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Manship House Symposium set for April 23

The detailed graining work on the wallpaper in the Manship House dining room and the piano prominently displayed in the front parlor reflect the artistic tastes of the Victorian era. The symposium “If Walls Could Talk” on April 23, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Manship House Museum, explores how careful investigation and restoration of a historic house can bring the home’s artistic expression back to life.

“The walls tell the history of the house, and through research we know that the Manship’s house was a personal expression of the family through art, architecture, and style,” said Michael Busbin, education coordinator for the Manship House.

The symposium will begin with “The Art of Illusion: The Wall as Artistic Expression” by fifth-generation master grainer Malcolm Robson, who will demonstrate the graining technique used in the dining room.



Master grainer Malcolm Robson works on the faux wood finish of the doors at the Manship House Museum.

Historic preservation specialist Gregory Free will follow with “Decorative Arts: CSI—Investigating Historic Techniques.”

After the lunch break, Dr. Edwin McAllister, Belhaven University, and Kate Morgan, Oceans Springs Public Schools,

will discuss the birth of American popular music in the late 1880s and perform examples of ragtime, early fiddle blues, and other selections.

MDAH architectural historian and former executive director of the Historic Natchez

Foundation Ron Miller will conclude the program with “Interpreting and Reinterpreting the Past.”

Refreshments will be served. The symposium is free of charge, but reservations are required. For more information or reservations, call 601-961-4724 or email manship@mdah.state.ms.us. The symposium is being made possible in part by a grant from the Greater Jackson Arts Council.

Charles Henry Manship, the Civil War mayor of Jackson, built the Manship House in 1857. Manship was a decorative painter, and the Gothic Revival “cottage villa” contains abundant examples of Manship’s painting and wood graining.

The Manship House Museum is located at 420 East Fortification Street, Jackson, and is open free of charge Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Former MDAH Board Member Arch Dalrymple Dies

Arch Dalrymple III died March 15 at his home in Amory. Dalrymple had served on the MDAH Board of Trustees for thirty-two years, retiring in 2006. Governor William Winter, president of the board during Dalrymple’s term of service, said of him, “Arch Dalrymple was one of the state’s most knowledgeable and dedicated lay historians. As a longtime member of the board of trustees,

he was a forceful advocate for the protection and preservation of historic places. He was also my cherished friend.”

Arch Dalrymple was a lifelong proponent of education and a founding member and a president of the Mississippi School Boards Association. An amateur historian and genealogist, Dalrymple took a particular interest in the history of his hometown of Amory and Monroe County. In

1997, Dalrymple, his wife Deanie, and their daughters established the Dalrymple Family Foundation to offer financial support to non-profit educational organizations in northeast Mississippi. Dalrymple was a longtime member



of the Mississippi Historical Society, serving as president in 1976 and holding many other leadership positions.

Arch Dalrymple was born in Amory in 1924. He graduated from Amory High School and attended Amherst College and Cornell University before graduating from the University of Mississippi with a degree in history. His business interests

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Historical Society Awards Prizes, Elects Officers

The Mississippi Historical Society held its annual meeting March 4–6 in Gulfport to honor its 2009 award winners and offer presentations focused on the meeting's theme of "Katrina Resurrection." More than 140 participants attended the sessions, where topics included the history and restoration of Beauvoir, the preservation of the *Down South Magazine* and the Dixie Press collections, and the state of historic sites, museums, and historical societies on the Gulf Coast in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

George Buss and James "Pat" Smith were the featured speakers at the annual meeting. Historical interpreter Buss portrayed Jefferson Davis in "Jefferson Davis at Beauvoir." Smith, University of Southern Mississippi Gulf

Coast history professor, presented the keynote address "Katrina: The Mississippi Tsunami" at the Friday banquet.

The society's McLeMORE Award for the best Mississippi history book of 2009 went to Charles W. Eagles for his work *The Price of Defiance: James*

Meredith and the Integration of Ole Miss, published by the UNC Press.

Julie K. Heintz, Mississippi School for Math and Science, received the John K. Bettersworth Award, presented annually to an outstanding history middle or high school teacher.

Charles L. Sullivan received the Dunbar Rowland Award for his lifelong contributions

to the preservation, study, and interpretation of Mississippi history. Sullivan is the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College archivist and retired history professor.

Timothy J. Minchin and John A. Salmond were awarded the Halsell Prize for the best article published in the *Journal of Mississippi History*. Their article " 'The Saddest Story of the Whole Movement': The Clyde Kennard Case and the Search for Racial Reconciliation in Mississippi, 1955-2007" appears in the Fall 2009 issue of the *Journal of Mississippi History*.

The Hancock County Historical Society won the Frank E. Everett, Jr. Award for its outstanding contributions to the preservation and interpretation of local history.

Thomas N. Boschert, Delta State University history professor, won the Mississippi History Now Award for his article "The Political Career of John Sharp Williams."

The Elbert R. Hilliard Oral History award was presented to April Grayson and Kate Medley for their ex-

emplary oral history project "Opening Doors, Forging New Paths," concerning the integration of the University of Mississippi professional schools.

Awards of Merit were presented to Ray Bellande for his exemplary work in recording and preserving the history of Ocean Springs and for his long-standing and active participation in community and historical

affairs; Julia Guice for her exemplary lifetime of service in recording and preserving the history of Biloxi and for her

ville, president; Aubrey Lucas, Hattiesburg, vice president; and Elbert R. Hilliard, MDAH, secretary-treasurer.



From left, MHS secretary-treasurer Elbert R. Hilliard, awards committee member Al Hollingsworth, Dunbar Rowland Award winner Charles Sullivan, and MDAH director H.T. Holmes.

longstanding and active participation in community and historical affairs; Marguerite Hamill for her exemplary historical stewardship in preserving the invaluable *Down South Magazine* Collection; and to Cheri Dillard for her exemplary historical stewardship in preserving the invaluable Dixie Press Photograph Collection.

Awards of Merit were also presented to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for its century of outstanding service to the citizens of the Gulf Coast and surrounding areas and its historical stewardship in establishing the MGCCC Archives; the University of Southern Mississippi for its century of outstanding service to the citizens of Mississippi and its longtime support of the *Journal of Mississippi History* and sponsorship of the Junior Historical Society; and posthumously to William "Billy" Bourdin for his exemplary work in recording and preserving the history of Pass Christian.

Newly elected officers for the Mississippi Historical Society are Princella Nowell, Green-

New members of the society's board of directors for 2010–13 are Luther Brown, Delta State University; Charles Gray, Bay St. Louis; Brian Pugh, Brandon; Ken Shearer, Jackson; James "Pat" Smith, University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast; and Jill Smith, New Albany. Web Heidelberg, Hattiesburg, was elected to fill an unexpired term.

William Parrish, Starkville, and David Sansing, Oxford, were re-elected to the Board of Publications for 2010-13.

The Mississippi Historical Society, founded in 1858, encourages outstanding work in interpreting, teaching, and preserving Mississippi History. It sponsors Mississippi History Now and provides annual grants to help support the Junior Historical Society. Members receive the quarterly *Journal of Mississippi History*. For information on becoming a member, call 601-576-6849 or see the MHS Web site, www.mdah.state.ms.us/admin/mhist-soc.html.



George Buss portraying Confederate president Jefferson Davis.

National Library Week April 11-17

MDAH To Take Popular Program on Road to Oxford

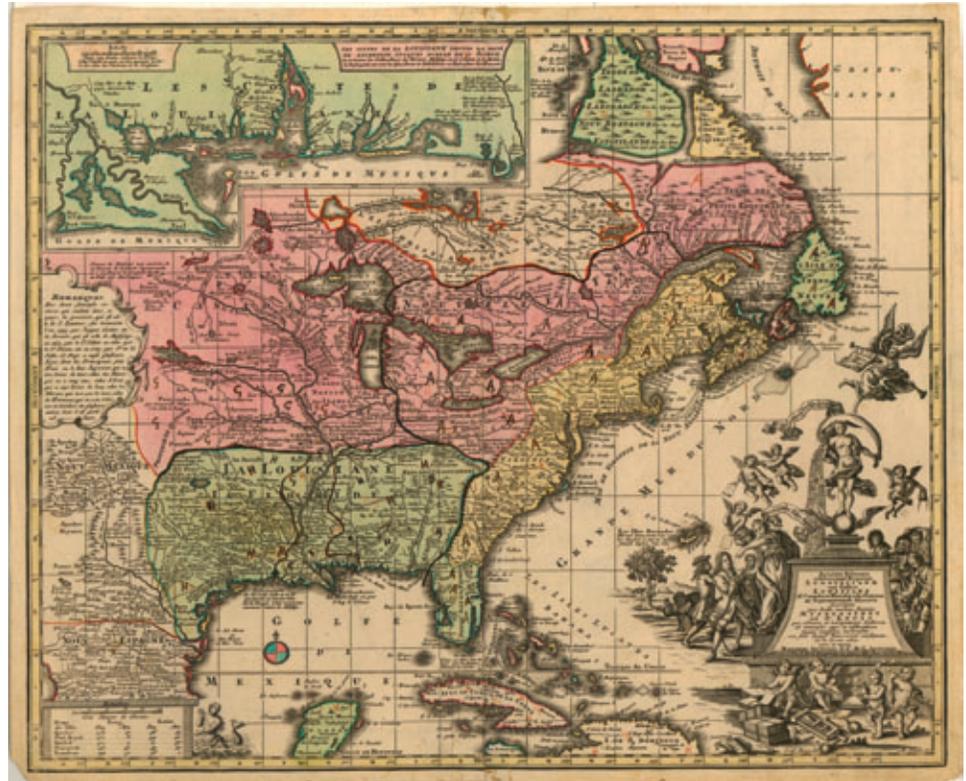
The department's popular Antiques Roadshow-style program, "Personals Treasures," will be in Oxford, Thursday, April 15, 4-8 p.m. and Friday, April 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The public is invited to bring their heirlooms and attic treasures to the Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library for a consultation with Mississippi Department of Archives and History experts.

"Our library is excited about providing such a great opportunity for our community to learn more about their own personal treasures," said Dorothy Fitts, head librarian of the Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library. "We hope everyone will come by."

Experts will provide information on books and maps, paper items, and photographs, as well as tips on how to care for and preserve those items. Director of Published Information Jane Phillips will be on hand to answer questions about books and maps, and Alanna Patrick, Director of Papers Archives, will examine paper items such as letters and diaries. Photographs will be examined by Graphic Records Curator Jeff Rogers.

Depending on the number of participants, consultations may be limited to fifteen minutes per person. Participants may bring up to five objects from each category. No appraisals will be made, but information will be provided on appraisal options.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library. For more information call 662-234-5751 or email dfitts@firstregional.org.



In celebration of National Library Week April 11-17, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is highlighting its collection of more than 1,500 published maps documenting the state's history from the late sixteenth century into the twentieth century. An online exhibit will feature some of the rare and hand-colored maps from several periods in Mississippi's history, including early exploration, territorial expansion, statehood, and Civil War. View a sample online at www.mdah.state.ms.us, or visit the William F. Winter Building, where maps can be accessed in the Archival Reading Room, Monday 9-5, Tues.-Thurs. 8-5, and Saturday 8-1. The map from the online collection pictured above is a circa 1734 map of the New World by George Matthaeus Seutter (1678-1757).

Archives Book Fund Established

Help preserve Mississippi's history by photography, and Mississippi authors.

making a financial contribution toward the purchase of books for the permanent MDAH collection!

With your help, the Department of Archives and History can continue to maintain its outstanding collection of books on all facets of Mississippi's history, including art and architecture, biography, civil rights, genealogy, African American history, law and government, local history, music, Native American culture,

You can specify a subject area if you wish, and memorial and honorary donations are welcomed.

To donate, please send your check made payable to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to Jane Phillips, Published Information, MDAH, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-0571. To learn more about specific books on the department's wish list, call Jane Phillips at 601-576-6896.



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included timber, cattle, real estate, and oil and gas. As a young man he was the president and principal partner of Dalrymple Equipment Company, a distributor of heavy construction ma-

chinery in Mississippi and West Tennessee, and he later served for years on the Board of Directors of Trustmark National Bank in Jackson. He served in Washington, D.C., as a consultant to

the U.S. State Department with the 21st Foreign Service Officer Selection Board. He was a director of the Mississippi Economic Council.

Memorial contributions may

be sent to the Adine Lampton Wallace Endowment for Mississippi History Now, Mississippi Historical Society, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-0571.

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History Is Lunch Series

Noon–1 p.m., William F. Winter Archives and History Building
200 North Street
601-576-6850

Wednesday, April 7— Delta Center for Culture and Learning director Luther Brown presents “The Mississippi River.”

Wednesday, April 14— historian Warren Calhoun presents “A Piano Teacher and an American Hero: The Carter-Crumpton Families of Mississippi and Alabama.”

Wednesday, April 21— Jackson attorney Alex Alston, Jr., talks about the new book he wrote with James L. Dickerson, Jr., *Devil’s Sanctuary: An Eyewitness History of Mississippi Hate Crimes*.

Wednesday, April 28— independent scholar W.J. Megginson will talk about his new book, *African American Life in South Carolina’s Upper Piedmont*, published by USC Press.

Manship House Museum

420 E. Fortification Street
601-961-4724
info@manshiphouse.com

Saturday, April 10, 1 p.m.
A Saturday with Shakespeare. All ages are invited to see the Mississippi College Tribal Players perform scenes and monologues from Shakespearean plays.

Friday, April 23, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. *If Walls Could Talk*. Learn about the arts and architecture of historic homes through lectures, demonstrations, and performances by noted scholars. All events are free

of charge, but reservations are required. *Sponsored in part by the Greater Jackson Arts Council*.

Old Capitol Museum

State Street at Capitol
601-576-6920
info@oldcapitolmuseum.com

Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. *Gathering on the Green*. Enjoy fun, food, and other festivities on the historic Old Capitol Green.

GREENVILLE

Winterville Mounds

Highway 1 North
662-334-4684
info@wintervillemounds.com

Saturday, April 3, 1–3 p.m. *Giant Easter Egg Hunt*. Children up to 12 years old are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt. Rain or shine.

NATCHEZ

Grand Village of the Natchez Indians

400 Jefferson Davis Blvd.
601-446-6502
info@natchezgrandvillage.com

Thursday, April 8, 6:30 p.m. *Archaeology Lecture Series*. Dustin Fuqua from the Cane River Creole National Park, Natchitoches, LA, will present “The Greenhouse Mound Site, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.”

Saturday, May 1, 1–4 p.m. *Mothers, Music, and May Flowers*. Tour the gardens of the Manship House Museum, Eudora Welty House Museum, and Oaks House Museum. Musical entertainment provided.

For more information call 601-961-4724.