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New CEU Opportunity Available in Natchez

MDAH is proud to offer a new CEU opportunity in Natchez this February. Our Spring Teachers Workshop will be held at the Natchez Convention Center on Saturday, February 21. This inaugural workshop's subject is Mississippi women. From arts and education to politics and activism, the women of Mississippi have played major roles in the state. Behind any history are the people who made it. Mississippi's women have always worked—both openly and behind the scenes—to get things done.

Join us at the Natchez Convention Center and learn more about these extraordinary Mississippians and how to use the information in the classrooms. Jim Bar-

nett, historian and former director of the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, will speak about the matrilineal society of Native Americans. Lynette Tanner of Frogmore Plantation, Marilyn Jones of the Manship House Museum and Dr. David Slay from the Vicksburg National Military Park will discuss the roles that Mississippi women found themselves taking during the Civil War. Reena Evers-Everette will speak about the legacy of women in the Civil Rights Movement and Dr. Robert Luckett of the Margaret Walker Center at Jackson State University will address Margaret Walker and her work.

A .5 CEU credit will be issued through Mississippi

College to those attending all workshop programs. Cost is \$40. Download the registration form and schedule at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/learn/teachers/professional-development/>.

For more information or to register for the workshop, contact Museum Division education staff at 601-576-6800 or outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us. Deadline for registration is February 13, 2015.

Inaugural
Spring Social Studies Teachers Workshop

**THE ROLES OF WOMEN IN
MISSISSIPPI HISTORY**

Natchez Convention Center
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015

8 a.m.	REGISTRATION	11:30 a.m.	LUNCH
8:30 a.m.	WELCOME <i>Clay Williams, sites administrator, Mississippi Department of Archives and History</i>	12:30 p.m.	THE LEGACY OF WOMEN IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT <i>Reena Evers-Everette, president, Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute, Jackson</i>
8:45 a.m.	THE MATRILINEAL SOCIETY OF NATIVE AMERICANS <i>Jim Barnett, former director, Grand Village of the Natchez Indians</i>	1:30 p.m.	JUDITH SARGENT MURRAY AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE <i>Judy Wiggins, Natchez</i>
9:30 a.m.	MISSISSIPPI WOMEN OF THE CIVIL WAR <i>Marilyn Jones, director, Manship House Museum</i> <i>David Slay, historian, Vicksburg National Military Park</i> <i>Lynette Tanner, Frogmore Plantation</i>	2:15 p.m.	MARGARET WALKER ALEXANDER <i>Robert Luckett, director, Margaret Walker Center, Jackson State University</i>
10:30 a.m.	BREAK Organizations will display educational resources		
10:45 a.m.	VERA ANDERSON: MISSISSIPPI'S ANSWER TO ROSIE THE RIVETER <i>Chad Daniels, director, Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, Camp Shelby</i>		

Summer Teachers School Addresses Complex History

The education staff is currently planning MDAH's first Summer Teachers School. This week-long program, *Mississippi's Complex History*, will be held at the William Winter Archives and History Building in Jackson. It will focus on teaching Mississippi's civil and human rights history through

primary source documents.

Teachers will be asked to chose a topic in Mississippi history and through research conducted at the state archives that week create a lesson plan based on the primary sources they discover. The lesson and accompanying research will be presented to the class at the end of the week.

Throughout the week, the school will feature a session by Chauncey Spears of the Mississippi Department of

Education Office of Curriculum and Instruction on the "Importance of Teaching through Primary Sources." Dr. Jennifer Stollman of the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation will present "How to Discuss Race and Create an Open and Trusting Classroom."

Admission to this program will be based on an application process. Teachers who are chosen will be given a \$300 stipend to help cover travel

costs. Housing and lunches will be provided. Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2015. Three CEU credits will be available through Mississippi College to accepted teachers who attend all sessions.

For more information and an application packet, contact the MDAH education staff at 601-576-6800 or via email outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us.



Eudora Welty House 2015 CEU Program

“The Dead” and “The Wanderers”

The annual Welty Teacher Workshop will be held Friday, February 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Eudora Welty Education and Visitors Center in Jackson. This year’s theme will examine Eudora Welty’s “The Wanderers” and James Joyce’s “The Dead.”

“The Wanderers” provides the magnificent conclusion to *The Golden Apples*, the story cycle many regard as Welty’s masterpiece. Joyce’s “The Dead” is one of his best-known and most acclaimed works. Participants should read both stories to prepare for the discussion-based workshop, led by Millsaps faculty members Dr. Suzanne Marrs and Dr. Austin Wilson. Free tours of the Welty House will be held at 3:00 p.m.

Suzanne Marrs is the editor of the recently published *What There is to Say We Have*



Said: The Correspondence of Eudora Welty and William Maxwell and author of two highly regarded books, *One Writer’s Imagination: The Fiction of Eudora Welty*, and *Eudora Welty, A Biography*. She has received the Phoenix Award for Distinguished Welty Scholarship from the Eudora Welty Society and the Distinguished Professor Award from Millsaps College, where she is professor of English and Welty Foundation Scholar-in-Residence.



Images of Joyce and Welty courtesy of the Eudora Welty House and Garden, MDAH

Austin Wilson received his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina, where he studied creative writing under James Dickey and George Garrett. His poetry and fiction have appeared in a number of literary journals and anthologies. In 2009 he retired after a thirty-three-year career teaching English at Millsaps College. Since retiring, he has received a Literary Arts Fellowship from the Mississippi Arts Commission and residencies at the Atlantic Center

for the Arts and Hambidge Center.

The cost of the workshop is \$35. A .5 CEU credit for participants is included in the cost of the seminar and is issued by Millsaps College. Lunch is not included in the registration fee.

For more information contact Lee Anne Bryan, at lbryan@eudoraweltyhouse.com or call 601-354-5210.

New Civil Rights Website Coming to MSU

Teachers are needed to test a new website chronicling desegregation in the Starkville area in the 1960s and 1970s. According to Hillary Richardson, humanities research librarian at Mississippi State University, the website will bring together archival documents, personal interviews, oral histories, published research, and teacher resources

related to the integration in Starkville. The project was initiated by a group of public history graduate students who had developed an oral history project highlighting the lesser-known stories of desegregation in Starkville.

The major goals of the project will be to help bring primary sources into classrooms, highlight the importance of local history to

students in Oktibbeha County, and demonstrate the methods of creating oral histories. The website will include interactive maps, newspaper articles, trial transcripts, and audio recordings. More resources will be added as they become available. Teacher resources that will support the Common Core Curriculum standards are being developed.

The website is expected

to go live by this summer and will be found at <http://starkvillecivilrights.msstate.edu/>. MSU is currently looking for teachers who may be interested in piloting the website in their classrooms. To participate or to learn more, contact Hillary Richardson at 662-325-2828 or hrichardson@library.msstate.edu

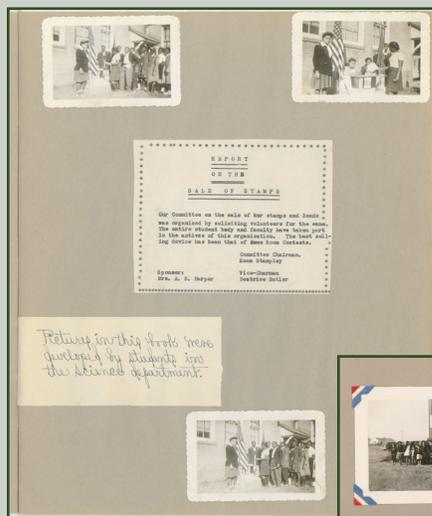
SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

SCHOOLS AT WAR

Within the collection of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History are artifacts that tell of Mississippi's past. When taken alone, an artifact tells one side of a story. Dig deeper and you may find another account or support for the original. Put together each version and 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.

World War II wasn't just a war fought on battlefields far away; it was also a war fought at home by every man, woman, and child who stayed behind. And there were plenty of ways for even the youngest citizens to contribute to the war effort. Some of these efforts were documented by Mississippi schoolchildren through the nationwide Schools-at-War Program.

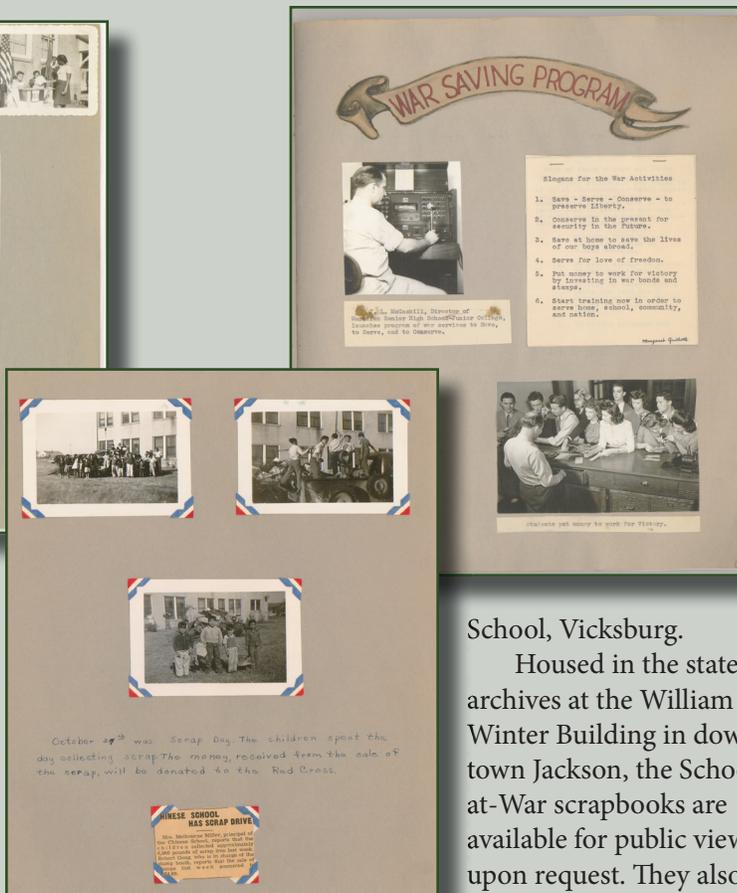
The Schools-at-War Program (sponsored by the War Savings Staff of the U.S. Treasury Department, the U.S. Office of Education and its Wartime Commission) encouraged schools across the country to record their war work. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History has eight of these scrapbooks from schools across the state that detail events such as scrap metal drives and war bond sales, as well as Red Cross training, physical fitness efforts, and the progress of school Victory Gardens. Many of



Schools-at-War Program Scrapbooks Z/0155.000/S/Box 1
Top left: **Lanier High School, Jackson, MS**; Top right: **Meridian Senior High School**; Bottom: **Chinese School. MDAH, Archives and Records Services**

the scrapbooks also include clippings from the school newspaper about wartime life, poems, essays, and artwork illustrating the importance of supporting the war effort.

Scrapbooks from the following schools are included in the collection: Chinese



Mission School, Cleveland; Greenville Senior High School; Lanier High School, Jackson; Macon City Schools; Meridian Senior High-Junior College; Monroe County Training School; Ruleville High School; and St. Mary's

School, Vicksburg. Housed in the state archives at the William Winter Building in downtown Jackson, the Schools-at-War scrapbooks are available for public viewing upon request. They also feature prominently in the MDAH online teaching unit, World War II Home Front in Mississippi, available at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/learn/classroom-materials/the-world-war-ii-home-front-in-mississippi/>.

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/>

Students come *Face to Face with History* at the Old Capitol Museum

Students will get the chance to come *Face to Face with History* at the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson, on Thursday, February 5. School groups will have the chance to meet and interact with figures who helped shape the history of the Old Capitol and the state of Mississippi.

Historical characters scheduled to appear include Old Capitol architect William Nichols, African American

Reconstruction-era United States Senator Hiram Revels, former Mississippi State University president and 1890 legislator Stephen D. Lee, and the first female director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History Charlotte Capers, who served in the 1950s and 1960s.

This event is free, but reservations are required. For reservations and more information, call 601-576-6920.



VALENTINES DAY AT WINTERVILLE MOUNDS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
1 P.M.

Love is in the air for those who spend the holiday at Winterville Mounds!

This special family Valentine's Day story and craft program will focus on Native American relationships like the kasbi, hoitobi, and auaya or courtship, love, and marriage traditions of Mississippi's Native Americans.

Crafts and refreshments available.

Free.

For more information call 662-334-4684 or email info@wintervillemounds.com

Manship House Museum Blog

MISSISSIPPI VICTORIAN



While the circa-1857 Manship House Museum is closed for restoration and open for architectural tours by reservation only, check out the Manship House blog *Mississippi Victorian* at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/mississippivictorian/>

For more information call 601-961-4724.

2014–15 Student Art Competition

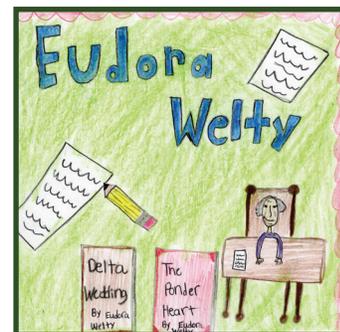


2014 First Place Winner
Alexandra Guzman
Winona Elementary

The deadline of March 31, 2015, is drawing close for the Mississippi Department of Archives and History's second annual art contest for the Museum of Mississippi History and Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. This year we have asked students to create artwork that aligns with the theme "Groundbreaking Mississippi Events." This artwork should represent an event they feel has made a major impact on the state of 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.

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.



2014 First Place Winner
Mila DouBrava
Winona Elementary

MISSISSIPPI FUN FACT

Did you know that Charles Dickens' 1850 book *American Notes* featured the story of two duels fought in Carthage in Leake County? One of the duels was fought between James Cottingham and John Wilburn and the other duel between A.C. Sharkey and George Goff. Dickens didn't specify the reason for either duel.

MDAH Traveling Teacher Trainings

MDAH education staff has been busy the past few months promoting its classroom resources. Not only did they attend conferences for the Mississippi Association of Gifted Children, the Mississippi Council for Social Studies, and the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools, but they have also visited schools to educate teachers about free resources they can access and request for their own classrooms.

On recent visits to Jackson State University and Mississippi College, outreach programs coordinator Claire Gwaltney has met with student teachers to share details about the popular MDAH Traveling Trunk program, online lesson plans and teaching units, and how to access website features such as the Digital Archives and *The Mudcat* student newsletter.

"I love going out to meet Mississippi teachers and telling them about our classroom resources," she said. "So many teachers are unaware of the free resources they can access from the MDAH website or have sent directly to their classrooms. This is a great way

for me to make a face-to-face connection with both new and established teachers who are looking for tools to help teach their students about Mississippi's history, people, and culture."

In February, Gwaltney and director of education Stacey Everett will also re-team with Teach for America for a professional development day with a group of teachers visiting the MDAH Jackson campus. This will continue the collaboration between the two organizations that began in 2014 when they co-hosted a webinar that focused on using primary source documents in the classroom.

Due to the success of these informal teacher trainings, Gwaltney is hopeful that more teachers and principals will be interested in hosting an MDAH information session during professional development or in-service days. The trainings are offered free of charge throughout the state. To learn more or discuss bringing a training session to your area, contact Claire Gwaltney at 601-576-6997 or cgwaltney@mdah.state.ms.us.

Reviewers Needed for Winterville Mounds Lesson Plan

MDAH education staff is currently looking for two or three elementary teachers to review and comment on a four-day teaching unit entitled *Winterville Mounds and the Native American Mississippian World*.

In this unit, students will learn about the ancient Mississippians who lived in the Winterville Mound area near Greenville. Students will be introduced to the jobs of archaeologists and historic preservationists. Through analyzing primary source documents and creative activities such as building, planting, and bartering in Native American fashion, students will have the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the civiliza-

tion that thrived in the Mississippi Delta over 500 years ago.

As with all of our materials this teaching unit must be reviewed by teachers. We would like feedback from educators regarding its content and suitability for the classroom. Once the review process and editing is complete, this unit will be placed on the MDAH website for free download by Mississippi teachers.

If you are interested in reviewing this lesson or others in the future, please contact Claire Gwaltney, outreach programs coordinator, at 601-576-6997 or cgwaltney@mdah.state.ms.us.

Puzzle A Pieces

Wattle and Daub House Directions

Materials: Cardboard base; tree branches; clay flexible twigs or vines; straw and grass to use in the construction of their wattle and daub houses, much like the Native Americans would have used the natural resources around them.

1. Have students collect tree branches, twigs, vines, straw and grass to use in the construction of their wattle and daub houses, much like the Native Americans would have used the natural resources around them.
2. Use four heavy-duty tree branches to form the four corner posts of the house. Secure each to cardboard base with clay or if building outside, push 2-3 inches into the ground. If creating a larger house, add an additional stick or branch and nail for added strength.
3. Using flexible sticks, twigs, or vines, weave them back and forth between the posts, from the ground to the top of the posts. Leave one area open as a doorway.
4. Using your hands, reinforce the walls and fill in their cracks with mud.
5. Lay some tree branches flat across the house to act as a roof and secure with mud.
6. Lay straw or dried grass on rooftop.
7. Allow to dry.

Winterville Mounds and the Native American Mississippian World

40,000-20,000 years ago, nomadic bands of hunter-gatherers from Siberia in Asia entered what would become known as the New World, the Americas, through the Bering Land Bridge at the Bering Strait. This event occurred during the last great ice age, the Pleistocene Era. The oceans were encased in ice. Ocean levels fell and land was exposed. These migrant hunter-gatherers from Siberia followed the animals they hunted into the New World. As they followed the animals, they eventually reached the southeast and what would become known as Mississippi. This occurred around 12,000 years ago. The prehistoric Native Americans who settled and lived at Winterville Mounds were the first Mississippians and Americans.

Mound Builders and Mound Meanings

In the Mississippi era, 1000-1600 AD, the first peoples of Mississippi began to construct large mounds. Native Americans built the mounds using manpower. They dug dirt with their hands and sticks, and used baskets to move the earth. They stamped the earth down with their feet until over time a mound was constructed. The

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This online newsletter for teachers will be posted on the MDAH website twice a year.

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What is the MDAH TAG?

Regular readers of the *MDAH Educator E-News* may have seen the term TAG mentioned in the newsletter and posts on our Facebook page, but not know what it means. TAG is the acronym for the Mississippi Department of Archives and History's Teachers Advisory Group.

This small group of teachers from across the state was pulled together in 2011. The group consists of elementary, middle school, high school, and gifted teachers as well as principals from all corners of Mississippi. Teachers from public and private schools alike assist the education staff with reviewing materials and serve as a sounding board

for programming ideas and procedures. Once a year, the MDAH education staff hosts TAG Day. Usually in July, this day-long event not only serves as a business meeting for our TAG teachers, but as a treat as well. TAG teachers have been given behind-the-scenes tours of the Old Capitol Museum, the MDAH Archives and Library, Historic Jefferson College, and the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians. A .5 CEU through Mississippi College is offered for the TAG Day event.

So far the TAG teachers have reviewed more than twenty lesson plans, four teaching units, and multiple Mississippi History on Loan



film activity packets. "We appreciate the teachers and all their hard work on our behalf," says Stacey Everett, director of education, "We could not provide quality educational materials and programming without their valuable knowledge and expertise."

If you or any teachers you know are interested in joining the MDAH Teachers Advisory Group please contact the museum division education staff at 601-576-6800 or outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us.

Mississippi Jubilee: From Slavery to Freedom

The year 1865 marked the end of the Civil War and the promise of freedom for the nation's enslaved people. A celebration of this pivotal moment, Mississippi Jubilee, is set for Wednesday, April 15, through Friday, April 17, in Jackson.

Activities will range from musical and theatrical perfor-

mances at the Smith Robertson Museum and Mississippi Museum of Art to symposia at the Old Capitol Museum and Tougaloo College.

The April 16 symposium at the Old Capitol, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., will include topics related to black soldiers' roles in the Civil War, life in contraband camps, and the Freed-

men's Bureau. Duke University associate professor Thavolia Glymph will discuss the experience of former slaves in refugee camps.

On April 17 the morning symposium at Tougaloo College will feature a panel discussion on education and the freed slaves. Topics will include the history of black education and Smith Robertson School and the founding of Rust College, Tougaloo College, and Jackson State University.

"As we have commemorated significant events in Civil War and Civil Rights history these past few years, it's important to remember the transformative impact of the emancipation of slaves in Mississippi and across the South," said Mississippi Humanities Council director Stuart Rockoff. "More than

half of Mississippi's population became free with the end of slavery. The Mississippi Humanities Council is excited to work with MDAH and our other partners to help bring increased public awareness to this watershed event in our state's history."

Mississippi Jubilee is made possible through a partnership with the Margaret Walker Center at Jackson State University, Mississippi Humanities Council, Smith Robertson Museum, Tougaloo College, and the University of Southern Mississippi.

For more information on the program contact Stuart Rockoff at srockoff@mhc.state.ms.us or 601-432-6753. For information about the CEU offerings contact the MDAH education staff at outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us or 601-576-6800.

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Women at the "W"

The Mississippi University for Women (MSUW), originally the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College for the Education of White Girls (MIIC), was founded in 1848 by order of the state legislature. It was the first state-supported women's college in the country. The school was founded in 1848 with 341 girls enrolled. The university was also home to strong women like Pauline Van de Goff Ott who was known as the "Mississippi State College for Women" (MSCW) in 1974. MSUW became the Mississippi University for Women and admitted its first male students in 1982. In 1989, Cydia Burt

became the university's first female president. Today the university continues to work for quality education for both women and men.





Mississippi University for Women, Cooper-Peterson Collection, MDAH Archives and Records Services.

Are your students reading **The Mudcat** the hottest publication for students focusing on Mississippi history? Check out the latest issue on the MDAH website.

<http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/learn/students/the-mudcat-newsletter/>

MDAH Events for Teachers & Students Winter 2015

February

February 3, 2015, The Black Codes to Brown vs. Board of Education

February 3, 6–7:30 p.m. at the Old Capitol Museum. The Black Codes to Brown vs. Board of Education. Tougaloo College assistant professor of history Daphne Chamberlain will present “You are the Generation of Integration: Youths and the Early Mississippi Movement” and University of Southern Mississippi history professor Max Grivno will present “From Slave to Citizens: Black Political Mobilization in Mississippi, 1861-1876” in the House Chamber where legislators enacted the 1865 Black Codes to limit the rights of the newly freed slaves. For more information call 601-576-6920 or email info@oldcapitolmuseum.com. FREE

February 5, 2015, Face to Face with History

Tuesday, February 5, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Old Capitol Museum. Face to Face with History. School groups come face to face with key figures who helped shape the history of the Old Capitol and the state of Mississippi. Reservations are required. For more information or to book this special tour, call 601-576-6920 or email info@oldcapitolmuseum.com. FREE

February 14, 2015, Valentine’s Day at Winterville Mounds

Saturday, February 14, 1 p.m. at Winterville Mounds. Valentine’s Day at Winterville Mounds. Join us for a brief introduction to courtship (kasbi), love (holitobi), and marriage (auaya) traditions in Mississippi’s Native American culture followed by Valentine crafts for the family. Children will also create cards and hand-made picture frames. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 662-334-4684 or email wmounds@mdah.state.ms.us.

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February 21, 2015, Spring Social Studies Teachers Workshop, The Role of Women in Mississippi’s History

Saturday, February 21, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Natchez Convention Center. Spring Social Studies Teachers Workshop. This new conference for educators will approach the state’s history thematically and travel the state annually. This year’s theme examines the role of women in Mississippi’s history from politics and activism to the arts and education. Registration is \$40 and includes a .5 CEU credit issued through Mississippi College. Registration deadline is February 13. For more information call 601-576-6800 or email outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us.

April

April 10, 2015, Eudora Welty Birthday Celebration

Friday, April 10, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Eudora Welty House and Garden, Jackson. The public is invited for free tours to commemorate Eudora Welty’s 106th birthday. For more information call 601-353-7726. FREE

June

June 22–26, 2015, Summer Teachers Workshop: Teaching Mississippi’s Complex History

Monday, June 22–Friday, June 26, 2015, 10:30 a.m. at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building, Jackson. This week-long teachers school will focus on preparing lessons based on primary resources. Presenters will include Chauncey Spears of the Mississippi Department of Education and Dr. Jennifer Stollman from the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation. Limited spaces are available. Application deadline is April 15. Housing and lunches will be provided. Stipend available to all teachers who attend and complete the program. Registration fee of \$40 for those accepted. For more information or an application packet contact the museum division education staff at outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us or 601-576-6800.