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Governor's Mansion Docents Honored at Luncheon

First Lady Marsha Barbour hosted a luncheon on December 8 honoring the Governor's Mansion docents. Seven retiring docents were recognized for their years of service: Carol Robertson, 33 years; Eula Stanley, 29 years; Lucy Bishop, 26 years; Barbara Bell, 17 years; Martha Ball, 16 years; Lois Russell, 6 years; and Jeanette Sullivan, 6 years.

Pictured at right are (front row l-r) Carol Robertson, Jeanette Sullivan, Eula Stanley, Lois Russell, Lucy Bishop, Martha Ball, (second row) Shirlee Lawson, Sarah Flanagan, Earline Raines, Lynn Stuart, Andi McDaniel, Doris Brickell, Melanie McKinley, (third row)

Janis Roberts, Jane Jones, Alice Carol Mazingo, Ruth Tant, Mackie Jernigan, Jean Hallman, (fourth row) Pauline Akers, Janet McLaurin, Joan Dattel, Sue McRoberts, Barbara Magoun, Barbara Bell, Clytice Gardner, Billie Henry, (fifth row) Ruth Byars, Mansion curator Mary Lohrenz, Mary Louise Nossler, Judy Lacy, Babs Sevier, Charlotte Turner, (back row) Buena Lee Huff, Sister Simmons, Ruby McLemore, MDAH trustee and Mansion Committee member Jack Garner, Sally Carmichael, and MDAH Museum Division director and Mansion Committee member Lucy Allen.

Not pictured are First Lady Marsha Barbour, MDAH direc-



Photo by Stephenie Morrissey, MDAH

tor H.T. Holmes, MDAH trustee and Mansion Committee chair Lynn Crosby Gammill, Mansion Committee member Henri Burn-

ham, and docents Jane Baird, Tom Bowen, Peggy Dawson, Frances Kees, Pat Pierce, and Sylvia Walker.

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Calendar of January MDAH Events

GREENVILLE

Winterville Mounds
Highway 1 North
662-334-4684

January 24, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Teacher Workshop sponsored by Mississippi Valley State University. Teachers will earn CEU credits and learn how Winterville Mounds can help them meet state Course of Study Objectives. Register at www.teacherweb.com/ms/mvsu/ietp.

JACKSON

History Is Lunch Series
Noon–1 p.m.
William F. Winter Archives
and History Building
200 North Street
601-576-6998

Wednesday, January 7—Historian Grady Howell will talk about his new book *Chimneyville: "Likenesses" of Early Days in Jackson, Mississippi*.

Wednesday, January 14—Writer and artist Katrina Estes-Hill will share images of Mississippi from her books.

Wednesday, January 21—Symphony director Crafton Beck and Judith Anne Still honor Mississippi composer William Grant Still.

Wednesday, January 28—Governor's Mansion curator Mary Lohrenz presents "Mississippi Homespun: Nineteenth-Century Textiles and the Women Who Made Them."

Manship House Museum
420 E. Fortification Street
601-961-4724

Monday, January 5, and January 12, 10 a.m. *Fun for the Fireside*. A morning of Victorian craft-making for preschoolers. Free of charge, reservations required.

NATCHEZ

Grand Village of the Natchez Indians
400 Jefferson Davis Blvd.
601-446-6502

Saturday, January 31, 2–4 p.m. *11th Moon Storytelling*. Hear traditional Native American and nature stories. Free of charge, for ages 9 and up.

WASHINGTON

Historic Jefferson College
Highway 61 North
601-442-2901

January 5-February 28. *In The Southern Wild: Wildlife Photography*, a photo exhibit by Joe Mac Hudspeth, Jr.

Saturday, January 17. *EXPLORE! The Secret Lives of Owls*. What do owls eat? Where do they live? Find out in this fun class for kids ages 6-8 (10–11:30 a.m.) and 9-12 (2–3:30 p.m.). \$10 fee; prepayment required.

Thursday, January 22, noon. *Lunchtime Lecture Series: It's All Greek Revival to Me*. Mimi Miller, Historic Natchez Foundation, will discuss architectural styles and their characteristics. Free of charge, bring a lunch.

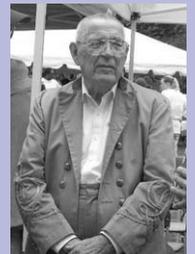
Tuesday, January 27, noon. *Lunchtime Lecture Series: In Search of the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker*. Mark Bonta, associate professor of geography at Delta State University, will discuss his search for this possibly extinct bird in Mississippi and Louisiana. Free of charge, bring a lunch.

Saturday, January 31, 2–3:30 p.m. *EXPLORE! The Nature Trail in Winter*. This program for 9-12 year olds only will focus on walking the nature trail at Historic Jefferson College and observation exercises. Students will also begin a nature journal. \$10 fee; prepayment required.

Author, Civil War Historian Grabau Dies at Age 89

Warren Edward Grabau, a member of the Mississippi Civil War Battlefield Commission and noted Civil War historian, speaker, and author, died December 8, 2008, in Vicksburg at age 89.

Grabau was a native of Michigan and moved to Vicksburg in 1956. He spent his career as a geologist, most



of it with the Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg.

Upon his retirement in 1985, he devoted much of his time to research and writing about the Civil War. He was the author of *Ninety-Eight Days: A Geographer's View of the Vicksburg Campaign* and *Confusion Compounded: The Pivotal Battle of Raymond, 12 May 1863*, and co-author of *The Battle of Jackson, May 14, 1863* with Edwin C. Bearss. Most recently, he and Brigadier General Parker Hills (Retired) collaborated on a driving guide of the Vicksburg Campaign.