

## Programs at a Glance

Programs will be held on  
Wednesdays  
at 12:00 noon  
in the Harry I. Brown  
Auditorium  
Refreshments at 11:00 in the  
Hightower Room

March 18

Jim Deloach

"The Resurgence of Marble in the  
Décor of the World"

March 25

Joey Brackner

"Tombstones & Their Makers"

April 1

Ruth Cook

"Gantt's Quarry: Working There,  
Living There"

April 8

Ruth Cook

"Giuseppe Moretti: The Man, the  
Marble, the Artistic Lifestyle"

The "Magic of Marble" Festival is a part of the Alabama State Council on the Arts cultural exchange with Italy. It is also sponsored by the B. B. Comer Library, the Isabel Anderson Comer Museum, the Sylacauga Arts Council, the City of Sylacauga, and the Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce.

## The Magic of Marble Festival: What's it all about?

In April, Sylacauga is looking forward to welcoming a delegation of artists and officials from Pietrasanta, Italy as a part of an international cultural exchange sponsored by the Alabama State Council on the Arts. Last June, Mayor & Mrs. Sam Wright helped carry the "Alabama Experience" to Italy and they are excited about Sylacauga's chance to reciprocate with some southern hospitality. Governor Bob Riley, enthusiastic about the potential of the cultural exchange between Alabama and Pietrasanta, said, "I am particularly hopeful about the bridges that can be built in the international sculpting community given the world famous Carrara marble industry in the Pietrasanta region and the fine marble quarries in the Sylacauga region of Alabama." Beginning April 17<sup>th</sup>, Sylacauga will begin its marble festivities with downtown walking tours that will include sculptors at work and product displays from the local marble quarries. On April 28<sup>th</sup> a one-day celebration, the "Magic of Marble" Festival, will include a reception for the Pietrasanta delegation and performances for the public to enjoy.