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There is so much exciting news to tell you! First, Personal Treasures is back! At this event, our experts will offer tips on the identification, conservation, and care of items. Please see dates and hours listed below.

Second, the groundbreaking of the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum will be held on Thursday, October 24! Details to be announced soon!

Third, the work on the Governor's Mansion and the Manship

House Museum continues and both sites should be up and running as scheduled.

Fourth, an AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) team has been awarded to MDAH from November 14 to December 4. Vicksburg is home to one of only five NCCC campuses in the United States. This campus serves fifteen states throughout the region, and we were fortunate that they will be partnering with MDAH once again.

Fifth, the MDAH volunteers are the very best! We can't do all of this without you. We are deeply grateful to all of you.

To sunshine and rainbows!  
 Elizabeth Coleman, CVA



Expert Mary Lohrenz examines a dish at a Personal Treasures program held in 2005.

**Personal Treasures is  
 Returning to the  
 Old Capitol Museum!!!  
 Free and Open to the Public**  
 Friday, Sept. 13: 1—5 p.m.  
 Saturday, Sept. 14: 9 a.m.—5 p.m.  
 Sunday, Sept. 15: 1—5 p.m.

## Old Friends Reunite at the Archives

Left Governor William F. Winter pictured with Director Hank Holmes at a recent meeting.

Below: MDAH volunteer Jan Garrick

Jan Garrick has held many impressive positions as an attorney. Early in her legal career she founded the Mississippi Pro Bono Project, now known as the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers project. After serving in various roles in state government, she retired from the Mississippi Court of Appeals. Upon her retirement, she offered her services to MDAH as a volunteer.

Jan has volunteered in Museum Division Collections and the Image and Sound section of Archives and Records Services. Her most recent volunteer assignment has reunited her with one of her lifelong role models, Governor William Winter.



Long ago, Jan served as the press secretary for Governor Winter when he ran for the United State Senate. She recalls that time as one of the highlights of her life. When Jan was asked to help with a Government Records project, she was thrilled to find out that she would be reunited with Governor Winter, once again!

Governor Winter has served as a governance volunteer for more than fifty years at MDAH. He has graciously agreed to return as a direct service volunteer to assist MDAH in identifying photographs from his extensive collections held in the Archives.

Government Records Archivist Jim Pitts said, "We were very pleased that Governor Winter could find this time in his schedule to work with Jan Garrick and identify many of the persons and events in the photographs in his administration's records that we have in Government Records. They were able to get through about half of the photographs and we look forward to their return to finish up the task."

## The 2013 Winterville Mounds Volunteer Awards Spring Cookout



**Front row, left to right:**  
Joe Walker, Lisa Bruce Robinson, Johnny Gentry, Susie Smith, Mark Howell, Leana Taylor, Sissy Schuster, Regina Griffin, and Bobby McKnight.

**Back row, left to right:**  
Tylor Robinson, Antonio Brown, Pat Fleming, Jerel Walker, Timothy Robinson, Ethel Duncan, Lee Adams, Ian Robinson, and Chief Billy Barber

**Below:**  
Timothy Robinson, guitar and voice



Winterville Mounds Park and Museum director, Dr. Mark Howell, and Principal Secretary Susie Smith shared their volunteer recognition event with us:

*On May 24, 2013, Winterville Mounds Park and Museum hosted and awarded many of our dedicated volunteers in what is quickly becoming a tradition, the Winterville Mounds Volunteer Awards Spring Cookout. There were nineteen in attendance.*

*Stories were told, awards given out, and most importantly, southern food eaten. Even here, we relied on the expertise and dedication of our volunteers, and the main course—fried Delta catfish—was cooked by a mainstay and MDAH volunteer winner, Lee Adams. Lee wouldn't have it any other way, and quite frankly, neither would we. (Nobody can cook catfish like Mr. Adams.)*

*In a first, during this dinner we were serenaded by one of our musically talented volunteers, Timothy Robinson—the abilities of our volunteers know no bounds—who in a vocal style that blended the attributes of both Sting and Bing Crosby, crooned folk and pop songs accompanied by his own solo electric guitar stylings.*



Winterville Mounds is located in Greenville at 2415 Hwy. #1 N.  
Hours: Mondays—Saturdays , 9 a.m.—5 p.m. & Sundays 1:30—5 p.m.

## The Capitol: A Simple, yet Powerful Story



As two visitors entered the Rotunda of the State Capitol, docent Freda Spell greeted them and learned why they came. From a small town in Mississippi, the lady brought her 90-year-old brother to the Capitol, as he had never before seen it. Freda warmly said, “Welcome to your Capitol! So sorry you hadn’t been here before.” He rather grumpily responded, “I worked all of my life and didn’t have time to visit.” Then, as Freda recalls, he raised his head, looked up at the dome, and it happened – his face beamed and tears streamed down his cheeks.

Need we say more?

This happened about a year ago as MDAH Volunteers had just begun serving at the State Capitol.

After Freda told her story, she mentioned, “It made such an impression on me... that I was getting to share this building – this incredible building – with people who have never been here.” She added, that as important it is to share information during the tour, you also must “give time for the visitor to experience the space.”

### **Left:**

MDAH volunteer Freda Spell serves as a docent at the Capitol, the Governor’s Mansion, the Eudora Welty House, and as a special events/projects volunteer.

*Thank you for sharing your beautiful story, Freda!*

## Museum Division Collections



**Above:** Catie Shofner, a summer volunteer who will be starting at Mississippi State in the fall, has been working with collections staff to learn what goes into caring for, protecting, and documenting artifacts. Pest management, environmental monitoring and documentation of artifacts are just some of the things she's learned.

### Left:

Jordan Koshima, a summer intern from Queens University of Charlotte, North Carolina, has been busy working on a number of projects: Creating digital images and encapsulating two dimensional artifacts, photographing objects slated for the new Museum of Mississippi History, cataloging books from the Eudora Welty House, and scanning documentation on artifacts into the collections database.



**Above:** Sue Newman and Jackie Roman, collection's dynamic duo, have been busy photographing objects slated for the new Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, as well as working to catalog books from the Eudora Welty House.

### Other volunteer activity in Museum Division Collections includes the work of:

Joyce Ellis (not pictured), along with cataloging objects at the Eudora Welty House, has been busy cataloging a new accession of clothing ranging from the early twentieth century to the present.

Mary Clayton (not pictured) has recently joined the ranks of our collections volunteers and is helping to catalog the numerous books at the Eudora Welty House. Some of the books she's catalogued thus far include *The Annotated Mother Goose*, *Ulysses*, and *The Optimist's Daughter*.

## News from the Old Capitol Museum



The famous Dummy Mummy will return to the Old Capitol Museum during the month of October.

Old Capitol Museum director Clay Williams relays the following news about our state's most historic site:

*Volunteers continue to be the lifeblood of the Old Capitol Museum!! Whether it is greeting the public at our front desk, working with kids during Kids Camps and Red, White, and Jackson, or helping decorate the building for the holidays, the Old Capitol could not function without the assistance of our dedicated volunteers. Summer is winding down and the new school year is upon us, so our need for your help continues with a wide variety of programs scheduled.*

*Our premier event for the fall is our fifth annual living history*

*program Present Meets Past. This year's event will occur on Thursday, October 24 and features a wide variety of personalities including former governors, generals, Supreme Court justices, and a few surprises.*

*October also signals the return of our most famous visitor, the Dummy Mummy. Other upcoming events include our second annual scholar's bowl competition and student mock legislatures. Plus, our special Holiday Happenings in December are just around the corner. Please check our website*

*[www.oldcapitolmuseum.com](http://www.oldcapitolmuseum.com) for a complete listing of upcoming events.*

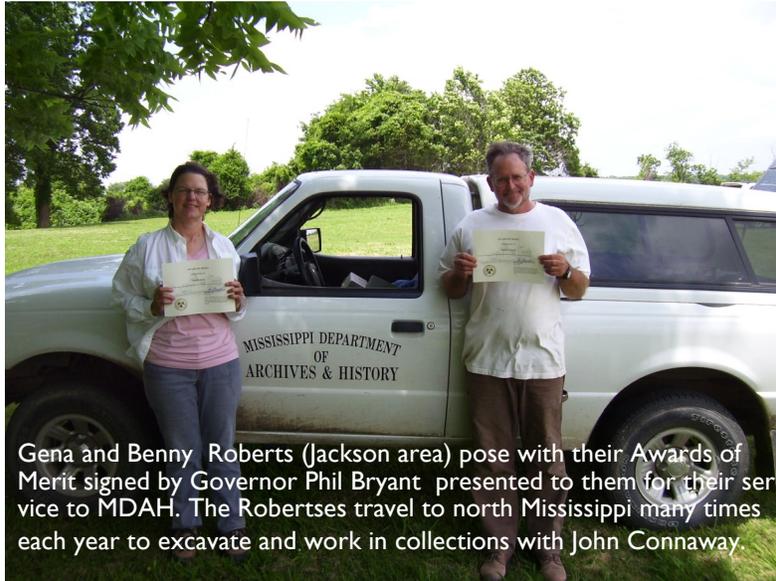
## Archaeology and Historic Sites: John Connaway and Volunteers

Below is a report from John Connaway. Connaway and his loyal volunteers are working at a salvage excavation being performed by MDAH at a site in north Mississippi.

*Yesterday I had three backhoes and a dumptruck on the easement, and we moved most all the dirt piles, as well as cut a 30m long trench through plow zone for the palisade ditch search.*

*Ole Miss students start tomorrow there, maybe on the ditch, maybe on the sunken floor house, maybe on Mound C. George had a bulldozer on Mound C filling the basement and clearing off the backdirt piles on top, so it's looking good now, and has been mowed with a bush hog, all ready for excavations in the middle to see what the stockade enclosed.*

*Except for the mowing grass, all the above was free - **volunteers.***



Gena and Benny Roberts (Jackson area) pose with their Awards of Merit signed by Governor Phil Bryant presented to them for their service to MDAH. The Robertses travel to north Mississippi many times each year to excavate and work in collections with John Connaway.



Bobby Rawlinson with backhoe and dumptruck working at an archaeological site in North Mississippi.

Scotty Meredith and helper moving dirt piles.



MDAH archaeologist Patty Miller-Beech reports:

*Meanwhile, back in the A/C (air conditioning)...Volunteers at the MDAH Archaeology section continued to assist with reboxing and curating collections at the Charlotte Capers building.*

*Many of these collections were part of our collections that were in need of rehabilitation due to storage in acidic boxes and paper bags. Transfer of these items to pH neutral plastic boxes will ensure these items survive many more years outside of the ground from which they were excavated in the past. Other volunteers have also been assisting us with data entry for archaeological site cards.*

# Volunteers Excavating with MDAH Archaeologist John Connaway



*October is  
Archaeology  
Month in  
Mississippi!*

*Check out Mississippi's  
archaeological activity  
by visiting:*

[www.msarchaeology.org/  
maa/arch\\_month.html](http://www.msarchaeology.org/maa/arch_month.html)



Volunteer Gena Roberts shares her work with young onlookers.



## More archaeological finds as reported by MDAH archaeologist John Connaway:

**Left and above:** North inner stockade trench (yes, Native Americans had stockades, too!) running through bottom of Burial 50 Pit 188 after burial removal, facing NW. B-50 was intrusive into the trench. This is the trench with the recorded corner with no bastion. The east side extends to the SW near the south easement boundary.

Pit 306 and smaller Pit 365. Burial 59 was in the top in plowzone, removed last summer; then 3 dog skulls found below that in Pit 306. Pit 365 is intrusive into the bigger 306 and had charred corn near the bottom. Photo shows the profile and dark layers of the deeper Pit 365 in the south wall of Pit 306. In the background is the B-50 pit with stockade trench and postmolds running through it.

These were some of the projects the Ole Miss field school students worked on during July, along with the assistance of volunteers.

## Megan Wheat Joins Welty Staff !

On July 1, the Eudora Welty House welcomed Megan Wheat to the staff as the Special Projects Coordinator. Megan quickly discovered that she would be wearing many hats in her new role.

Megan's main duty is managing and scheduling volunteers, which she says is a pleasure. She said that she likes working with the volunteers because they are thrilled to be at the site to educate people about Welty. She will also be in charge of the gift shop, book all of the tours for the House, and post updates on the site's Facebook page. Additionally, she will work on other "special projects" as they arise.

Megan is originally from Flowood and was graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2011. She then attended Baylor University and received a master's degree in Museum Studies. Megan worked at the Mayborn Museum Complex (Waco) located on Baylor University's main campus.



We also want to express best wishes to Megan for her upcoming marriage. Megan is marrying her high school sweetheart on September 14! The groom, Colby Bankston is an engineer employed by the United States Corps of Engineers (Vicksburg).

## Mark Your Calendars: Thursday, October 24, 2013



Coming soon — the groundbreaking of Mississippi's two new museums — the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

Details of this event to be announced soon.



Elizabeth Coleman, CVA

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# MDAH Calendar of Events

## August

**Now–October 31**, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m.–1 p.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. “This Is Home”: Medgar Evers, Mississippi, and the Movement. MDAH is marking the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Medgar Evers with an exhibit examining the life and death of the civil rights hero. As Mississippi field secretary for the NAACP from 1954 to 1963, Evers was involved in every major civil rights action in the state. Drawing on photographs, artifacts, documents, and newsfilm footage from the MDAH collection, the exhibit will cover Evers’s early life and family, his career with the NAACP, and his assassination in the driveway of his home on June 11, 1963. For more information call 601-576-6850.

**Now – December 15**, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. at the Eudora Welty Education and Visitor Center. Life into Fiction: The Murder of Medgar Evers and “Where is the Voice Coming From?” The exhibit will examine how that event 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. For more information or to reserve a tour, call 601-353-7762 or email Eudora Welty House.

**Wednesday, August 28**, noon–1 p.m. at William F. Winter Archives and History Building. As part of the History Is Lunch, historian Parker Hills will talk about the commemorative art in the Vicksburg National Military Park. For more information call 601-576-6998.

## September

**Wednesday, September 4**, noon–1 p.m. at Old Capitol Museum. As part of the History Is Lunch, the honorable William F. Winter will talk about wartime governors of Mississippi. For more information call 601-576-6998.

**Wednesday, September 11**, noon–1 p.m. at William F. Winter Archives and History Building. As part of the History Is Lunch, conservation expert Kim Du Boise of Hattiesburg will present “Conservation Saves Memories.” For more information call 601-576-6998.

**Friday – Sunday, September 13 –15**, at the Old Capitol Museum, *Personal Treasures*, an event that is free and open to the public. Bring your treasures to our experts for identification and care instructions. Hours: Friday 12:30 –6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM: Tuesday, September 17**, noon–1 p.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. As part of the History Is Lunch, Peter Slade, editor of *Mobilizing for the Common Good: The Lived Theology of John Perkins*, will discuss the remarkable work of this Jacksonian. Books available for purchase. For more information call 601-576-6998.

**Wednesday, September 18**, noon–1 p.m. at William F. Winter Archives and History Building. As part of the History Is Lunch, MDAH historian Clarence Hunter will present “Marshall and Medgar in Mississippi.” For more information call 601-576-6998.

**Wednesday, September 25**, noon–1 p.m. at William F. Winter Archives and History Building. As part of the History Is Lunch, MDAH historian Jim Woodrick presents “Mississippi’s College Mascots.” For more information call 601-576-6998.

Check out the newly designed  
MDAH website!

[www.mdah.state.ms.us](http://www.mdah.state.ms.us)

# MDAH Calendar of Events

## October

**Wednesday, October 2**, noon–1 p.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. As part of the History Is Lunch Series, Archives Month program. Speaker TBA. For more information call 601-576-6998.

**Saturday, October 12**, 10:30 a.m.–4 p.m. at Historic Jefferson College. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Black and Blue Civil War Living History. Reenactors tell the story of the African American experience during the Civil War in Adams County. For more information call Mr. Boxley at 601-442-4719 or email [forksyaroads@aol.com](mailto:forksyaroads@aol.com).

**SPECIAL PROGRAM: Tuesday, October 15**, noon–1 p.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. As part of the History Is Lunch, author Charles Bolton will discuss and sign copies of his new book *William F. Winter and the New Mississippi: A Biography*. For more information call 601-576-6998.

**Wednesday, October 16**, noon–1 p.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. MDAH archivist Chloe Edwards will discuss the “Gates v. Collier” decision and Parchman Penitentiary. For more information call 601-576-6998.

**Wednesday, October 23**, noon–1 p.m. at Old Capitol Museum. As part of the History Is Lunch, Old Capitol Museum staff will present preview of the living history program *Present Meets Past*. For more information call 601-576-6998.

## October

**Thursday, October 24**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the grounds of the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. 2 Mississippi Museums Groundbreaking. Celebrate the groundbreaking for the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. Musicians from across the state will perform from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A hands-on museum, old-fashioned games, historical crafts, and other children’s activities will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The formal ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Food trucks will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 601-576-6850.

**Thursday, October 24**, 5-8 p.m. at the Old Capitol Museum. Present Meets Past. Come face-to-face with key figures who helped shape the history of the Old Capitol and the state of Mississippi. For more information call 601-576-6800 or email Old Capitol.

### Want to Have a fun Weekend?

Travel south to see Historic Jefferson College and the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians. You might want to enrich your experience by driving the beautiful Natchez Trace on your way to Natchez.

Site information can be found at:

[www.mdah.state.ms.us](http://www.mdah.state.ms.us)



The Mississippi Department of Archives and History was founded in 1902 and is the second-oldest state department of archives and history in the country. The mission of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is to collect, preserve, protect, research, and interpret the state’s rich and diverse historic resources and to promote the appreciation and use of those resources.