on signs and the brochure, are continuing to seek input & information about various sites on the Trail.

Jauneth Skinner, chair of the JSU art department and Betsy Bean, Spirit director, led a brainstorming session on topics for murals in the W. 15th St. area. Ideas included portraits of the local political leaders who defused difficult situations; Big 15th (the area in its heyday); Morris & Ray service station; children skating on 15th & Pine at Christmas; All Saints Church and Father Casey who provided the only recreation area for black children; the churches involved in the Civil Rights movement; a scene related to the integration of the library. John Davis showed a print of his folk art painting of the bus burning. Other ideas from the audience included creating a replica of the bus; potential souvenirs; three dimensional public art such as a statue for William Dawson, well known black composer from Anniston.

And, don't miss...

Our Next Meeting, Dec. 2nd ~ 5 – 7pm., at the Carver Center!

If you remember W. 15th St. in its heyday, you're invited to a Story Circle at the Carver Center~720 W. 14th St., on Thursday, Dec. 2 from 5 to 7pm. JSU adjunct professor Anita Stewart will lead a Story Circle in which participants have five minutes to share a memory while everyone else in the circle listens. The goal is to give mural artist Joseph Giri some ideas for the mural he will paint about W. 15th on W. 15th, one of the stops on the Civil Rights & Heritage Trail, which the Spirit is developing. We're also hoping we can uncover some photographs of the area and/or specific buildings. If you would like to participate, please sign up ahead of time by calling 256-236-0996.



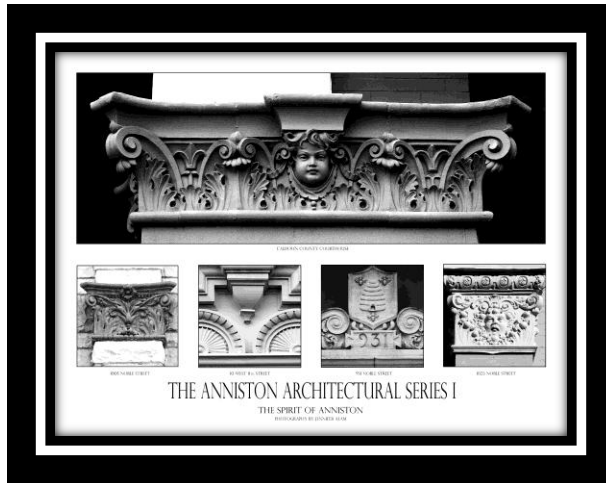
Santa is Coming to...Downtown Anniston!

Get into the holiday spirit, bundle up the kids (big & little!) and join us Thursday night, December 16th beginning at 6:30pm., for this years' Downtown Anniston Christmas Parade, a 'Candy Land Christmas! The parade will travel up Noble St. beginning at 15th St. and ending at 9th & Noble St.

Deadline for entries in the parade is November 29th. Entry forms are available at www.anniston.al.gov . For more information please contact Angie Shockley with Anniston Parks and Recreation at 256-236-8221.

Need a Unique Holiday Gift Idea?

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Own a Piece of Historic Downtown Anniston!

The Anniston Architectural Series 1, by Jennifer Alam.

This striking black & white print highlights the architectural details from various buildings in downtown Anniston.

Call the Spirit office today, 256-236-0996, to purchase this 18x24, *limited edition* print for a *special holiday price* of \$25.00!

A great holiday gift and a beautiful addition to your home and/or office!

Nunnally's Framing~1014 Noble St, 256-237-5921~will donate 20% of the framing costs to The Spirit of Anniston!