

## Calendar of Events

**EWH** – Eudora Welty House, Jackson  
**GV** – Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, Natchez  
**GM** – Governor's Mansion, Jackson  
**HJC** – Historic Jefferson College, Washington  
**MHM** – Manship House Museum, Jackson  
**OCM** – Old Capitol Museum, Jackson  
**WWB** – William F. Winter Building, Jackson  
**WM** – Winterville Mounds, Greenville

**October:**  
**Saturdays in October,** 1–3 p.m. *Mock Dig.* Mock excavation with tools provided. No experience necessary. All ages welcome. 662-334-4683 or [info@winterville-mounds.com](mailto:info@winterville-mounds.com). (WM)  
**10/1-31 *The Mummy Returns*,** The Mummy exhibit returns to the museum. 601-576-6920 or [info@oldcapitolmuseum.com](mailto:info@oldcapitolmuseum.com). (OCM)



## To the MDAH volunteers:

As ambassadors and volunteers for the State of Mississippi and this agency, your level of service in terms of quality, consistency, and quantity continues to have a positive impact. In fact, your service has been deemed such an important element in our mission that Volunteer Services has been placed within the Human Resources office of MDAH.

While we move forward with multiple projects that preserve our cultural resources and educate the public, please remember that your function in this process is essential and your ability to represent us is critical.

In appreciation of your service and to enhance your knowledge, we invite you to enjoy our many events and sites. Please refer to our *Calendar of Events*. In October, we focus on *Archaeology Month* and *National Archives Month*. In November, we will host the twenty-seventh annual *Teachers Workshop*. In December, we will celebrate *Statehood Day* at the Old Capitol Museum with an address by Judge James E. Graves, Jr., December 9 at noon. And of course we will have plenty of holiday programming with a historical theme. Please take time to enjoy these offerings.

With deep gratitude,  
H. T. Holmes  
Director, MDAH

## Winterville Welcomes New Volunteer

Winterville Mounds Park and Museum is happy to welcome their newest volunteer, Candice Belin of Lake Village, Arkansas. Belin is pursuing a degree in Medical Assistance with a management focus at Centura College Online and chose to volunteer at Winterville to obtain administrative experience. In addition to serving as

secretary Susie Smith, Belin has been involved in the site's implementation of the MDAH Strategic Planning Curatorial Care-Collection Development. Specifically, she is uploading bibliographic information for the agency's online library database. Belin began her volunteer work at Winterville on August 5, 2011, and will continue working

two to three times a month through May 2012.



## Image and Sound Volunteer Helps Out with the *Speak Now* Project

The Archives and Records Services Division's Image and Sound section welcomes Nell Pace, who is transcribing the audio recordings generated by the *Speak Now: Memories of the Civil Rights Era* project. MDAH has invited Freedom Riders, civil rights leaders, and the general public to share their civil rights era memories for posterity.

Nell is the mother of audiovisual curator Celia Tisdale, who volunteered her mother for this project because she knew Nell possessed the necessary skills. Celia also expected

her mother to have a special interest in this project because Nell had worked in the New Capitol from 1961 through 1971, during the civil rights era.

Nell is a state retiree with thirty-five years of service to agencies including the Office of the State Auditor, Pearl Fire Department, PERS, and the Mississippi Arts Commission.

Nell said she is enjoying the story-telling journey as told by the folks who have shared their memories thus far. She also said that



hearing the details of the events of the civil rights era has been a very enlightening experience.

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## Intern Gives and Gains from Welty House Experience

This summer the Eudora Welty House, for the first time, had a volunteer intern from Belhaven University. Alex Crowson is now beginning his senior year and is majoring in English. From May through August, Crowson volunteered a total

of 225 hours at the Eudora Welty House, going above and beyond the 120 hour minimum required.

Crowson operated the front desk, assisted with tours, and assisted with preparations for the next year of the Scholastic Art &

Writing Awards, among other tasks. While Crowson originally pursued the internship as a means of gaining experience in a workplace, he ended his internship with more than just an understanding of what is expected in a professional

setting: "I was told at the beginning that the staff and volunteers tried to treat people as Eudora Welty would have. I certainly saw that sense of graciousness, the hospitality, in the extra measures they would go to for a visitor." Crowson plans to continue volunteering during his final year at Belhaven.



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**10/12 History is Lunch**, noon–1 p.m. For Archives Month, MDAH archivist Jim Pitts will present "Rebellion and Relics," highlighting Civil War materials in the MDAH Collection.

The public is invited to share the Civil Rights-era memories as a part of the *Speak Now* audio recording project before and after the program.

10 a.m.–4 p.m. (WWB)

**10/12 Public invited to share their civil rights era memories.** 10 a.m.–

4 p.m. Recordings will be added to the MDAH archival collection and made available to the public. 601-576-6998 (WWB)

**10/13-14 Powwow Adventures**, 9 a.m.–noon.

Children's program introducing Native American cultures (stories, face painting, games, blow-gun demonstration, tour, and take-home craft).

Reservations required. 601-446-6502 or [info@natchezgrandvillage.com](mailto:info@natchezgrandvillage.com). (GV)

*MDAH Volunteer Enrichment Series*

**GREENWOOD CEMETERY  
TOUR WITH PETER MIAZZA**

Monday, October 24, 2011, 1 p.m.

*Tour will last approximately one hour.*

*Reservations required.*

Contact Elizabeth Coleman at [ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us](mailto:ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us) or 601-576-6985.

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**10/13 So Just What is the Big Deal about Poverty Point?** 6:30 p.m. Lecture by Fran Hamilton, Poverty Point assistant station archaeologist. 601-446-6502. (GV)

**10/19-20 24th Annual Student Days**, 9 a.m.–noon. Children’s program for third-through fifth-grade students (flint knapping, French colonial survivor skills, Native American homes, tools, and weapons). Free admission. Reservations required. 601-446-6502 or [info@natchezgrandvillage.com](mailto:info@natchezgrandvillage.com). (GV)

**10/19 History is Lunch**, noon–1 p.m. “Present Meets Past” preview by Clay Williams, Old Capitol Museum director, and living history reenactors. (OCM)

**10/26 History is Lunch**, noon–1 p.m. “Reporter Norma Fields: American Woman.” Lecture by Ellen Ann Fentress, writer. (WWB)

If you would like to volunteer for any of the upcoming Old Capitol Museum events, contact Maura Johnson at 601-576-6923 or [mjohnson@mdah.state.ms.us](mailto:mjohnson@mdah.state.ms.us).

## Meet Public Information Intern Nell Knox

Nell Linton Knox, a University of Mississippi graduate student, is spending her fall semester interning in the MDAH Public Information office. Knox is slated to receive her master’s degree in southern studies upon the completion of her internship. She earned her undergraduate degree from Millsaps College in Jackson.

Knox works five days a week and splits her time between two projects: digitizing back issues of the *Journal of Mississippi History* and gathering information about Eudora Welty, the Eudora Welty Collection, and the Eudora Welty House to improve the department’s website.

“Nell’s strong background in history and southern studies has enabled her to come in and contribute immediately to these large and important projects,” said Chris Goodwin, Public Information director. “She has worked with staff in the Archives and Records

Services Division, Museum Division, and Historic Preservation Division, as well as with the Eudora Welty Foundation and other groups, to pull together text, images, and all the other elements of a website.”



## Old Capitol Hosts Programs for All

The Old Capitol Museum is ready for fall with an exciting batch of programs. In October, the museum offers *Thorns and Troubles Innumerable: The Civil War in Mississippi* for school groups to learn about the Old Capitol’s role during those four tumultuous years.

On October 27 from 5 to 8 p.m., the museum will

host its third annual living history program *Present Meets Past: Voices from Mississippi History*. This year, over ten characters from the building’s past will walk the halls to share their stories with our guests. Last, but not least, the Old Capitol’s most famous visitor will greet her fans when *The Mummy Returns*

throughout October.

Other exciting events for the remainder of 2011 include collaboration with the Secretary of State’s office to announce election results on November 3 from their annual *Promote the Vote* program. Also, the museum features *Holiday Happenings* in December with choirs, reading programs with celebrities such as Miss Mississippi and Walt Grayson, and the annual Candlelight Tour. Finally, the museum hosts *Statehood Day* on December 9, to celebrate Mississippi’s birthday.



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**November:**

**11/2-5 Native American Days 2011,** 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Meet Native American members of Choctaw, Seminole, Cherokee, Coushatta, Muscogee, and Houma Nations. Experience traditional music, dance, and storytelling. Live auction Saturday at noon. 662-334-4684 or info@wintervillemounds.com. (WM)

**11/2 History Is Lunch,** noon–1 p.m. “The FBI Oral History Program in Mississippi.” Lecture by Avery Rollins, retired FBI agent. (WWB)

**11/4 Social Studies Teachers Workshop,** 8 a.m.–3 p.m. “The Civil War in Mississippi: Frontlines” is the theme of the annual workshop. 0.5 CEU available through Mississippi College. 601-576-6800 (OCM)

**11/9 History is Lunch,** noon–1 p.m. The Emmerich family history in newspaper publishing. Lecture by Wyatt Emmerich, Northside Sun publisher. (WWB)

**11/16 History is Lunch,** noon–1 p.m. “The Sisters of Mercy in Mississippi during the Civil War and Yellow Fever.” Lecture by Sister Paulinus Oakes, writer. (OCM)

**11/30 History is Lunch,** noon–1 p.m. “Architects of Antebellum Mississippi.” Lecture by Todd Sanders, MDAH architectural historian. (OCM)

## Clarksdale Archaeology Hosts Law Enforcement and Scholars

Mississippi, known for having one of the largest concentrations of Native American mounds in the United States, attracts volunteers who work to preserve these treasures.

The mound site located in northwest Mississippi brings in archaeology enthusiasts, scholars, and graduate students who explore our Native American history. MDAH archaeologist and site supervisor John Connaway said that an 1890 Smithsonian map reveals eighty-nine mounds at that time. Currently, there are only six large mounds remaining at this excavation, making preservation of these mounds of utmost importance.

Without disturbing the site, Connaway conducted a recent workshop for Cadaver Dog Specialized K-9 Training for locating buried prehistoric human remains. There have also been two Masters in Anthropology

theses completed on this site for the University of Mississippi, and dissertations are in progress at the University of Alabama and Tulane University. The Mississippi Archaeological Association's

annual weekend dig was held there and at the Hollywood site in July, as was the Ole Miss summer field school.

Left: Volunteers Rob Bonney (Ala-



ized K-9 Training Invitational Tour.



bama), Benny Roberts (Byram), and MDAH archaeologist John Connaway.

Below: Mississippi Archaeological Association at the MDAH Hollywood site. Volunteers Rob Bonney (Alabama), Gena Roberts (Byram), and MDAH archaeologist John



Connaway.

Sixth annual Human Remains Detection Special-



Field school students and MDAH staff excavation at Hollywood site under the direction of Bryan Haley of Tulane University.

**Note:** Please email or call Elizabeth Coleman (ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us or 601-576-6985) if you want to confirm that we have your correct email address or if you do not wish to receive this newsletter.

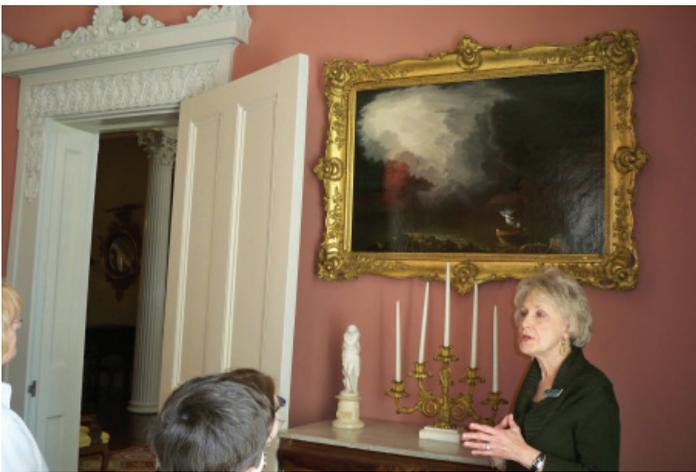
# Mansion Docents Interpret Site's History for Visitors



Babs Sevier and St. Andrews students, Foyer.



Janet McLaurin and visitors from Jacksonville, Texas, First Floor Stair Hall.



Janis Roberts and Corinth Middle School students, Front Rose Parlor.



Jean Hallman and visitors from New Mexico and Brandon, Cream Bedroom.



Pat Pierce and Bradley Elementary students, State Dining Room.



Ruth Tant and visitors from West Virginia and Canton, Second Floor Stair Hall.

# MDAH Volunteer Enrichment Series

## Mary Lohrenz Shares Mansion History

As part of the MDAH volunteer enrichment series, Mansion curator Mary Lohrenz conducted tours of the Mississippi Governor's Mansion (1841). Lohrenz

showcased not only the interesting history of the mansion, but also the spectacular furnishings. Built by William Nichols, this Greek Revival mansion is the

second oldest continuously occupied governor's residence in the United States and is a National Historic Landmark.



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**December:**

**12/1-31 *Food for Thought.*** Visit the Old Capitol, decorated in nineteenth-century holiday style, and donate books and non-perishable foods. Special programming for school groups highlights the value of good citizenship. 601-576-6920 or [info@oldcapitolmuseum.com](mailto:info@oldcapitolmuseum.com). (OCM)

**12/2 MDAH Board of Trustees** special meeting for grant awards and Hall of Fame elections. 10 a.m. (WWB)

**12/2 *Old Jackson Christmas by Candlelight,*** 4:30–8:30 p.m. Tour the Governor's Mansion, Old Capitol Museum, State Capitol, and the train town of Possum Ridge in the William F. Winter Building. Seasonal decorations, music, and refreshments. 601-576-6800

**12/2-20 *Christmas at the Governor's Mansion.*** Free guided tours are offered on the half-hour Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Historic section features traditional holiday decorations using seasonal greenery. Reservations for groups of ten or more required. *Note: This site will be closed for tours from 12/21/11 through 1/2/12 and at other times for official state functions.* 601-359-6421. (GM)

## “Up Close and Personal” at the State Capitol



Another fun field trip for MDAH volunteers was a guided tour through the State Capitol. MDAH architectural historian Brenda Davis led a guided tour allowing volunteers “up close and personal” views. The group marveled at the Beaux-Arts architectural splendor of the capitol, which was designed by Theodore Link and completed in 1903.



*MDAH Volunteer Enrichment Series*

TOUR THE OLD CAPITOL MUSEUM WITH  
DIRECTOR CLAY WILLIAMS

Monday, November 14, 2011, 1 p.m.

*Tour will last approximately one hour. Reservations required.*

Contact Elizabeth Coleman at [ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us](mailto:ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us) or 601-576-6985.

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**12/2, 3, 10, 16, 17**

***Sounds of the Season***, noon. Enjoy local choirs in the Old Capitol Museum's rotunda on selected Fridays and Saturdays. 601-576-6920 or [info@oldcapitolmuseum.com](mailto:info@oldcapitolmuseum.com). (OCM)

**12/2–23, 27, 28, & 29**

***Winter Holidays***, Mondays, noon–4:30 p.m., Tuesday–Friday 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Saturdays 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Enjoy period trees and toys, the 1940s train town of Possum Ridge. 601-576-6800 (WWB)

**12/6-16 *Winter Holidays Tours*** 9 a.m.–noon, Tuesdays–Fridays. School group tours of the four period trees, Possum Ridge train town, and a reading of the book *A Special Visitor Comes to Possum Ridge*. Reservations required. 601-576-6800 (WWB)

**12/2, 9, 16 *Telling Tales***, 3:30 p.m. Storytime and a craft with an ethical focus. 601-576-6920 or [info@oldcapitolmuseum.com](mailto:info@oldcapitolmuseum.com). (OCM)

**12/9 *Statehood Day***, noon–1 p.m. Celebrate Mississippi's 194th birthday with the annual statehood address followed by a reception. 601-576-6920 or [info@oldcapitolmuseum.com](mailto:info@oldcapitolmuseum.com). (OCM)

**For more information visit**  
**[mdah.state.ms.us](http://mdah.state.ms.us)**

## Holiday Offerings for Young and Old: Memories of Christmases Past

The Museum Division kicks off the holiday season on Friday, December 2, at 4:30 p.m. with *Old Jackson Christmas by Candlelight*, featuring the Governor's Mansion, Old Capitol Museum, State Capitol, and *Winter Holidays* exhibit and library tours in the William Winter Building.

This year the *Winter Holidays* exhibit will not only feature the Possum Ridge trains, but an addition will be made to the popular small trees with historic toys. A 1950-60s Christmas tree and toys will expand the story of Christmas in Mississippi. The education staff is eager to share the new trees with the students that come to the exhibit. They are asking for memories or stories about Christ-

mases in Mississippi during the 1950–60s. The stories that are gathered give the staff a better interpretation of the time period for the visitors, especially the children. If you have any stories or memories that you would like to share, contact Stacey Everett at 601-576-6800 or

[email.severett@mdah.state.ms.us](mailto:email.severett@mdah.state.ms.us).

The exhibit will be open to the public Monday through Saturday, December 2–23, 27, 28 & 29, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Tours will be given to students Tuesday – Friday mornings December 6–16.



*MDAH*

*Volunteer Enrichment Series*

MDAH volunteers may attend the November 4, 2011, Teachers Workshop.

Reservations are required. Contact Elizabeth Coleman at 601-576-6985 or [ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us](mailto:ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us).

*Lunch will be on your own.*

*Teacher resource packets are ONLY available to paid registrants seeking CEU credit.*

27<sup>th</sup> Annual MDAH

Social Studies Teachers Workshop

### THE CIVIL WAR IN MISSISSIPPI: FRONTLINES

Old Capitol Museum, Jackson  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011

8 a.m.	REGISTRATION, Old Capitol Museum	11:30 a.m.	LUNCH We encourage workshop participants to take a self-guided tour of the restored Old Capitol Museum before the afternoon session.
8:30 a.m.	WELCOME H.T. Holmes, director, Mississippi Department of Archives and History Lucy Allen, director, MDAH Museum Division	1 p.m.	NATIONAL HISTORY DAY Jeff Bowser, National History Day state coordinator, assistant professor of history, University of Southern Mississippi
8:45 a.m.	THE CIVIL WAR IN MISSISSIPPI: AN OVERVIEW Jason Phillips, professor of history, Mississippi State University, Starkville	1:30 p.m.	A MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER'S LIFE Lary Logue, professor of history and political science, Mississippi College, Clinton
9:30 a.m.	U.S. COLORED TROOPS ROLE IN MISSISSIPPI Jim Woodrick, director, MDAH Historic Preservation Division	2 p.m.	TEACHING MISSISSIPPI'S CIVIL WAR Lary Joblin, social studies teacher, New Hope High School, Columbus
10:15 a.m.	BREAK Organizations will have displays showing the educational resources they offer.	2:35 p.m.	A U.S. SAILOR'S TALE Andrew "Lucky" Osborne, reenactor, Clinton
10:45 a.m.	CIVIL WAR MEDICINE Joseph Gerache, pharmacist and historian, Vicksburg		

The Social Studies Teachers Workshop is sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in conjunction with the Golding-Waldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life, Mississippi College School of Continuing Education, Mississippi Department of

Education, Mississippi Heritage Trust, Mississippi Historical Society, *Mississippi History Now*, Mississippi Humanities Council, Mississippi Junior Historical Society, and the Vicksburg National Military Park.

# Museum Division Collections Gets a Boost from Summer Volunteers

Museum Division curator of collections Lauren Miller supervises the cataloging of books at the Eudora Welty House. Miller is assisted by volunteers Anna Todd (Ridgeland) and Gracie Magee (Seabrook Island, South Carolina). This collections project involves writing condition reports, photographing and cataloging more than 5,000 books that were in the house upon Welty's death. Visitors to the museum often catch a

glimpse of collections staff hard at work.

"It was a pleasure

to spend the summer working with Anna and Gracie. They learned

the cataloging process quickly and were able to complete detailed records for more than 140 books," said Miller. "They were excellent volunteers and I look forward to working with Gracie next summer."

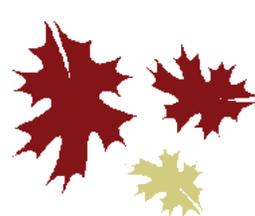


*Museum Division curator Lauren Miller, volunteer Anna Todd, and volunteer Gracie Magee at the Eudora Welty House*

*Gracie Magee, a Savannah College of Art and Design student in Georgia, spent her summer volunteering at MDAH with Historic Preservation's Technical Preservation Services, and the Museum Division Collections and Education sections. Magee plans to return next summer as an MDAH intern.*



*Retired MDAH Museum Division director Donna Dye, pictured with Anna Todd, an award-winning research student from the University of Southern Mississippi. Todd spent the summer volunteering at MDAH in the Public Information office, the Eudora Welty House, and in Museum Division Collections. Todd was referred to the MDAH volunteer program by Dye.*



The Mississippi Department of Archives and History was founded in 1902. It is the second-oldest state department of archives and history in the country. A comprehensive historical agency, the department collects, preserves, and provides access to the archival resources of the state, administers museums and historic sites, and oversees statewide programs for historic preservation, government records management, and publications.