

*Newsletter devoted to Mississippi's true treasures — our volunteers*

SUMMER 2011

## 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

### June:

**6/29 History is Lunch**, noon-1 p.m. "Boo: A Life in Baseball, Well Lived." Lecture by Rick Cleveland, sportswriter, and Boo Ferris, Mississippi baseball legend. (WWB)  
**6/30 Red, White, and Jackson**, 5-8 p.m. Meet our seventh president, Andrew Jackson, outdoor activities, and fireworks. (OCM)

## To the MDAH volunteers

In six short years, we look forward to opening two new museums in Jackson — the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. These new museums will bring exciting economic development opportunities to our state that will be far-reaching.

Our future depends upon our volunteer force, as you are considered primary stakeholders in these projects. The visitor/client services that you provide to the public and to our operations have allowed MDAH to expand its horizons. It will take all of us collaborating as a team to make this work.

As these projects move forward, we will keep you posted on our progress. We are currently looking at sharing some of the services and operating space for the museums to more efficiently use our resources.

I look forward to the day when the MDAH volunteers welcome the public to these new sites that will tell the story of Mississippi and its people.

Sincerely,

Lucy Allen  
Museum Division director



*Lucy Allen has more than thirty years of experience in the museum profession. Allen is often called upon for her expertise by other museums and is a graduate of the Winedale Museum Program, administered by the University of Texas Center for American History.*



## MDAH VOLUNTEER ENRICHMENT SERIES

TOUR THE MISSISSIPPI STATE CAPITOL WITH  
MDAH ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN BRENDA DAVIS  
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011 ◆ 10 A.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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**July:**

**7/11-15 Winterville Adventure**, 10 a.m.-noon. Children's camp. Ages 5-12. (Parent or guardian must be present). Call 662-334-4684 or email [info@wintervillemounts.com](mailto:info@wintervillemounts.com). (WM)

**7/13 History is Lunch**, noon-1 p.m. "Aaron Burr and Historic Jefferson College." Lecture by Clark Burkett, MDAH historian. (WWB)

**7/18-22 Mississippi Time Travelers Kids Camp**, 8:30-noon. Ages 8-12. \$40 fee. Preregistration required. 601-576-6800. (OCM)

**7/19-22 Naturalist Camp**, 9 a.m.-noon. Children's camp. Ages 9-12. \$20 fee. Preregistration required. Call 601-442-2901 or email [info@historicjeffersoncollege.com](mailto:info@historicjeffersoncollege.com) (HJC)

**7/20 History is Lunch**, noon-1 p.m. The FBI Oral History Program in Mississippi." Lecture by Avery Rollins, retired FBI agent. (WWB)

**7/22 MDAH Board of Trustees** regular quarterly meeting, 10 a.m. (WWB)

## Archives Aren't Just For Scholars

That is the message that was delivered at the most recent Eudora Welty House volunteer enrichment, which took place March 28. Two special guest speakers, Alanna Patrick, Director of Paper Archives, and Betty Uzman, Manuscripts Curator, of the Archives and Records Services Division of MDAH, gave volunteers a fascinating glimpse into the contents of the Eudora Welty Collection.

They focused primarily on the correspondence, from which they showed scans of some of the illustrations Welty included in her letters, read humorous

excerpts, and highlighted some of the many interesting tidbits they uncovered about Welty's writing, gardening, decorating, and life experiences.

In June and July, Patrick and Uzman will lead behind-the-scenes tours of the William F. Winter Archives

Building. They plan to show originals from diverse parts of the Eudora Welty Collection, including the correspondence, manuscripts, and photographs. Space is limited. Please contact Katie Hamm (601-354-5218) for reservations and more information.



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## Red, White, and Jackson Returns to the Old Capitol Museum

The Old Capitol Museum is proud to once again participate in *Red, White, and Jackson*, the annual Independence Day celebration with the Jackson Chamber of Commerce. On June 30 the museum will stay open until 8 p.m. with patriotic craft activities for children in the William Nichols Room and a visit from a very special guest, seventh president and capital city namesake Andrew Jackson. Music and food will be available on the Old Capitol Green, and a fireworks display will conclude the evening. The Old Capitol itself will be decked out in patriotic glory, providing a superb backdrop for a great time for the whole family.

Other exciting events this summer include the second session of *Mississippi Time Travelers Kids Camp* July 18-22 and exhibits featuring Civil War artifacts and the Mississippi Hall of Fame. Also, we are still seeking volunteers to assist us with our growing living history program.

If you are interested in helping with these or any other events, please contact Maura Johnson at 601-576-6923. Be sure to check our calendar of events on our Web site at [www.oldcapitolmuseum.com](http://www.oldcapitolmuseum.com). Join us on Facebook and spread the word about our wonderful museum.



**RED, WHITE, AND JACKSON**

Thursday, June 30, 2011  
5:00-8:00 p.m.

Meet our seventh president, Andrew Jackson,  
in Mississippi's most historic building.  
Children are invited to make patriotic crafts.

Outdoor festivities and fireworks sponsored by the Jackson  
Chamber of Commerce. Call 601-948-7575 for more information.

For more information on activities at the Old Capitol Museum, call 601-948-7575 or visit [www.oldcapitolmuseum.com](http://www.oldcapitolmuseum.com).

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**August:**

**8/3, 10, 17, & 24 *Story-time on the Side Porch***, 3:30–4:30 p.m. Children grades K-3 are invited to hear classic children's stories and make related crafts on Eudora Welty's porch. FREE. Call 601-353-7762 for reservations. (Parent or guardian must be present.) (EWH)

**8/20 *Family Day***, 1-3 p.m. Make a Native American basket and explore the museum. (WM)

**September:**

**9/14 *History is Lunch***, noon-1 p.m. Mississippi Senior Cultural Leaders Oral History Project. Lecture by Larry Morrissey, Mississippi Arts Commission grants director. (WWB)

**For more information visit**  
***mdah.state.ms.us***

## NAGPRA Grant Brings Interns to Historic Preservation

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) is a federal law passed in 1990 that provides for museums and federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items to their lineal descendants or tribes.

MDAH received a NAGPRA grant recently to assist with the documentation and repatriation of items in its care. This grant allowed MDAH archaeologists to engage the services of interns for this project.

Interns Kimberly Whalen (Jackson), a Jackson State University graduate student studying Urban Regional Planning, and Stephanie Guest (Hattiesburg), a William Carey graduate

student enrolled to study the Art of Teaching, were selected to analyze, document, and photograph the Chambers Collection. This collection consists of historical and pre-historic

artifacts that were excavated in 1940 by MDAH.

Whalen, who formerly interned with the National Park Service in Natchez, said that she enjoys the

interesting artifacts that she runs across in her work. Guest, who worked with the U.S. Forest Service previously, said that she enjoys analyzing the artifacts.



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## Manship House Museum Completes Accreditation Site Visit

Currently the only accredited historic house museum in the state of Mississippi, the Manship House Museum, is participating in the process of subsequent accreditation by the American Association of Museums.

Today, just over 750 museums nationwide are accredited. The rigorous process inspires museums to achieve a higher standard. Accreditation brings national recognition to muse-

ums, regardless of their size or location. To maintain accreditation status, a museum is reviewed every ten years.

On June 1-3, AAM accreditation visiting team members Jean Federico, director of Historic Alexandria, and Gary Walrath, of the Rocky Mount Historical Association, toured the Manship House Museum, and met with Manship and MDAH staff. The visiting team will submit a report

to the AAM Accreditation Commission for the Commission's review. The Manship House will be notified in early fall regarding the Commission's decision on accreditation.



### THE MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR'S MANSION

Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 to 11 a.m.  
Guided tours are given every half-hour.

Admission is free.

Mansion grounds are not open for touring.

Reservations must be made in advance for groups of ten or more.  
601-359-6421

# Meet New Volunteers at the Archives

## Image and Sound Finds an Experienced Volunteer



*Image and Sound staff members Elaine Owens and Celia Tisdale agree that they are thrilled to have someone of Will Barber's experience and work ethic volunteering for MDAH.*

Much of the work of Archives and Records Services happens behind the scenes. When news and film organizations request the use of film or audio footage, the historical material must be transferred from its existing format to the format requested by the user.

Audio and newsreel footage from our large repository is reformatted so that patrons such as major news networks, film producers, documentary film makers, researchers, and scholars may include footage from the Image and Sound section in their productions.

Very few people are qualified to do this specialized work, and it is especially exciting when MDAH is able to engage a volunteer with experience in this area.

Will Barber (Jackson), who is currently enrolled in the Master's of Library Science program at the University of Southern Mississippi, secured an MDAH volunteer position working primarily with video and sound editing. Barber says what he likes most about his work is the environment and that the staff gives him as much help as he needs.

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## Perfect Timing Lands Government Records a Perfect Fit

The old adage that "timing is everything" has proven true when placing volunteers. When an opening for a government records aide volunteer became available, Malinda McCullough expressed an interest at just the right time.

Government Records section director Bob Dent and his staff are responsible for all government records in the care of MDAH. Some agency records are in the process of being digitized so that the public and government may have easier access to them, but there are also thousands of adminis-

trative records, forty years' worth, of MDAH/agency transmittal documents that may be scanned to streamline operations at the State Records Center.

Scanning these MDAH files is a task that requires great attention to detail and an interest in enhancing government efficiency. McCullough brings both to MDAH. A former records coordinator for the Mississippi College School of Nursing, McCullough spent two years imaging old documents from the Baptist Children's Village. As for being detail-oriented,

McCullough is practiced in looking for details, even at a microscopic level, as she

is certified by the National Board of Cytotechnology.



*"Malinda is a wonderful volunteer and has been able to image 30,000 pages of our long-term business records that document the transfer and temporary storage of state records to our state records center," said Bob Dent.*

**Note:** Please email or call Elizabeth Coleman ([ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us](mailto: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 Mansion History for Visitors



Alice Carol Mozingo and visitors from Cincinnati, Pumpkin Bedroom.



Becky Herren and West Lowndes County High School students, Green Bedroom.



Carol Busbee and Vicksburg Girl Scout troop, Front Rose Parlor.



Joyce Huskey and Taylorsville High School students, Green Bedroom.



Melanie McKinley and Brenda Cole with Jennifer Smith of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Green Bedroom.



Peggy Jeanes and George Elementary fourth graders, Back Rose Parlor.

# MDAH Volunteer Enrichment Series

## Steps Out in Jackson

### Peter Miazza Shares History in Greenwood Cemetery

Greenwood Cemetery historian Peter Miazza recently led a tour of MDAH volunteers through the Greenwood Cemetery. Miazza, a long-time Manship House Museum volunteer, graciously agreed to lead MDAH volunteers on a history-filled tour.

Accompanying Miazza on the tour was Cecile Wardlaw. Wardlaw and Miazza, both members of the Greenwood Cemetery Association, spend countless hours working to preserve this historical gem.

This 188-year-old site

includes the graves of Mississippi's governors, civic leaders, Civil War soldiers, and many others, such as Charles Henry Manship and Eudora Welty.

The cemetery is on the National Register of Historic Places and is designated a Jackson Landmark by the Jackson Historic Preservation Committee.

"The volunteers really enjoyed visiting the cemetery. It is a treasure trove of history," said Elizabeth Coleman, MDAH Volunteer Services administrator.



### Todd Sanders Talks Architecture

MDAH architectural historian Todd Sanders led MDAH volunteers on a walking

tour of historic downtown Jackson in May.

Sanders related the evolution of architecture in Jackson and intertwined the town's history as he explained the different periods.

Former state employee Sue Hunt has been volunteering for MDAH for many years now. "I never noticed the beauty of these buildings in downtown Jackson until I went on Todd's tour — and I worked downtown for more than twenty-five years!"



**Storytime on the  
Side Porch**  
Eudora Welty House  
1119 Pinehurst, Jackson  
August 3, 10, 17, & 24  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. ❖ 601-353-7762

# News from Adams County

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## Historic Jefferson College Volunteer Heberg Recognized



Most Saturdays, visitors to Historic Jefferson College (HJC) in Washington are greeted by volunteer Natalie Heberg — always wearing a happy smile and bearing a warm greeting.

HJC historian Kay McNeil says that Heberg's "holding down the fort" on Saturdays allows her to at-

tend to other duties.

Just in time for summer weather, Heberg was recently presented a weather radio, compliments of the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service. Heberg is being recognized for her 178 hours of volunteer service at this site in 2011.

*(From left) Historic Jefferson College (HJC) historian Kay McNeil, HJC volunteer Natalie Heberg, and Historic Properties Division director Jim Barnett.*

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## Volunteers Help Grand Village and Historic Jefferson College Kick Off the Summer with Children's Camps



*Longtime Grand Village and Historic Jefferson College volunteer Jack Kerwin instructs students at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians during 2011 Discovery Week. L- R Jack Kerwin, Lane Rehms, Mason Wells, and Hannah Lofton.*



*Volunteer Al Bertics discusses life in a frontier camp during Pioneer Camp at Historic 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.