

## ❄️ Holiday Greetings from MDAH ❄️

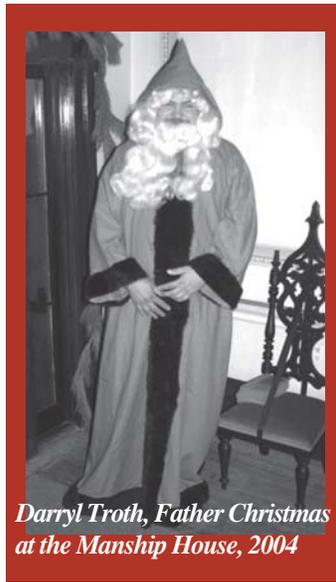
### Old Jackson Christmas by Candlelight

Friday, December 2,  
5:00–8:00 p.m.

**The Manship House** Wander through the candlelit rooms of this historic nineteenth-century house and view authentic Victorian Christmas decorations and traditional arrangements of greenery. Musical entertainment is provided throughout the evening.

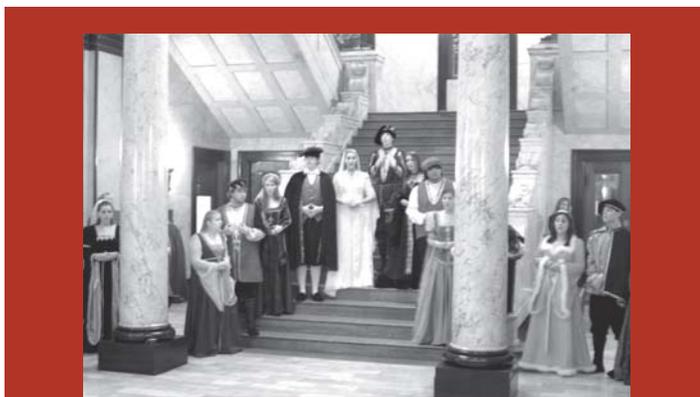
**Governor's Mansion** Tour the second-oldest continuously occupied gubernatorial residence in the United States and enjoy traditional holiday decorations while listening to Christmas piano music.

**State Capitol** Enjoy the impressive architectural elegance of the State Capitol. The Beaux Arts grandeur of the majestic rotunda



*Darryl Troth, Father Christmas  
at the Manship House, 2004*

is complemented with greenery and decorations. Festive exterior lights and decorations greet guests at the building's south ground-level entrance. Music from local church and school choirs continues through the evening.



*Pearl High School Chamber Singers at State Capitol, 2004*

Cline Tour buses will make the circuit of the three sites beginning at 5:00 p.m. The free transportation is made possible by a grant from the Greater Jackson Arts Council.

### Christmas at the Manship House

420 East Fortification Street  
Jackson  
December 2–22

Experience a nineteenth-century Christmas through a guided tour of the home built by Jackson's Civil War mayor for his interesting southern family. The house is "dressed for the season" in authentic Victorian manner. Touring hours are Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. *Reservations required for groups of ten or more.*

**St. Nicholas Day Crafts  
Workshop, Monday,  
December 12, 3:30–4:30 p.m.**

Children ages five through twelve are invited to learn about and make a Victorian craft. The workshop is free of charge, but *reservations are required* and space is limited. Please call 601-961-4724 to make a reservation.

### Christmas at the Governor's Mansion

The public is invited to visit the Governor's Mansion December 1 through 21. The historic section of the Governor's Mansion features traditional holiday decorations of seasonal greenery and fruit. Free guided tours are offered Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 to 11 a.m., on the half-hour. Reservations must be made

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### Children's Victorian Christmas

The Children's Victorian Christmas Celebration celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary this year at Historic Jefferson College, Washington. Since its inception area children have made tree ornaments in the classroom and then traveled to Historic Jefferson College to decorate trees and to learn about the early history of Mississippi.

In 1981 HJC had one large tree for many fifth-grade students from three public schools to decorate, and it became obvious that tall trees and short people don't go together—only the bottom third of the tree was decorated! Thereafter, each school has had its own tree.

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## Christmas Video Produced by Museum

Since schoolchildren cannot visit Possum Ridge this year, the Old Capitol Museum staff has produced a video that takes Possum Ridge into the classroom. "A Special Visitor Comes to Possum Ridge" tells the story of a stranger known as Lucky, who arrives in the town by train at Christmastime. His encounters with townspeople change his life and the lives of the children of Possum Ridge. The video will be shown on Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB) in November and December and on public access channels across most of the state in December.

The **television schedule** for "A Special Visitor Comes to Possum Ridge" is as follows:

MPB

**November 22, 23**, 4:30 a.m.

**December 23**, 8:30 p.m.

**December 30**, 8:30 p.m.

Public access channels throughout most of the state will air the video at 9 and 10 a.m. on December 1, 2, 5-9, and 12-16. For more information on the video or airing times, please call 601-576-6998.

## History is Lunch

**Wednesday, December 7:** Mary Elizabeth Johnson and Carol Vickers will discuss and sign copies of their new book, *Threading the Generations: A Mississippi Family's Quilt Legacy*.

**Wednesday, December 14:** Ernest Herndon and Scott B. Williams will discuss and sign copies of their new book, *Paddling the Pascagoula*.

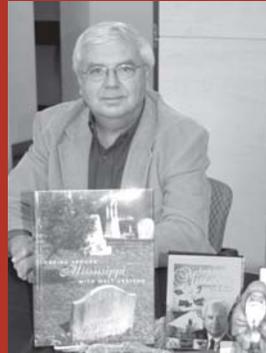
Sessions are noon until 1 p.m. at the Winter Building, 200 North Street, Jackson. Drinks are provided. For information, call 601-576-6857.

## Winterville Mounds Open House

On Sunday, December 4, Winterville Mounds, just north of Greenville on Highway 1, will hold a **Holiday Open House** from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 662-334-4684.

**DEDICATION OF PORTRAIT  
of  
Ronnie Musgrove  
to the  
Hall of Governors  
Tuesday, December 6  
2 p.m.  
Old Supreme Court  
Chamber, State Capitol  
For information  
call 601-576-6998.**

## Visit the Old Capitol Shop in the William F. Winter Building



The Old Capitol Shop, relocated in the Winter Building, 200 North Street, Jackson, offers Mississippi books and crafts for holiday giving. Above left, shop manager Melissa Taylor; left, Walt Grayson signs books at Open House; above, Patti Carr Black signs copies of two new books at Open House.

**Governor's Mansion, cont'd**  
in advance for groups of ten or more. The Governor's Mansion is closed weekends and Mondays. It will also be closed for tours from Thursday, December 22, through Monday, January 2, 2006. The mansion may be closed at other times during the month for official state functions. To confirm the availability of the mansion for tours or for information, call 601-359-6421.

### Victorian Trees, cont'd

Today students from both public and private schools from the Miss-Lou area decorate trees. The trees will be on display December 10-29. Admission is free. Historic Jefferson College will be closed December 24-26.

### Old Capitol Shop Hours

**Mon.-Fri. 9 am-4:30pm  
Sat. 9am-12:30 pm**