

50th Anniversary Weekend

Monroe County Heritage Museum – Monroeville, Alabama

Schedule of Events

Thursday– July 8

8 a.m.-4 p.m. Museum and Gift Shop open

The Shop features unique *Mockingbird* items, specially designed 50th Anniversary shirts, jackets & vests, exclusively made ties and many more one of a kind gift items for those who treasure the novel. Museum exhibits include “Harper Lee – In Her Own Words,” highlighting her early interviews and comments about the book and movie.

9 a.m. -12 p.m – Scenes and Stories of Monroeville

Two-part panel discussions: *Growing Up with Harper Lee* and *Aga inst the Odds: Moments of Courage*. SARIC Teacher credit offered. Free admission, but seating is limited and reservations are required. Coffee & homemade breakfast treats served.

12:30 p.m. -1:30 p.m. Barbecue Lunch

Enjoy the state’s best BBQ lunch under the tents on the Old Courthouse lawn \$9 per person, Special guest to read an Atticus Finch passage in front of the Atticus Finch Marker, placed on the lawn by the Alabama State Bar Association.

2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. – *Mockingbird* scholar Dr. Nancy Anderson

Alabama Southern Community College will host a discussion by noted *Mockingbird* scholar Dr. Nancy Anderson. Dr. Anderson will discuss Miss Lee and her novel, while an artist plays original songs based on the book’s characters. Rare and foreign editions of the novel will be on display in the College Library.

4 p.m. – Screening of *To Kill a Mockingbird* movie

Join us for the first public showing in Monroeville since 1963 of the Academy award-winning *To Kill a Mockingbird*, starring Gregory Peck. Our Place Family Center.

Auctions ongoing all weekend:

Silent Auction of signed 35th Anniversary Edition of *To Kill a Mockingbird* in “as new” condition (all proceeds benefit the Monroe County Heritage Museum’s Education Fund). Auction begins at 8 a.m. Thursday and ends at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Also, the reading copy of a 50th Anniversary edition of *To Kill a Mockingbird* signed by all the readers in the marathon reading will be auctioned.

Friday, July 9

8 a.m.-4 p.m. – Museum and Gift Shop open

Enjoy our fabulous gift shop and exhibits about Harper Lee and *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

9 a.m. -3 p.m. – Marathon Reading of *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Marathon reading of *To Kill a Mockingbird* begins in the courtroom (at the judge’s bench). Each participant will sign the reading copy, which will then be auctioned off at the end of the weekend.

9 a.m.-noon – Walking Tours of Downtown

Soak up small town Alabama described in Harper Lee’s novel. Visit the locations of Harper Lee’s and Truman Capote’s childhood homes, while Monroeville citizens share stories and read aloud from *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

10 a.m. – Vintage games for children & adults

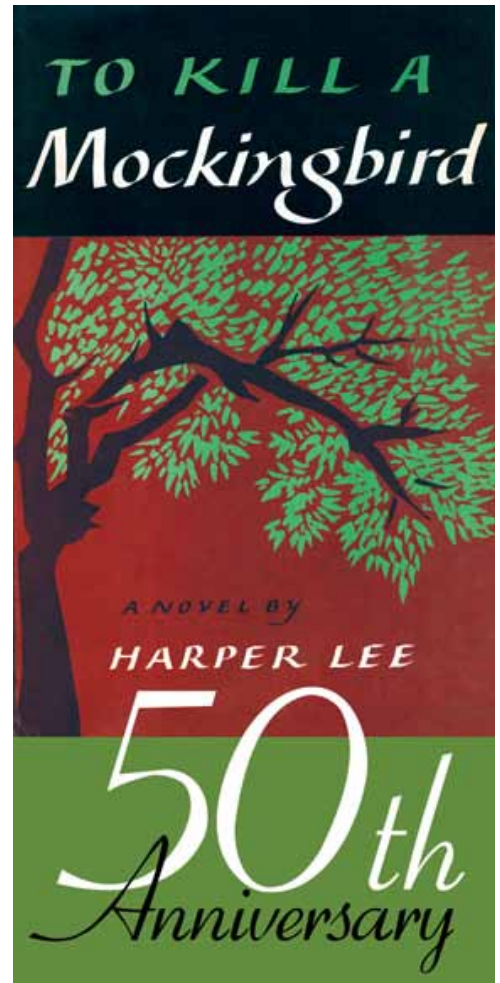
Exciting old-fashioned games, led by the Museum’s education staff, on the Old Courthouse Lawn. Play marbles, jump rope, hop scotch, 3-legged sack race, Boo’s treasure hunt, decorate the sidewalks with chalk, and much more. For the much older children, dominos and checkers will be available – just as they were in the 1930s.

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. – Barbecue Lunch

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6 p.m.-until – “Celebrate the Foods of the 1930s South”

Party at C.L. Hybart House Museum & Cultural Center, a 1920s Mediterranean-style home where Harper Lee & Truman Capote visited the night before leaving to research *In Cold Blood*. Generous helpings of the delectable dishes mentioned in the novel including collards, turnips & cornbread, sliced vine-ripe tomatoes, fried chicken and, of course, angel food AND pound cake. Southern cocktail expert and author of two books on Southern drinks and drinking, Denise Gee, has created a signature drink for the weekend — “Tequila Mockingbird.” Be sure to purchase one in our commemorative glass to toast this very special day. Tickets \$25 per person, \$35 including commemorative glass. Purchase in advance by calling the museum at 251-575-7433.



Saturday, July 10

8 a.m.-4 p.m. – Museum and Gift Shop open

Enjoy our fabulous gift shop and exhibits about Harper Lee and *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

8 a.m.-until – Beehive Coffee & Books on the Square

The first 50 visitors will have an opportunity to write a letter to Harper Lee, using 50 words or less, to be delivered to the author.

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6 p.m. – Sandy Jaffe’s *Our Mockingbird*

A special preview screening of Sandy Jaffe’s upcoming documentary, *Our Mockingbird*, in the courtroom. Sponsored by George F. Landegger.

8:15 p.m.- until – “Evening Under the Stars”

Party on the Old Courthouse Lawn. Heavy hors d’oeuvres and beverages including Monroeville’s special “Tequila Mockingbird” will be served. Tickets for the documentary and party: \$25 per person, \$35 including commemorative glass. Purchase tickets in advance from Museum (251) 575-7433.

Sunday, July 11 (actual anniversary of publication date!)

Noon – Screening of *To Kill a Mockingbird* movie

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2 p.m.-5 p.m. – Museum and Gift Shop open

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2 p.m.- 4 p.m. – *To Kill a Mockingbird* Birthday Party

Birthday party for the novel on the Old Courthouse Lawn, with a specially created birthday cake by the Pastry Shop in Mobile and ice cream, compliments of George F. Landegger.

5 p.m. – Silent Auction concludes

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Special ticket packages: Purchase tickets in advance from Museum (251) 575-7433.

- **Friday night dinner & drinks advance ticket**—\$25, with commemorative glass— \$35.
- **Saturday night dinner & drinks advance ticket**—\$25, with commemorative glass— \$35.
- **Combo Special Rate:** Tickets for both nights—\$45, with commemorative glass—\$65

All events subject to change without prior notice. Please call ahead for complete schedule and reservations (251) 575-7433. www.tokillamockingbird.com or mchm@frontiernet.net