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Teachers Advisory Group Explores Natchez Sites

Members of the Teachers Advisory Group gathered in Natchez on July 8 for a day of special tours and updates on the 2 Mississippi Museums, and to provide feedback on new MDAH lesson plans and teaching units.

The Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Historic Jefferson College co-hosted the event. Teachers received a tour of each site as well as a Q&A session with staff from each to learn about available field trips, annual events, and outreach programming. Stacey Everett, MDAH director of education, gave an update on the 2 Mississippi Museums project as well as an outline of the educational materials and programs that have been

proposed for the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

More than 500 pages of educational materials were completed over the past year. To ensure that curricular connections are being met and that materials are topic- and grade-appropriate, all MDAH educational materials are reviewed by teachers. Those comments and suggestions enable staff to make appropriate changes to the material before publication.

MDAH is happy to report that the new lessons may now be accessed online at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/learn/classroom-materials/lesson-plans-and-teaching-units/>

Thank you TAG teachers for another successful and fun TAG Day. If anyone is interested in serving on the

Teachers Advisory Group contact the education staff at 601-576-6800.



Teachers enjoying a tour of Prosper Hall at Historic Jefferson College given by site director Robin Person and historian Kay McNeil.



TAG members explore the site at Grand Village of the Natchez Indians with site historian Rebecca Anderson.

Speak Now Oral Histories Available Online

Speak Now (http://www.mdah.state.ms.us/arrec/digital_archives/speaknow/) is accessible from the Digital

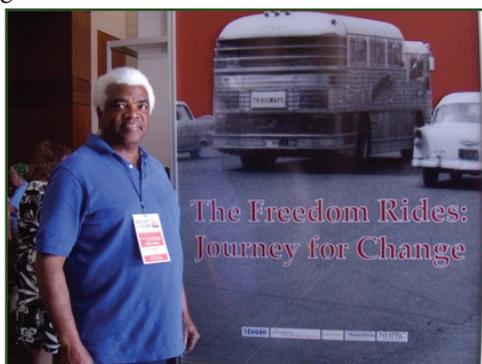
Archives page and the online catalog.

In May 2011, seventy-five men and women returned to

Jackson, Mississippi, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of their participation in the 1961 Freedom Rides. In conjunction with an exhibit commemorating the rides that challenged segregated bus, train, and airplane services throughout the South, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History invited the Freedom Riders and the public to "Speak Now" and recount their experiences during the Civil Rights Move-

ment in Mississippi.

The results were twenty-six audio recordings, corresponding transcripts, and fifty-six digital color photographs available to the public. In addition to the Freedom Rides the recordings cover topics including African American World War II veterans, Mississippi Freedom Schools, Medgar and Charles Evers, and the Mississippi State Penitentiary.



Claude Albert Liggins interviewed for Speak Now on Thursday, May 26, 2011.

Native American Days at Winterville Mounds



Native American Days, the annual program celebrating American Indian culture at Winterville Mounds, will be held October 29–November 1. The event features traditional dances, stories, and games, and crafts and foods will be for sale. Last year more than 2,300 students and adults attended the festival.

Performances this year include dancing, storytelling and mask demonstrations by the Cherokee Historical Association of Cherokee, North Carolina; dancing and chanting by the Native American Cultural Exchange-Apache; and dancing, drumming, and chanting by the Southern Pine Singers of Choctaw, Mississippi.

Other activities will include face-painting and bead-stringing for children, archery demonstrations, and Native American games of stickball and chunky, which will be open to all comers. The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science and the Southern Traditional Archery Association will have demonstration and educational booths at the event.

The four-day celebration of Native American culture

will conclude on Saturday, November 1, with a day of games and arts and crafts. From 1 to 4 p.m. families can play the traditional Native American games of stickball and chunky, compete in relay races, make beaded headbands, and more. Fry bread, Indian tacos, buffalo burgers, and smoked turkey legs will be on sale throughout the day.

Native American Days is free of charge. The event begins at 9 a.m. and runs through 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Performances will begin at 9:30 a.m. and run through 1 p.m. The Saturday program runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. School groups should call ahead for a complete schedule of events when booking a field trip.

Winterville Mounds is a prehistoric ceremonial center built by a Native American civilization that thrived from about A.D. 1000 to 1450. Located at 2415 Highway 1 North, Greenville, the 42-acre park is open 8 a.m.–5 p.m. every day; the museum is open 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Mon.–Sat. and Sun. 1:30–5 p.m. Free of charge. For more information call 662-334-4684 or email info@wintervillemounds.com.

New Education Historian at Winterville Mounds

This summer Kelli Perrin Ferris, an anthropology graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, joined the staff of Winterville Mounds in Greenville. As an educator and historian she will assist teachers, students, and the general public in their understanding of Native American culture and the history of Native Americans in the Delta.

Kelli acquired a love of history in her hometown of Seminary, Mississippi, where she grew up hearing stories of Native Americans and seeing collections of arrow heads and Native American artifacts. When asked what she is most looking forward to in her new position, she said, “I am ready to travel and get to know the local population as well as others from around the state and country.”

Kelli’s first research project undertaken at Winterville will be to research the history of the Winterville site between the years 1541 and 1939. This will include determining the original boundaries of the site, its physical appearance, how the land was used and subdivided, and past and present owners of surrounding land. This information will be used to help re-design the site so that it better matches the appearance and size of the original site prior to its sev-

enteenth-century abandonment. A key component of the project will be to locate and translate early Colonial-era primary source documents in Spanish, French, and English that describe the Winterville area when it was inhabited by Mississippians. Kelli will also be interviewing locals who may have knowledge of site boundaries and usages in the twentieth century.

Also in the works is a four-day teaching unit entitled *People of the River: The Native Americans of Win-*



terville Mounds. This unit will include lesson plans, worksheets, activities, and primary source documents related to Mississippian daily life and the historic preservation of Winterville Mounds. The teaching unit will be aligned with Mississippi Department of Education and Common Core Curriculum frameworks and will be available to download free on the MDAH website soon.

SPOTLIGHT ARTIFACTS

THE BATTLE OF JACKSON

Held within the collection of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History are artifacts that tell tales of Mississippi's past. When taken alone an artifact tells one side of a story. When you take the time to research and dig deeper what you find can be another account or support for the original. When you put together each version found you are able to tell a more complete and multifaceted story. The artifacts below are from the Museum of Mississippi History collection and the paper archives of Archives and Records Services.

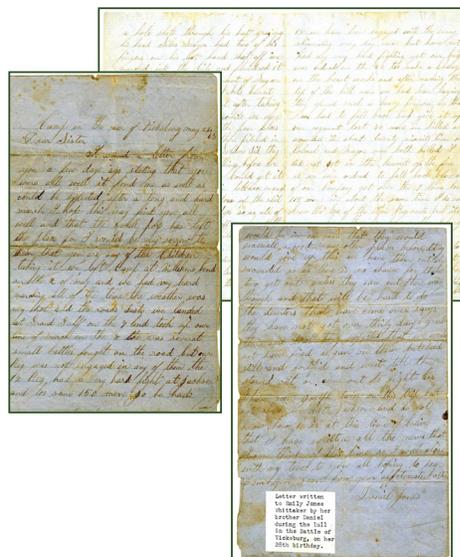
The Battle of Jackson was fought on May 14, 1863, as part of General U.S. Grant's Vicksburg campaign. In order to isolate Vicksburg, Grant decided to march on Jackson to cut rail and communication lines and stop military reinforcements that supplied the Mississippi River town.

Confederate president Jefferson Davis sent General Joseph Johnston into Jackson to try to prevent Grant's progression through Mississippi. Realizing the futility of fighting to save the capital city from such a large Federal force, which included the corps of generals Sherman and McPherson, Johnston ordered an evacuation of Jackson and sent Brigadier General John Gregg to engage Grant's forces and cover the withdrawal. After the ensuing battle, which resulted in an estimated 1,145 casualties for both sides, Gregg pulled out of the city, leaving it defense-

less. To prevent having to occupy Jackson, Grant ordered the destruction of anything of military value, including railroad tracks, telegraph lines, and factories.

Plundering by the Union troops also took place, as evidenced by a telegram from Governor John J. Pettus that stated, "Furniture in State House badly abused in Governor's mansion, demolished Telegraph [sic] wires torn down cut... Ladies robbed of jewelry money. Much destruction here."

Private Daniel Jones of Company I of the 17th Iowa Infantry took the garnet necklace pictured above from a Jackson home. In a letter to his sister, Jones described his involvement in the Vicksburg campaign and the action in Jackson, writing "...we marched into the City and plundered it..." The necklace remained in the Jones family until descendants returned it to Mississippi almost 150 years after it was taken.



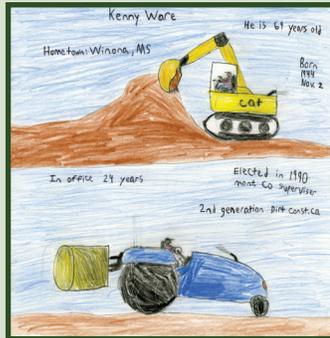
Above: Garnet necklace Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Museum division.

Left: Pages from a letter written by Daniel Jones during the lull in the Battle of Vicksburg. MDAH, Archives and Records Services division

For this and more stories from our collections you can check out the MDAH Collections Blog *A Sense of Place*.
<http://mdah.state.ms.us/senseofplace/>



First Place Winner
Alexandra Guzman
Winona Elementary



Honorable Mention
Hagen Ware
Winona Elementary

2014–15 Student Art Competition

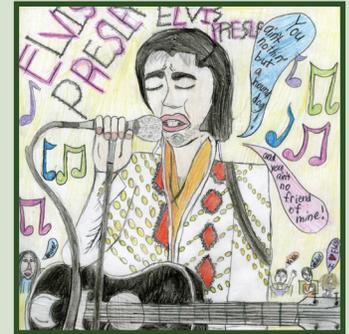
The Mississippi Department of Archives and History is kicking off its second annual art contest this fall for the Museum of Mississippi History and Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. This year's theme of "Groundbreaking Mississippi Events" asks students to create artwork representing an event they feel has made a major impact on Mississippi.

The winning artwork will become part of a display in the 2 Mississippi Museums classroom area and a poster distributed to schools across the state during the 2015–16 school year.

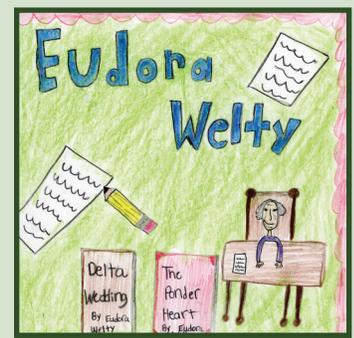
Last year's theme of "Groundbreaking Mississippians" provided two winners from Winona Elementary School: third-grader Mila DouBrava's depiction of acclaimed writer Eudora Welty and fourth-grader Alexandra Guzman's depiction of actress and child advocate Sela Ward.

Other nominations included entertainer Jim Henson, wildlife photographer Stephen Kirkpatrick, and 1959's Miss America Mary Ann Mobley.

Look for the art contest link under the Families menu under the Learn tab on the MDAH website. If you have any questions please contact the MDAH education staff at outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us.



Honorable Mention
Madison Caffey
Winona Elementary



First Place Winner
Mila DouBrava
Winona Elementary

MDAH Education Staff Spreads the Word

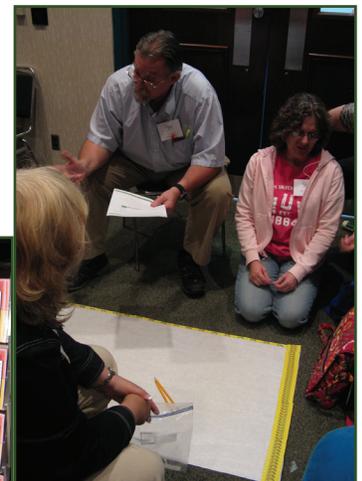
MDAH staff will be venturing across the state to spread the word about its programs and resources for teachers. We will be at the Mississippi Association for Gifted Children Conference in Tupelo October 1–3, and the Mississippi Council for Social Studies Conference in Choctaw October 15–17. We will present two sessions at each conference on the use of Common Core and the arts in the department's online lessons and

teaching units.

We will also have a booth at each conference, as well as at the Mississippi Association for Independent Schools Conference in December. Come by and see us. Book a traveling trunk or video, plan trips to our sites, and learn about other opportunities for teachers and students.

For more information on these conferences or about having an education staff member visit your school to

present a session on the materials and resources we have, contact the MDAH education staff at 601-576-6800 or outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us.



Manship House Museum Blog

MISSISSIPPI VICTORIAN



While the circa-1857 Manship House Museum is closed, check out the Manship House blog *Mississippi Victorian* at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/mississippivictorian/>

For more information call 601-961-4724.

WINTER HOLIDAYS

School groups grades K-6 can experience the historic Christmas trees, artifacts (toys), and the 1940s train town of Possum Ridge.

Tuesdays through Fridays,
December 2 through December 19
9 a.m. – 12 Noon
William F. Winter Archives and
History Building
For reservations call 601-576-6800.
FREE



Mississippi History on Loan Film Program

Mississippi History on Loan is like Netflix, but exclusively for teachers. With more than 200 titles to choose from, it's an easy and cost-effective way for teachers to add a multimedia element into their classrooms.

We are updating the MHOL collection to keep it relevant to today's classrooms. This includes creating Film Activity Packets to accompany some of our most popular films as well as conducting a cost assessment to update the technology associated with the MHOL program. We have a great deal of VHS tapes and, by updating the library we

hope that we can make this program more accessible (and friendly) to teachers.

Use our "search the catalog" option at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/learn/classroom-materials/mississippi-history-on-loan-film-collection/> and type in your topic—we've got it all, from blues to civil rights to kudzu—and then submit a loan form. The only cost involved is the few dollars it takes to mail the film back to our offices in Jackson. We also welcome your input, so if there is a topic you would like to see more of or an activity packet that you would

like to suggest, contact us at outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us.



Activity Packets Available for Film Loan Program

There are many reasons to show a film in class: you might like to support a topic through another point of view, or you want to show a film adaptation of a literary work your class has read. But films can be so much more than time fillers. Appropriate film choices paired with a structured lesson can enhance learning, keep

students engaged in a multimedia world, and help prepare them for standardized testing.

MDAH has been hard at work creating Film Activity Packets to accompany some of our most popular films, including *My Dog Skip* and *Murder in Mississippi*. By incorporating worksheets designed to "check student watching" that

employ multiple choice, short answer, and matching formats, teachers have a variety of activity styles to choose from within each packet. For further study, writing and research projects are outlined. And an increasing number of primary source documents are being included to give students a chance to analyze documents in depth. All the Film Activity Packets are in

alignment with Common Core Standards and Mississippi Social Studies Frameworks.

The following Film Activity Packets are available online at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/learn/classroom-materials/lesson-plans-and-teaching-units/>:

Black Mississippians Who Shaped Our History—Adaptable for grades 4-9. Designed to accompany an original MDAH film.

Building the Dream: The History of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway—Adaptable for grades 4-12.

Elvis '56—Adaptable for grades 4-12.

Ghosts of Mississippi—Adaptable for grades 9-12.

Murder in Mississippi—Adaptable for grades 9-12.

My Dog Skip—Adaptable for grades 4-12.

Two Soldiers—Adaptable for grades 4-12.



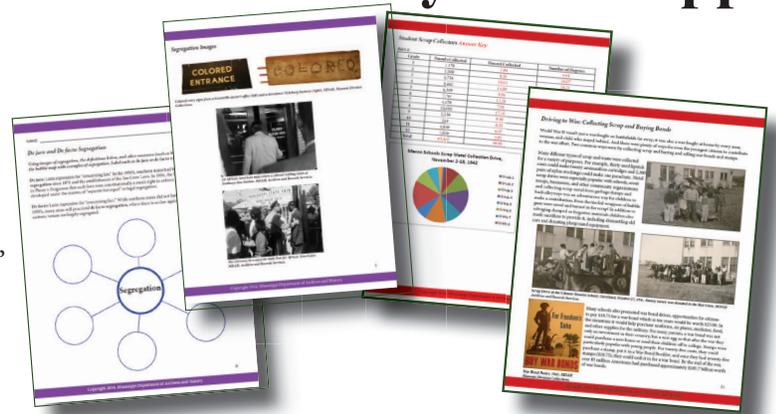
Teaching Units Explore Twentieth-Century Mississippi

Regular readers of the MDAH Educator E-News and the Mississippi History for Teachers Facebook page may recall the education staff's foray into gardening last summer. We were working on a teaching unit about the *World War II Home Front in Mississippi* testing out a science-based activity in growing Victory Gardens in terrariums. Happily, not only the garden but the six-day unit was a huge success, and the latter is now available for free on the MDAH website.

The teaching unit uses a combination of social studies, language arts, math, and science activities to look at topics such as propaganda, rationing, scrap metal drives, German

POWs, the GI Bill, and, of course, Victory Gardens. The unit is also filled with a wide variety of primary source documents including letters from Mississippians serving overseas, newspaper clippings, cartoons, and Schools at War scrapbook photographs from across the state.

Where the World War II teaching unit ends on the activity titled "Civil Rights in a Post-War World," the second teaching unit *Civil Rights in Mississippi*, begins. This six-day teaching unit provides an overview of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement from the 1950s to the 1970s. Key people and events, such as the murder of Emmett Till and Fannie Lou Hamer's speech at



the National Democratic Convention, are analyzed along with the lesser-known stories of Dr. Gilbert Mason's Biloxi wade-ins and the work of postman-turned-lawyer Jack Young and his wife Aurelia.

These teaching units join two completed teaching units titled *Slavery in Mississippi* and *Freedom Riders: Jour-*

ney for Change. All are in alignment with Mississippi Department of Education frameworks and Common Core Curriculum. They are adaptable for grades 4–12 and may be found at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/learn/classroom-materials/lesson-plans-and-teaching-units/>

Grand Village Miss–Lou Mask Contest and Exhibit

As you plan your Native American lessons and activities for the fall, be sure to participate in the Miss-Lou Mask Contest and Exhibit at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians. This yearly competition presents awards for students in each grade level in the following categories: man/

woman, element of nature (earth, wind, fire, or water), animal, deity, best use of natural materials, and best overall entry. Students of all ages are welcome to participate. The Grand Village accepts masks beginning October 1 and they remain on display at the Grand Village through May

1, at which point they are returned to students.

The Miss-Lou Mask Exhibit is now in its fourth year and has been featured in the *Natchez Democrat* newspaper and the *Listen Up Ya'll* website. For more information, or to submit masks for judging, contact

The Grand Village of the Natchez Indians
Attn: Becky Anderson
400 Jefferson Davis Blvd.
Natchez, MS 39120
601-446-6502



**Scholastic
Art & Writing
Awards**

Students in grades 7-12 from public, private, or home schools can submit original writing in ten categories for the chance to be recognized on the state and national level.

Coordinated by the
Eudora Welty House and Garden
For more information visit

<http://www.artandwriting.org> or call 601-354-5210.

MISSISSIPPI FUN FACT

During World War I, 56,740 Mississippi men were either inducted or enlisted into the military. Henry Jetton Tudury of Bay St. Louis was Mississippi's most decorated doughboy of the war and received France's most coveted military award, the Cross de Guerre, from French Field Marshal Henri-Philippe Petain.

30th Annual MDAH Social Studies Teachers Workshop

The Annual Social Studies Teachers Workshop will be held at the Old Capitol Museum on Friday, November 7.

This year's subject is *Turn-of-the-Century Mississippi*. The coming of the twentieth century saw great changes

throughout Mississippi—social, economic, and industrial. The state's constitution was rewritten and adopted in 1890 to codify the privileges of white men and institutionalize the impediments to women and African American citizens. The United States and Mississippi were drawn into a world war. Natural disaster ravaged the fertile Delta counties. And a new, native art form was born in the blues.

in Mississippi. Additional presentations will cover the Mississippi State Capitol and teaching genealogical research, the blues, the 1927 flood, and prohibition in Mississippi.

A .5 CEU credit will be issued through Mississippi College to those attending all workshop programs. Cost is \$40.00. Download the registration form and schedule by following this link http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/2014_TW_mailer.pdf. For more information or to register for the workshop, contact Museum Division education staff at 601-576-6800 or outreach-programs@mdah.state.ms.us. Deadline for registration is October 24, 2014.

Come to the Old Capitol Museum and learn more about this time in Mississippi's history and how to use the information in your classrooms. Political analyst Jere Nash will speak about the rise of Jim Crow in Mississippi and Dr. Pamela Tyler from the University of Southern Mississippi will discuss woman suffrage

30th Annual MDAH
Social Studies Teachers Workshop
**TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY
MISSISSIPPI**
Old Capitol Museum, Jackson
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2014

<p>8 a.m. REGISTRATION, Old Capitol Museum</p> <p>8:30 a.m. WELCOME H.T. Holmes, director, Mississippi Department of Archives and History Lucy Allen, director, MDAH Museum Division</p> <p>8:45 a.m. THE 1890 CONSTITUTION AND THE RISE OF JIM CROW MISSISSIPPI Jere Nash, political analyst, Jackson</p> <p>9:30 a.m. MISSISSIPPI IN WORLD WAR I Chad Daniels, director, Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, Camp Shelby</p> <p>10:15 a.m. BREAK Organizations will display educational resources</p> <p>10:45 a.m. WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN MISSISSIPPI Pamela Tyler, associate professor, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg</p> <p>11:30 a.m. LUNCH</p>	<p>CHOOSE ONE (INDICATE ON REGISTRATION FORM):</p> <p>1 p.m. MISSISSIPPI'S STATE CAPITOL Brenda Davis, curator, State Capitol, Mississippi Department of Archives and History</p> <p>GENEALOGY IN THE CLASSROOM De'Niecehisi Layton, reference librarian, Mississippi Department of Archives and History</p> <p>WATERING PLACES ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST: THE ROARING 1920S Deanne Nuwer, associate professor of history, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg</p> <p>2 p.m. 1927 FLOOD LESSON Claire Gwaltney, outreach programs coordinator, Mississippi Department of Archives and History</p> <p>2:30 p.m. BLUES IN MISSISSIPPI CURRICULUM Charlotte Smelser, arts education director, Mississippi Arts Commission</p>
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The Social Studies Teachers Workshop is sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in conjunction with the Mississippi College School of

Continuing Education, Mississippi Department of Education, and Mississippi Historical Society.

The 2 Mississippi Museums Take Shape



The Mississippi Department of Archives and History held its 2 Mississippi Museums groundbreaking celebration in October of 2013. Construction on the 2MM began the following December. The building, which will house the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, is beginning to take shape.

As the buildings are constructed and the exhibits are designed the education staff is busy preparing educational materials and programs

for the opening. Before the grand opening in 2017 the education staff will be consulting with teachers of the Teachers Advisory Group to create the most useful educational materials and programs for museum visits and school classrooms.

If you would like to be a part of the Teachers Advisory Group please contact the education staff. To learn more about the 2 Mississippi Museums, or to follow the progress you can visit our website at <http://www.mdah.state.ms.us>.

MDAH EDUCATORS E-NEWS

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MDAH Events for Teachers & Students Fall 2014

Now–October 31, “Stand Up! Mississippi Freedom Summer of 1964

Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m.–1 p.m. William F. Winter Archives and History Building. MDAH is marking the fiftieth anniversary of 1964, “Freedom Summer,” which made Mississippi the central battleground of the Civil Rights Movement. Hundreds of northern students, most of them white, joined black Mississippians to register voters, conduct Freedom Schools, and promote civil rights. Throughout the summer, project staff endured threats, arrests, beatings, bombings, and murder. “Stand Up” looks at the events of that memorable and violent summer. It is accompanied by an original film incorporating historic film footage taken during the summer of 1964 as well as *Educating for Democracy*, a collection of primary source documents related to Freedom Summer. The companion exhibit “Murder in Neshoba” examines the disappearance and murder of three civil rights workers in Neshoba County.

“Stand Up!” Mississippi Freedom Summer of 1964 was sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and will be available as a part of the MDAH Traveling Exhibit Program in January of 2015. For more information about this exhibit or the traveling exhibits program call 601-576-6997.

Monday–Friday, September 9, 2014– September 4, 2015, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Moments of Learning in the Life of a Writer.

The Eudora Welty Education and Visitors Center introduces the temporary exhibit “Moments of Learning in the Life of a Writer.” Inspired by Welty’s comment that “learning stamps you with its moments,” the exhibit examines pivotal moments of learning in her life, both inside and outside the state—from Davis Grammar School in Jackson where Welty began her formal education to her graduate studies at Columbia University School of Business in New York City. For more information or to schedule school groups call 601-353-7762.

Monday, September 15, Scholastic Writing Competition Submission Kick-off

Submission Opening for Scholastic Writing Awards. The competition is open to grades 7–12 statewide for public, private, and home-schooled students. The regional competition is hosted by the partnership between the Eudora Welty Foundation and the Eudora Welty House and Garden, and is made possible through a grant from the C Spire Foundation. Deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17. Submissions must be registered online at <http://www.artandwriting.org> and mailed or delivered to the Education and Visitors Center. Call Lee Anne Bryan at 601-354-5210 for more information.



October 1, 2014–May 1, 2015, Miss-Lou Mask Exhibit

Area schools are invited to display masks at Grand Village of the Natchez Indians. Masks will be accepted starting October 1 and will be on display until May 1. Please write the name of the student on the back of the mask along with grade level and school. Awards will be presented for each grade level in the following categories: man / woman, element of nature (ex. earth, wind, water, fire), animal, and deity. An award also will be presented for best use of natural materials and best overall. Contact Grand Village of the Natchez Indians for more information at 601-446-6502 or info@natchezgrandvillage.com.

October, Winterville Mounds Archaeology Month Weekend Programs

Winterville Mounds hosts weekend events for families celebrating Archaeology Month. Activities will include mock excavations, artifact identifications, movies, and lectures. For more information on the events below and others contact Winterville Mounds at 662-334-4684 or info@wintervillemounds.com.

October 4, Mock Dig, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1–3 p.m.

Children and other interested persons can participate with archaeologists and learn actual excavation techniques during a simulated archaeology excavation. Free.



October 22–23, Student Days, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Grand Village of the Natchez Indians hosts its annual Student Days for students grades 3–5. Students learn about flintknapping, French colonial survivor skills, and traditional Native American homes, tools, and weapons. Free, reservations required. For more information call 601-446-6502 or email info@natchezgrandvillage.com.

Saturday, October 18, Mississippi Archaeology Expo, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Celebrate Archaeology Month at the Old Capitol Museum with demonstrations of archaeological techniques and other fun and educational activities including flintknapping, a “live” Civil War camp, and artifact displays. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will demonstrate Native American traditional dancing, basket weaving, storytelling, stickball, and crafts. Other highlights include face painting, bracelet making, pendant coloring, ceramic making, and atlatl throwing. The event is free. For more information please call 601-576-6944.

October 29–November 1, Native American Days, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Meet Native American members of the Choctaw, Seminole, Cherokee, and Houma Nations at Winterville Mounds and experience traditional music, dance, and storytelling. Free. For more information call 662-334-4684 or email info@wintervillemounds.com.

November 7, 30th Annual Social Studies Teachers Workshop, 8a.m.–3p.m.

“Turn-of-the-Century Mississippi” is the title of this year’s annual Social Studies Teachers Workshop at the Old Capitol Museum. 0.5 CEU will be available through Mississippi College. Registration fee is \$40. For more information call 601-576-6800 or email outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us.

December 2–30, Holiday Happenings at the Old Capitol

Visit the Old Capitol, decorated in nineteenth-century holiday style, and enjoy the following special programs as well as a special Holiday Scavenger Hunt. For more information call 601-576-6920 or email info@oldcapitolmuseum.com.

December 2–30, Years of Yuletide: Christmas in Jackson

This exhibit highlights various Jackson Christmas traditions with selected artifacts and photos.

December 5, 12, and 13, Sounds of the Season, 12 p.m.

Listen to local choirs in the Old Capitol’s rotunda on selected Fridays and Saturdays.

December 2–19, Winter Holidays Tours, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Watch model trains run through the fictional town of Possum Ridge at the William Winter Building in Jackson. View trees decorated in the fashion of Mississippi Christmases past and discover toys enjoyed by generations of Mississippi children. For group tours of ten or more reservations are required. For more information call 601-576-6800 or email outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us.

December 4–30, Celebration of Christmas Trees

At Historic Jefferson College local school groups and home educators are invited to adopt Christmas trees and decorate them for class projects. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email info@historicjeffersoncollege.com.

December 10, Statehood Day, 12–1 p.m.

Celebrate Mississippi’s 197th birthday at the Old Capitol Museum. Reception to follow. For more information call 601-576-6920 or email info@oldcapitolmuseum.com.

