

Winter 2013

**2013**  
**Year of the Volunteer**



**To the MDAH volunteers:**

Our state commission for volunteer service, Volunteer Mississippi, has proclaimed 2013 the Year of the Volunteer. Beth Fisher, chair of Volunteer Mississippi, poses (center) with award winners at the recent MDAH volunteer luncheon honoring active volunteers who served during 2012. MDAH staff reports that 317 individual volunteers and 516 service group volunteers served 17,142.70 hours in 2012. Independent Sector places this labor value at \$373,539.43.

“I have been associated with this agency for forty years and have seen many of our state’s treasures — but none compare to the treasure of your generosity,” said MDAH director H. T. Holmes when speaking of your accomplishments.

To all who serve MDAH, please accept our gratitude for your philanthropy. Let’s see what 2013 brings!



Elizabeth Coleman, CVA

## Winterville Mounds Volunteers and Employees



**Left to right:** Lee Adams, Susie Smith (Winterville Mounds secretary/volunteer coordinator), Regina Griffin, Mark Howell, (Winterville Mounds director), Lynda Monroe, Alice Booker, and Joe Walker pose at the Old Capitol Museum at the Valentine's Luncheon held in honor of active MDAH volunteers.

***Volunteers pictured on the cover are the 2013 award winners who attended the annual volunteer luncheon.***

***First row from left:*** Bob Dent, Jessica Kelly, Freda Spell, Betty Henry, Carolyn Jones, Beth Fisher (Volunteer Mississippi chair), Sue Newman, Buena Lee Huff, Nan Harvey, Andrew "Lucky" Osborne, and Jessica Crawford

***Second row:*** Jane Phillips, Malinda McCullouch, Pauline Akers, Joyce Huskey, H. T. Holmes (MDAH director), Brenda Cole, Jackie Roman, Carol Busbee, Jean Simonton, and Peggy June

***Third row:*** Talal Ahmed, Cliff Jenkins (Boy Scout Troop #1), Paul Davis, Lee Adams, James Bridgforth, David Carter (Master Gardeners of Natchez), and Elbert Hilliard

## MDAH Volunteer Services Awards for 2012

**Recipients (100 hours or more):** Lee Adams, Pauline Akers, AmeriCorps NCCC, Rob Bonney, Carol Busbee, Anna Church, Jean Clarkson, Brenda Cole, Bob Dent, Pat Fleming, Greenville Garden Club, Stephen Harper, Nancy Harvey, Natalie Heberg, Elizabeth "Betty" Henry, Buena Lee Huff, Virginia Hughson, Joyce Huskey, Carolyn Jones, Bernie Lieb, Mary-Elizabeth Manogin, Andrew "Lucky" Osborne, Larry Parker, Jane Phillips, Noreen Prouty, Carol Rietvelt, Benny Roberts, Gena Roberts, Jackie Roman, Karisa Rowlands, Karen Sabin, and Rick Ward

**Recipients (200 hours or more):** Talal Ahmed, Paul Bragg, Judy Hocking, and Sue Newman

**Recipients (300 hours or more):** Chuck Borum, Jessica Kelly, Master Gardeners of Natchez, Jean Simonton, and Freda Spell

**Recipients (400 hours or more):** James Bridgforth, Paul Davis, and Malinda McCullouch

**Recipients (600 hours or more):** Boy Scout Troop #1

**Recipients (2000 hours or more):** Elbert Hilliard

**Governor's Special Achievement Report Recipient:** John Connaway

## Master Gardeners of Natchez



David Carter, Jean Simonton, and Peggy June of the Master Gardeners of Natchez pose with MDAH director H. T. Holmes. The group received an Award of Merit signed by Governor Bryant for the many volunteer hours that they have served at Historic Jefferson College and the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians. Carter supervises the work of the gardeners and is the director of the Adams County Extension Office. Simonton coordinates the volunteers and serves with June and other gardeners at both sites.



**Left: Elbert Hilliard and Jessica Crawford**

Jessica Crawford accepted the Governor's Special Achievement Award on behalf of MDAH archaeologist John Connaway. Connaway was recognized for many achievements in the archaeological field, coupled with his outstanding work of inspiring volunteers for more than forty-four years. Crawford is the Southeast Regional Director of The Archaeological Conservancy.

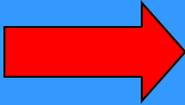
Mr. Hilliard received an award for 2,000 or more hours served at MDAH in 2012. Yay, Mr. Hilliard!!!



*Valentine's Luncheon at the Old Capitol Museum. Special thanks for the beautiful flowers which were designed by Carl Young (Jackson) and the scrumptious food that was catered by Aven Whittington and staff of Mangia Bene Catering(Jackson).*

**MDAH Volunteer Services would like to thank the volunteers who serve our agency, the dedicated employees who work in partnership with our wonderful volunteers, and the Foundation for Mississippi History for its support of our volunteer program!**

**MDAH  
Volunteer  
Enrichment  
Series**



**Be sure  
to make  
reservations!**

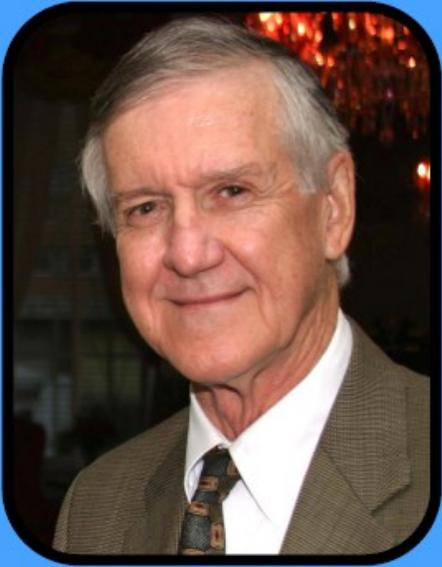
**MDAH Volunteer Enrichment Series**

*The History of Jackson and  
Tidbits about MDAH Sites*

by Dr. Wes Busbee, chair,  
Belhaven University Humanities Division  
and History Department

Monday, March 25  
1 – 2:30 p.m.  
Old Capitol Museum

Reservations required. Contact Elizabeth Coleman at  
ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us or 601.576.6985.



**MDAH Volunteer Tenisha Harrington wins  
2013 Metro Teacher Recognition Award**



Tenisha Harrington is one of twelve teachers who were recognized by the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership's 18th Annual Metro Teacher Recognition at their luncheon held at the Old Capitol Inn on February 7. Sponsored by Bancorp South, the program began in 1995 as an initiative of the Regional Quality of Life Division and is designed to honor truly outstanding teachers from the metro area.

Harrington serves as a Teacher Advisory Group (TAG) volunteer in the Museum Division Education and Programs section. She is responsible for the research used to launch the upcoming first issue of *The Mudcat* – The Mississippi History Newsletter for Students. The cover story for the first issue is “Medgar Evers: The Man in Mississippi.” Research for the entire issue was completed by Harrington.

Harrington teaches third grade at Pecan Park Elementary and shares her love of history with her students. A military veteran, Harrington has a B. S. in history and an M. Ed in Elementary Education.

**Congratulations to Tenisha!!!**



**Congratulations to Malinda!!!**

**McCullough Enjoys the  
Archives**

Malinda McCullough received an Award of Merit for her volunteer service in 2012. Last year, McCullough served 480 hours in the Archives and Records Services Division. Her dedication was quite apparent the day she came to volunteer during Hurricane Isaac!

Recently, McCullough was engaged on a contract basis for the Image and Sound Section with audiovisual archivist Celia Tisdale.

## Governor's Mansion Annual Docent Luncheon



**On December 4, 2012, First Lady Deborah Bryant hosted the annual luncheon honoring her volunteer docents.**

### 2012 Docent Luncheon Photograph

First row from left: Mansion curator Lauren Miller, Alice Carol Mozingo, Andi McDaniel, Jane Jones, Lynn Stuart, Joyce Huskey, Carol Busbee, Billie Henry, First Lady Deborah Bryant, Janis Roberts.

Second row: Judy Lacy, Sylvia Walker, Pauline Akers, Jean Clarkson, Bernie Lieb, Brenda Cole, Mackie Jernigan.

Third row: Mary Louise Nosser, Peggy Dawson, MDAH Museum Division director Lucy Allen, MDAH trustee and mansion committee member Hilda Povall, Pat Pierce, Clytice Gardner, Freda Spell, Becky Herren, Melanie McKinley, Ruth Tant.

Fourth row: Shirley Abney, MDAH director H. T. Holmes, MDAH trustee and mansion committee member Jack Garner, Babs Sevier, Sally Carmichael, Charlotte Turner, Sister Simmons.

Fifth row: Sarah Flanagan, Buena Lee Huff, mansion committee member Betty Hamilton Lake, Tom Bowen, MDAH volunteer services administrator Elizabeth Coleman.

## Member of the Governor's Mansion First Docent Class Retires



*Left:* Sarah Flanagan conducts a tour for students from Madison Crossing Elementary School. Flanagan is the longest-serving Mansion docent. She became a docent in 1975 and has shared the history of the Governor's Mansion with the public for 37 years!

**Right: Retiring docents receive a gift from First Lady Deborah Bryant. Left to right: Alice Carol Mzingo, 13 years of service, Sarah Flanagan, 37 years of service, and Jane Jones, 19 years of service, with Mansion curator Lauren Miller and First Lady Deborah Bryant. Not pictured: Peggy Jeanes, 2 years of service.**



**Docents who worked the most at the Mansion**

*Left:* Docents recognized for volunteering 15 or more times at the Mansion during 2012. Left to right: Brenda Cole, Becky Herren, Janis Roberts, Bernie Lieb, Jean Clarkson, Freda Spell, Joyce Huskey, and Pauline Akers. Not pictured: Janet McLaurin.

## The Many Hats of Betty Henry



**Volunteers Betty Henry (wearing hat) and Lane Tillner helping with Gathering on the Green at the Old Capitol Museum**



*Betty Henry was awarded the 2012 MHA Volunteer of the Year for St. Dominic Hospital. She volunteers on Fridays in their Surgical waiting room.*

Betty Henry wears many volunteer “hats.” She volunteers regularly at the state capitol, at special events for the Old Capitol Museum, and special projects/events for the museum division education section and that is just at MDAH! She also volunteers at St. Dominic Hospital, the Mississippi Museum of Art, and serves as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

A retired teacher, Henry began volunteering at St. Dominic more than 20 years ago. Just recently, Henry was awarded the 2012 MHA Volunteer of the Year Award in addition to an *Award of Merit* from Governor Phil Bryant for her service to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

**Thank you, Betty Henry!!!**



**Meet Intern Keila Davis**

### Coming soon...the Interns of MDAH

In our Spring Issue, we will explore what the MDAH interns are doing throughout our agency. Please meet our newest intern, Ms. Keila Davis, a graduate student at Brown University (Rhode Island). Davis will serve 10 hours per week under the supervision of Jacqueline Dace, project manager for the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

**Left: Todd Sanders and Dr. Jean “Sister” Simmons**

MDAH’s Todd Sanders of the Historic Preservation Division enjoys a visit at the home of volunteer “Sister” Simmons. Simmons shared the preservation story of her beautiful home and gardens with Sanders.

Simmons serves as a docent at the Eudora Welty House and the Governor’s Mansion. The camellias on her table were freshly cut from her gardens.



**Joyce Huskey as Mrs. Manship**

Joyce Huskey serves as a Governor’s Mansion docent and State Capitol guide. Huskey was recruited by Manship House Museum director Marilyn Jones to become a first-person interpreter — in the role of Mrs. Adaline Manship.

After much research and costuming design by Jones and hair coiffured by Maura Johnson of the Old Capitol Museum, Huskey was unveiled in her new persona at the November 2012 Annual Social Studies Teachers Workshop. This event is attended by teachers from across the state. Huskey’s performance as Mrs. Manship was very well received by the teachers and MDAH staff — so much so that Mrs. Manship will be returning for other events!

MDAH is so fortunate to have volunteers who will go the extra mile to help share our rich history with others!

**Photograph courtesy of volunteer Carlos Gomes**



# MDAH Calendar of Events

## February:

**Saturday, February 23**, 1–3 p.m. at [Historic Jefferson College](#). Stalking and Tracking Wild Animals Workshop. Can you tell the difference between a bobcat and a coyote track? Which animals have four toes on the front and five toes on the rear feet? During this workshop for adults (ages 13+) learn to identify the tracks of Mississippi's common mammals using their size, number of toes and other distinguishing characteristics. Afterwards, practice stalking skills in the woods, rain or shine! \$15 pre-registration required. Contact Robin Person at 601-442-2901 or [Jefferson College](#).

**Wednesday, February 27**, noon–1 p.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, Jacqueline K. Dace, Mississippi Civil Rights Museum Project Manager for MDAH, will discuss planning for the new museum. For more information call 601-576-6998.

**Thursday, February 28** 6:30 p.m. at the [Grand Village for the Natchez Indians](#). Archaeology Program Series. As part of the Archaeology Program series, John O'Hear, archaeologist in charge of developing the Mississippi Mound Trail, will present an illustrated talk on the mapping project for this driving trail featuring some of Mississippi's most significant Indian mounds. For more information call 601-446-6502 or email [Grand Village](#).

## March:

**March** at the [Old Capitol Museum](#). Metropolis Maker. School groups in grades four and up will learn about the role terrain and transportation played in settling Mississippi towns. The program will include an interactive lesson about town planning, a tour of the Old Capitol Museum, and take-away activities for teachers to use in the classroom. Reservations are required. For more information call 601-576-6920 or email [Old Capitol](#).

**Wednesday, March 6**, noon–1 p.m. at Old Capitol Museum. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, Vincent Venturini presents "The Growth and Development of Jackson" as part of the Capital City Chronicles series in March.

**Saturday, March 9**, 10–11:30 a.m. at [Historic Jefferson College](#). EXPLORE! Mississippi. In this class students ages 6-10 will look at the facts and myths of our great state, using puzzles and activities. \$10 pre-registration required. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email [Jefferson College](#).

**March 12–July 7** at the [Old Capitol Museum](#). Jackson: A Photographic History. This exhibit showcases the capital city's rich history and development through fascinating photographs depicting various places and events. For more information call 601-576-6920 or email [Old Capitol](#).

## March:

**Wednesday, March 13**, noon–1 p.m. at Old Capitol Museum. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, MDAH Historic Preservation Division director Jim Woodrick will talk about Jackson during the Civil War as part of the Capital City Chronicles series in March.

**Friday-Sunday, March 15-17**, at [Historic Jefferson College](#). Ladies Civil War Academy. Female reenactors donned in Civil War period attire instruct other female Civil War reenactors in the various skills and activities of the Civil War period to aid them in their historical impressions. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email [Jefferson College](#).

**Tuesday, March 19**, noon–1 p.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, Vladimir Alexandrov will discuss and sign copies of his new book, *The Black Russian*, a biography of Frederick Bruce Thomas, an almost completely forgotten African American who was born to former slaves in Mississippi in 1872 and went on to become a millionaire impresario in pre-Revolutionary Moscow and was the first to bring jazz to Constantinople.

**Wednesday, March 20**, noon–1 p.m. at Old Capitol Museum. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, Forrest Lamar Cooper will show and discuss some of the many postcards of Jackson from his collection as part of the Capital City Chronicles series in March.

**Thursday, March 21**, 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.

**March 23–24**, Saturday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m. and Sunday, noon–5 p.m. at the [Grand Village of the Natchez Indians](#). 25th Annual Natchez Powwow. A weekend filled with Native American dancing, music, food, crafts and jewelry. Members from tribes all over will be present for the Powwow. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For more information call 601-446-6502 or email [Grand Village](#).

**Wednesday, March 27**, noon–1 p.m. at Old Capitol Museum. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, Downtown Jackson Partners president Ben Allen will discuss future planning for Jackson as part of the Capital City Chronicles series in March.

**Saturday, March 30**, 10–11:30 a.m. at [Historic Jefferson College](#). EXPLORE!History: Candlewicking. This form of embroidery was originally done with soft cotton candle wicks, using 100% cotton unbleached muslin. It uses a traditional colonial knot and other simple stitches to make patterns on fabric. \$15 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.