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To the MDAH Volunteers:

You are one special group of volunteers! Without fail, you rise to the challenges and tasks that we ask of you. Our state's leaders have expressed their appreciation to you in a very special way. Please turn to pages 2 and 3 to "read all about it."

When speaking of MDAH volunteers, director Hank Holmes said,

"Our volunteers truly serve as ambassadors — not just for MDAH, but for our state." He further stated, "You are critical to our state's economy because you help us provide more resources to the public. Wherever you may be serving within MDAH, please know that your service is helping our state move forward. Thank you for your gifts

that you share with us and the community." Besides helping our economy, did you know that people who volunteer live longer and have better health? Just another great reason to volunteer!

Thank you for your service,

Elizabeth Coleman, CVA

Manship House Museum Slated to Reopen in 2014!

The foundation repair of the Manship House Museum, the only historic house museum accredited in the state by the American Alliance of Museums, will soon be completed. Project delays resulted from the recent hail storm that left a trail of destruction throughout the Jackson area, including the Manship House Museum.



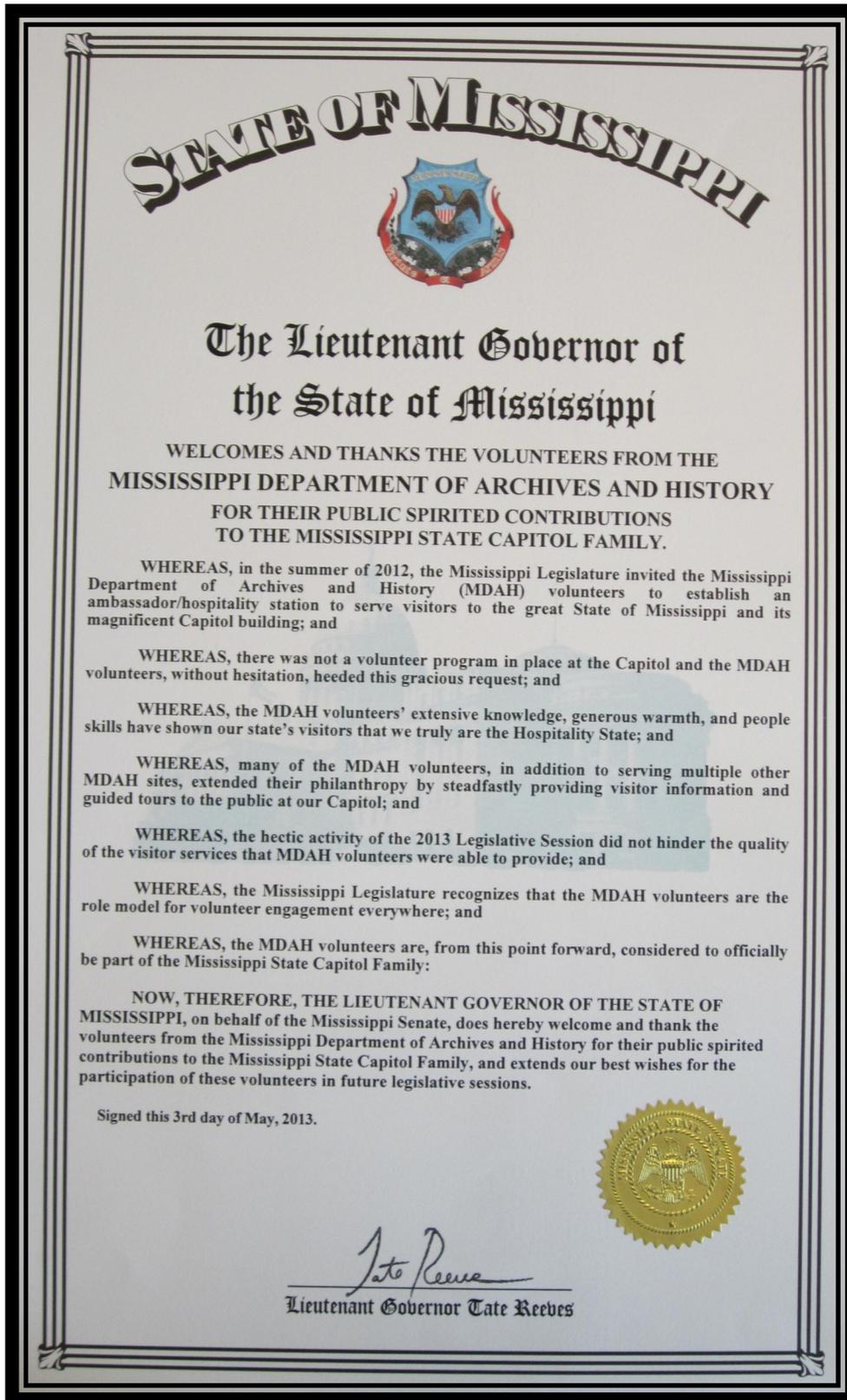
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Mississippi's leaders give special recognition to MDAH's Capitol volunteers!

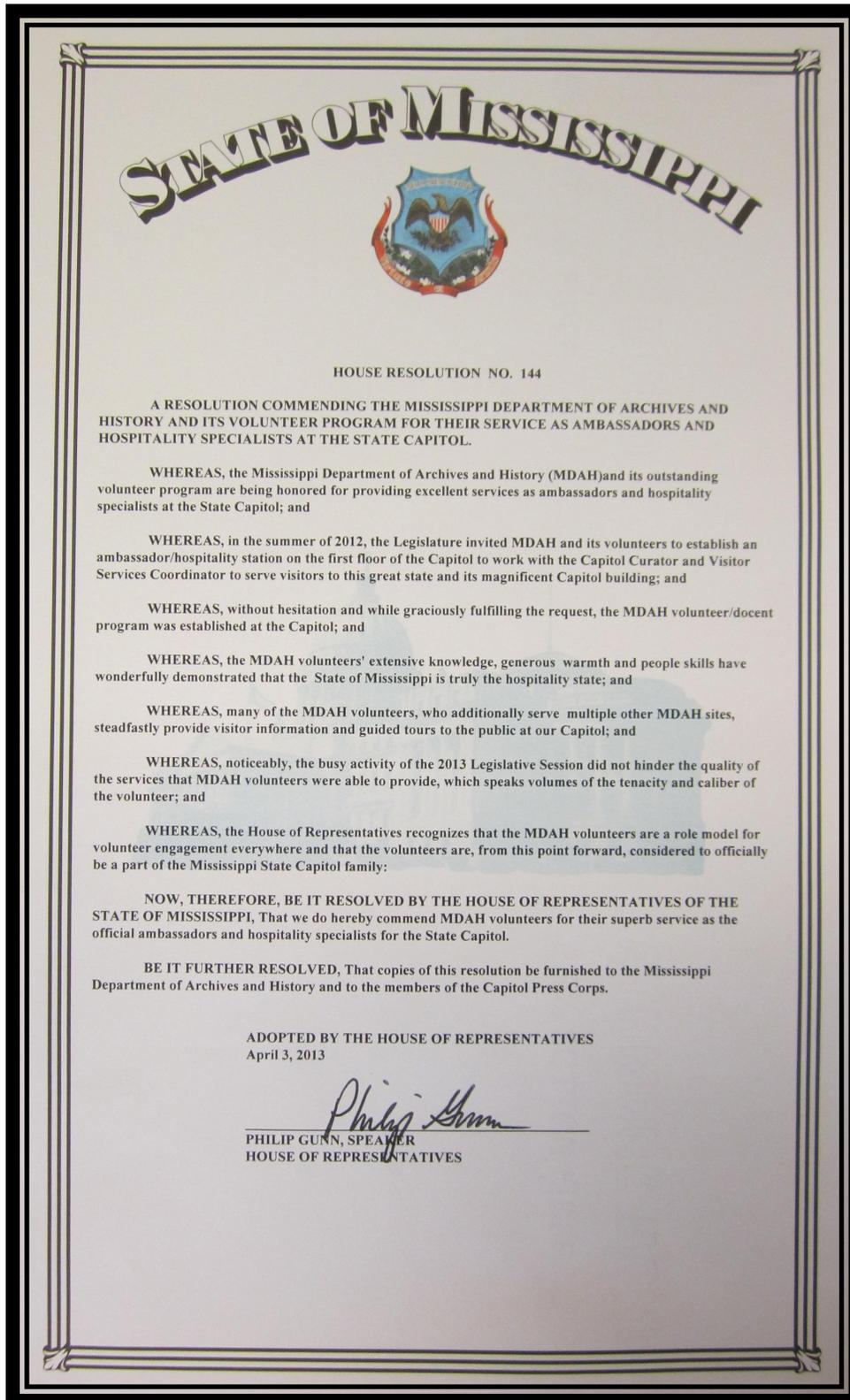
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2013: The Year of the Volunteer



2013: The Year of the Volunteer, cont'd.



General Howard L. Goodwin Drafted by MDAH for Special Project



Brigadier General Howard L. Goodwin, (Brandon) Mississippi National Guard (ret.), has been recruited as a volunteer researcher for MDAH's recognition of Mississippi's World War II veterans.

The focus of this recognition pertains to veterans who served on French territory and in French territorial waters and airspace from 1944 to 1945. Veterans who meet these qualifications are eligible for the French Legion of Honor.

Goodwin is responsible for interviewing eligible veterans and acquiring and preparing necessary documentation, which is submitted by MDAH to the Consulat Général de France for consideration of the French Legion of Honor.

We are very happy to have his help with this important project!

Manship House Museum Slated to Reopen in 2014, cont'd

The powerful storm broke windows in the Manship House and Visitors Center and chipped paint off exterior surfaces. The new cedar shingle roof was approximately eighty percent com-

plete when the storm hit. Areas of the roof will have to be replaced due to the substantial damage sustained.

After the first phase of this project is completed the site will

reopen to the public in 2014 while funds are obtained to enter phase two. The re-opened site will offer a unique opportunity to view restoration work in progress.



Interns of MDAH: Garrett Wilkerson in Architectural History



Millsaps College senior Garrett Wilkerson was engaged for a spring internship serving within the Historic Preservation Division.

He served his internship in the Architectural History section under the supervision of MDAH architectural historian Vicki Myers.

Wilkerson scanned slides of historic buildings for the MDAH online database, digitized preservation easements related to the Community Heritage Preservation Grant Program, and compiled a bibliography of resources about buildings required for the cotton industry.

“His work was a huge help — he helped expand our digital collection,” said Myers. Wilkerson plans to attend law school and we wish him well!

Interns of MDAH: Kenneth Artigues and Haley Brown in Museum Division Education



Millsaps College History majors Kenneth Artigues (senior) and Haley Brown (junior) completed their spring internships within the Museum Division Education Section. Both Artigues and Brown conducted research and collected appropriate primary and secondary sources to complete education frameworks in accordance with the Mississippi Department of Education Frame-

works and Common Core Standards.

The research that they conducted was used to create a classroom program on the Great Depression that they presented to Pearl High School students. Additionally, the Millsaps interns were able to work with MDAH staff mem-

bers in conducting research and writing text for a forthcoming student newsletter — *The Mudcat*. MDAH Outreach Programs Coordinator Claire Gwaltney said that *The Mudcat* is one of the most highly anticipated MDAH offerings for students in 2013.

Museum Division education director Stacey Everett and

Gwaltney both concur that the intern partnership that they have with Millsaps College has clearly helped to expand their educational offerings while enhancing the skill set of the interns for the workplace.

MDAH is committed to working with interns who have a strong desire to help make historical resources more accessible to the public.



Interns of MDAH: Keila Davis in Civil Rights Museum



Brown University student Keila Davis pictured with Mrs. Myrlie Evers at the Veterans of the Civil Rights Movement Conference at Tougaloo College. Davis recently completed an internship with the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

Keila Davis has recently completed an internship with MDAH. She served under the supervision of Civil Rights Museum project director Jackie Dace.

Dace said that Davis served 10 hours per week, come rain or shine. Davis is a graduate student at Brown University (Providence, R. I.) studying Public Humanities.

Dace also reports that Davis was recently of-



ferred and accepted a summer internship at the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Dace said that she was so proud of Davis. "She asked me for my advice because she was also offered an internship at

the Anacostia and I told her 'to run, don't walk' to the National and she did," said Dace.

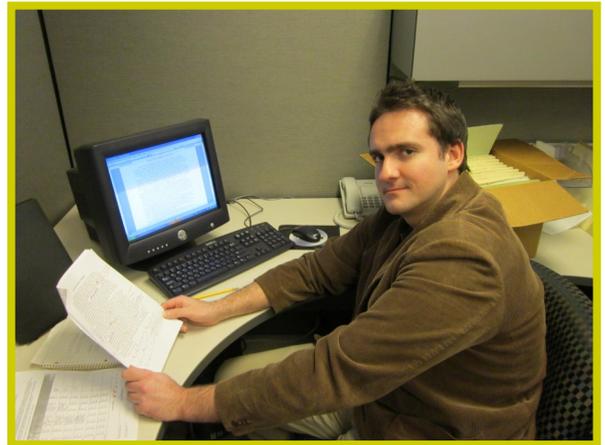
Interns of MDAH: Will Barber in Paper Archives

MDAH volunteer Will Barber is pursuing a graduate degree in Library Science through the University of Southern Mississippi's (USM) online program. Barber's previous volunteer service with the division and his ongoing education set the stage for his internship, during which he received college credit toward his degree and gained archival experience.

Barber is shown editing the biography portion of the description that corresponds with the Governor Kirk Fordice papers in

MDAH care. Barber inventoried boxes of Fordice's papers and carried out biographical research that will be used in the finished collection description.

Barber's work was supervised by Paper Archives section head Alanna Patrick, who holds an MLIS from USM.



Interns of MDAH: Sarah James in Museum Division Collections



MDAH's Museum Division Collections section recently hosted a new intern for the spring semester. Sarah James, a senior at Millsaps College

majoring in art history, plans to pursue a career in conservation after she graduates.

As a stepping stone on this path, Sarah is cataloging, condition reporting, photographing, and entering information into the collection database. An assortment of objects has been pulled, spanning all different material mediums, such as textiles, metals, paper, paintings, glass, and ceramics.

Hopefully, the experience she gains exploring the vast array of objects in MDAH collections

will help her to narrow down a conservation specialty.

"Of all the objects I've worked with so far, I've really enjoyed the paintings because each piece has historical significance in its own right, but also in the material that makes up its composition," said James.



More About Museum Collections

Dinner plates, butter dishes, and teacups—oh my! In the dining room of the Eudora Welty House, you'll find a china cabinet full of beautiful Haviland china. The china is decorated with a delicate pink and white floral pattern with gold colored accents on rims and handles. The name of the pattern remains a mystery. There are reportedly over 30,000 Haviland patterns. Several visitors, MDAH employees, and even a Haviland descendent have tried to identify the pattern to no avail.

MDAH's amazing collections volunteer, Joyce Ellis, has been working hard to write catalog worksheets and condition reports for each piece. It's interesting that the pattern on each piece is slightly different. No two pieces are the same. One wonders which of Eudora's visitors, friends, and family used these pieces.

Perhaps the mystery of the pattern will be solved some day?



West Earns Graduate Degree while Volunteering in Archives



Congratulations Mariah!

When Mariah West moved to the state in 2012, she contacted MDAH to explore the possibility of serving in the Archives. West moved to Mississippi from New York, where she interned at the American Museum of Natural Science.

Already enrolled in the online Master's program in Library Science at the University of Arizona (Tucson) upon her arrival, she wanted to receive practical experience in the field at MDAH. We are happy to report that West graduated on May 10, 2013, with an MA degree in Library Science and an Archival Studies Certificate.

Medgar Evers Exhibit Opens at Welty

May 15 marked the opening of the Welty House's new exhibit, *Life Into Fiction: The Murder of Medgar Evers and 'Where is the Voice Coming From?'* The exhibit chronicles both Evers' assassination and the short story Eudora wrote in response to that tragedy. Specifically, the exhibit examines how the murder of Medgar Evers impelled Eudora Welty to write one of the most gripping and political stories of

her career, as well as the repercussions Welty faced after her story was published in *The New*

Yorker. Pages from Welty's original manuscript draft, the July 1963 issue of *The New Yorker*

in which the story was published, photographs, and other related artifacts will be featured. The exhibit will be open through December 15. For more information or to reserve a tour, call 601.353.7762. Take some time to read "Where is the Voice Coming From?" then come down and see the exhibit. We'd love to see you!



*Summer Storytime is almost here. See Calendar of Events for details.

Winterville Mounds Volunteer Larry Parker and the AmeriCorps NCCC Team

Larry Parker leading the AmeriCorps NCCC team in a recent painting project at Winterville Mounds



AmeriCorps NCCC members: Fantasia Doctor, Chelsea Kouri, Donald Gutto, and Griffin Kalin

MDAH to complete their independent service hours. This was the case with the AmeriCorps team that recently painted the office at Winterville Mounds

off they came to Winterville to paint and do other jobs such as helping decorate the Winterville Christmas float.



In addition to the primary projects in which AmeriCorps NCCC team members are engaged, they also volunteer at other organizations such as

Park and Museum. The team's primary work project was with the J. Austin White Cultural Center in Eudora, Arkansas, and on their days

Winterville Mounds Volunteer Awards Ceremony

Winterville Mounds' volunteer award ceremony was held on February 20th. Attending were Lee Adams, Pat Fleming, Princella Nowell, Sissy Schuster, and Lottie Mae Dawkins, the latter three were representing the Greenville Garden Club. Larry Parker was also awarded, although not in attendance. The ceremony was covered by WXVT TV as well as the *Delta Democrat Times*. "Everyone en-

joyed the low-key ceremony," said Howell. *Pictured from left are: Mark Howell (site director), Lottie Mae Dawkins, Sissy Schuster, Lee Adams, Pat Fleming, Princella Nowell, and Susie Smith (principal secretary).*



Visitors at the State Capitol



According to visitor services coordinator Kathy Broom, there were approximately 8,000 visitors who were served from the months of January through April. This number represents over 208 scheduled group tours of more than 5,745 visitors and 2,249 visitors who simply “dropped

The State Capitol has been buzzing with visitors since the new volunteer program was launched, but it was especially busy during the legislative session as more citizens sought to watch the Legislature in action.

by to see the Capitol.” Volunteers, such as Brenda Cole who is pictured giving a tour, made it possible for the Volunteer Services staff to maintain the integrity of the program. A big thanks to all those who

volunteered their time and energy during this incredibly busy period and continue to do so at the State Capitol and other MDAH sites! We could not have done it without you!!



Update from the Governor’s Mansion



“This work is not glamorous but it is necessary for the preservation of the mansion and its furnishings,” said Lauren Miller, mansion curator. All furniture and furnishings have been packed securely and stored off site. Furniture conservator Richard Branyan, owner of Lower Lodge Conservation and Museum Services in Natchez, was on site to assist movers with the antique furniture, including the

Construction work continues at the Mississippi Governor’s Mansion as plans to replace a forty-year-old HVAC system are underway. In addition, damaged cornice work is being repaired and touch-up paint is being applied throughout the building.



fragile and historic walnut étagère that belonged to Governor William McWillie, and ornate beds, wardrobes, and bookcases.

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Governor's Mansion Update, cont'd

Antler & Iron Lighting of Hazlehurst have removed, packed, and stored the mansion's lighting fixtures, including the well-known rose chandelier (pictured to the right).

With all the contents of the mansion removed, the



Gold Bedroom



Front Rose Parlor

floors, walls, columns, and other architectural elements have been protected and work on the new systems has begun. Once complete, visitors are unlikely to notice many changes to the mansion.

MDAH is Hosting Kids Camps throughout the summer. For more information, please see the Calendar of Events.

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History
presents

Mississippi Inspectors

a camp for rising 4th, 5th, and 6th graders



Building Mississippi

June 10-14 or July 15-19, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon

Come and explore what makes Mississippi, Mississippi! Join staff from the MDAH and its historic Old Capitol Museum, Eudora Welty House, Manship House Museum, and State Capitol as we create Mississippi models, plan cities, work with landscapes and gardens, and much more. Registration required.

Old Capitol Museum ♦ Jackson
601-576-6800

MDAH Calendar of Events

May:

Wednesday, May 22, noon–1 p.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, Darrell Baughn will present “Joseph Holt and Mississippi.” For more information call 601-576-6998.

Wednesday, May 29, noon–1 p.m. at Old Capitol Museum. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, Mississippi State University historian Michael Williams, author of *Medgar Evers: Mississippi Martyr*, will speak on the fiftieth anniversary of Evers’s assassination. For more information call 601-576-6998.

Thursday, May 30, 6:30 p.m. at [Grand Village of the Natchez Indians](#). As part of the Archaeology Program series, Sara Hahn, archaeologist with Coastal Environments, Inc., will present an illustrated talk on her recent archaeological investigations at Windsor Ruins. Hahn’s team exposed for the first time the massive below-ground footings that support the Windsor columns. For more information call 601-446-6502 or email [Grand Village](#).

June:

Tuesday-Friday, June 4-7, 9 a.m.–noon at [Historic Jefferson College](#). Pioneer Camp. Children ages 6-8 learn about Pioneer life in the early 1800s. The day camp features hands-on activities such as quilting, soap-making, animal life, and frontier camp. Cost is \$35, pre-registration is required. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email Kay McNeil at [Jefferson College](#).

Wednesday, June 5, noon–1 p.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, Bob Wilson, Mississippi Main Street Association executive director, tells how the program helps with economic development, preservation, and tourism. For more information call 601-576-6998.

Thursdays, June 6–27, 3:30–4:30 p.m. at the [Eudora Welty Education and Visitor Center](#). Summer Storytime. The Eudora Welty House Museum, the Eudora Welty Library, the Willie Morris Library, and the Beverly J. Brown Library-Byram are teaming up to inspire and entertain young readers. Each Thursday children K-3 will hear a classic story then make a related craft. For more information call 601-353-7762 or email [Eudora Welty House](#).

Saturday, June 8, 1 p.m. at [Winterville Mounds](#). 2013 Speaker Series. MDAH Mississippi Abandoned Cemeteries Program coordinator William Thompson will discuss old cemeteries in the state, their basic care and maintenance, and the Abandoned Cemeteries Program. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 662-334-4684 or email [Winterville Mounds](#).

June:

June 10–14, 8:30 a.m.–noon at the [Old Capitol Museum](#). Mississippi Inspectors: Building Mississippi. Rising 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will explore a historic neighborhood, plan a city, create a Mississippi model, and much more at the Old Capitol Museum, Eudora Welty House, and state capitol. Registration is \$50. Pre-registration required. For more information call 601-576-6800.

Tuesday–Thursday, June 11–13, 9 a.m.–noon at [Historic Jefferson College](#). Explore Camp. Children ages 9-10 will explore several different activities during this new camp, including baking, science experiments, and craft projects. Cost is \$35, pre-registration is required. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email Kay McNeil at [Jefferson College](#).

Wednesday, June 12, noon–1 p.m. at Old Capitol Museum. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, Siege of Vicksburg: Jeff Giambrone (150th anniversary). For more information call 601-576-6998.

Saturday, June 15, 10–11:30 a.m. at [Historic Jefferson College](#). EXPLORE! Drawing with Shapes. Students ages 6-10 will pick shapes to draw and put together to make animals and other one-of-a-kind pieces of art. \$10 pre-registration required. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email [Jefferson College](#).

Wednesday, June 19, noon–1 p.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, Architectural historian Todd Sanders will present “Hayes Town’s Mississippi Architecture.” For more information call 601-576-6998.

Thursday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. at [Grand Village of the Natchez Indians](#). As part of the Archaeology Program series, Brad Lieb, archaeologist with the Chickasaw Nation, will present an illustrated talk on recent Chickasaw archaeology in Tupelo, Mississippi. For more information call 601-446-6502 or email [Grand Village](#).

Monday–Wednesday, June 24–26, 1–4 p.m. at [Historic Jefferson College](#). Frontier Survival Camp. Children ages 10-14 will learn hands-on skills needed by frontiersmen (and women) to survive the wilds of Mississippi in the 18th & 19th centuries, including archery, hunting, tanning hides, map and compass reading and more! Cost is \$35, pre-registration is required. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email [Jefferson College](#).

Wednesday, June 26, noon–1 p.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, filmmaker Wilma Mosley-Clopton presents her film on Jacksonian Ollye Shirley. For more information call 601-576-6998.

MDAH Calendar of Events

July:

Wednesday, July 3, noon–1 p.m. at Old Capitol Museum. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, Surrender of Vicksburg: Speaker TBA. (150th anniversary). For more information call 601-576-6998.

Tuesday–Thursday, July 9–11, 9 a.m.–noon at [Historic Jefferson College](#). Civil War Adventure Camp. Young Civil War enthusiasts ages 8-12 are encouraged to sign up for this camp for a unique look at the Civil War from a soldier's point of view. Boys and girls will learn how to drill and parade, get a black powder rifle demonstration, and learn about the gear necessary for survival while in the military. Cost is \$35, pre-registration is required. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email [Jefferson College](#).

July 15–19, 8:30 a.m.–noon at the [Old Capitol Museum](#). Mississippi Inspectors: Building Mississippi. Rising 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will explore a historic neighborhood, plan a city, create a Mississippi model, and much more at the Old Capitol Museum, Eudora Welty House, and state capitol. Registration is \$50. Pre-registration required. For more information call 601-576-6800.

Tuesday, July 16, 10:30 a.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building, Jackson. The Local Government Records Committee will hold its regular quarterly meeting in the third floor board room. The meeting is open to the public. For more information call 601-576-6894.

Tuesday–Friday, July 16–19, 9 a.m.–noon at [Historic Jefferson College](#). Naturalist Camp. Children ages 9-12 will get a close up look at insects, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, bugs, and plants through hands-on projects and observation in the field. Cost is \$35, pre-registration is required. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email [Jefferson College](#).

July:

Thursday, July 18, 1 p.m. in the Charlotte Capers Building, Jackson. The Mississippi Historic Preservation Professional Review Board will meet to consider nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. The meeting is open to the public. For more information call 601-576-6850.

Thursday, July 18, 9:30 a.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building, Jackson. The State Records Committee will hold its regular quarterly meeting in the third floor board room. The meeting is open to the public. For more information call 601-576-6811.

Friday, July 19, 9:30 a.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building, Jackson. The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History will hold its *regular quarterly meeting*. For more information call 601-576-6850.

Wednesday, July 17, noon–1 p.m. at Old Capitol Museum. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, Siege of Jackson. Speaker TBA. For more information call 601-576-6998.

Saturday, July 27, 10–11:30 a.m. at [Historic Jefferson College](#). EXPLORE! Geometric Designs. Students ages 6-10 will create designs by putting together colors and repetitious shapes and patterns. \$10 pre-registration required. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email [Jefferson College](#).



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.