

Find Educational Fun at MDAH Summer Camps

The Department of Archives and History's museums and historic sites across the state are offering summer camps for a variety of ages, with focuses ranging from Native American culture to architecture to Victorian crafts. Sign up your youngster today—these camps fill fast!

HISTORIC JEFFERSON COLLEGE, WASHINGTON

info@historicjeffersoncollege.com
601-442-2901

June 9–12, 9 a.m.–noon. Learn about life in the early 1800s at *Pioneer Camp*, featuring quilting, soap-making, animal life, and a frontier camp. For ages seven to twelve. Registration fee of \$20 due by June 3.

July 8–10, 9 a.m.–noon. *Civil*



War Adventure Camp. See the war from a soldier's point of view. Boys and girls ages eight to twelve will learn how to drill and parade, see a black powder

rifle demonstration, and learn about the gear necessary for survival when serving in the military. Registration fee of \$20 due by June 20.

GRAND VILLAGE OF THE NATCHEZ INDIANS, NATCHEZ

info@natchezgrandvillage.com
601-446-6502

June 15–19, 9 a.m.–noon. *Discovery Week*. Play stickball, hear Native American stories from Grayhawk Perkins, learn about flint-knapping and pottery, walk nature trails, play games, and make crafts. For ages eight to eleven; \$40 fee includes all supplies.

WINTERVILLE MOUNDS, GREENVILLE

info@wintervillemounds.com
662-334-4684

June 15–19, 10 a.m.–noon (first session) and 1–3 p.m. (second session). Native American artist Valerie Hanks-Goetz will teach children ages six to twelve

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Free Preservation Boot Camp Set For June 18-19

Following the success of last summer's pilot program, the Historic Preservation Division of MDAH is once again offering its Preservation Boot Camp. This free workshop is designed for preservation leaders at the local level but open to all interested parties as space allows.

"We invite anyone who is taking an active role in preserving the history of the state

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George Ohr Hall of Fame Ceremony June 7

A portrait of the self-proclaimed "Mad Potter of Biloxi" will be dedicated Sunday, June 7, to the Hall of Fame of the State of Mississippi. The public unveiling of the portrait, painted by Brandon artist Kathy Buchanan, will take place in a ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. in the Old Capitol House of Representatives chamber.

MDAH Board of Trustees president Kane Ditto will preside, and Mississippi Arts Commission director Malcolm White and Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art board member Jeremiah O'Keefe III will offer remarks about the artist. A reception will

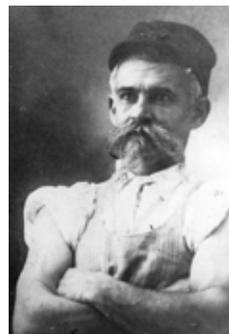
follow in the Chancery Court courtesy of the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art.

George Edgar Ohr was born in Biloxi in 1857. His groundbreaking work in the field of ceramics is recognized internationally. In 1890 he opened the Biloxi Art and Novelty Pottery. With his long mustache and offbeat sense of humor, Ohr developed an eccentric persona that was in contrast to his strong work ethic.

From the end of the nineteenth century forward, Ohr

produced extraordinary art pottery that would be appreciated

and remembered for generations. His pinched, folded, and twisted pots exhibit a technical facility that has been rarely matched. Ohr died in 1918. His pots are in the collections of the Smithsonian, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and many others.



David Herbert Donald, 1920–2009

Mississippi native David Herbert Donald, the nation's preeminent Abraham Lincoln scholar, died May 17 at age 88.

A historian specializing in the Civil War and Reconstruction, Donald twice won the Pulitzer Prize: in 1961 for his biography *Charles Sumner and the Coming of the Civil War*, and in 1988 for *Look Homeward: A Life of Thomas Wolfe*. But it was his many works about Lincoln that garnered him his most widespread fame.

Beginning with his first book, *Lincoln's Herndon*, published in 1948, and continuing through his 2004 "We Are Lincoln Men": *Abraham Lincoln and His Friends*, Donald would write or edit eleven books involving the sixteenth U.S. president. Earlier this year, historian Eric Foner said,

"Although there are innumerable biographies of Lincoln, the best remains David Herbert Donald's *Lincoln*, which was published in 1995."

Donald was the Charles Warren Professor of American History and of American Civilization Emeritus at Harvard University. In 2005 he was awarded the inaugural David Herbert Donald Prize

for Excellence in Lincoln Studies by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

His biography *Lincoln* won, among others, the 1996 Lincoln Prize, the Lincoln/Barondess Award from the Civil War Round Table of New York, a Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters award for nonfiction, the American Library Association for distinguished nonfiction, and the Jefferson Davis Award of the Museum of the Confederacy.



Donald was born in Goodman, Mississippi. He attended Holmes Junior College before graduating from Millsaps College in Jackson and earning master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois.

In 1994, the Mississippi Historical Society presented Donald with the B.L.C. Wailes award for national distinction in the field of history. The photograph above was taken at the society's annual meeting that year in Jackson, when Donald received the award from then-president Madel Morgan Stringer.

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about *Native American art and culture* and make hand rattles, mandalas, and a Many Nations wall hanging. \$45 registration fee is due by June 5.

Saturday, June 27, 1–4 p.m. *Native American Games*. Play the Native American ball game chunky, using a rolling stone and spears. For ages six to eighteen. Free of charge. The public is invited to come watch the fun!

OLD CAPITOL, JACKSON
info@oldcapitolmuseum.com
601-576-6920

June 15–19, 8:30 a.m.–noon. *Architectural Detectives*. Rising 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will visit the Old Capitol, Governor's Mansion, Manship House, and Eudora Welty House. Registration fee of \$20 due by June 5.

July 1–2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. *Stars, Stripes, Scissors, and*

Glue. Celebrate our nation's independence with creative activities and crafts for grades K–6.

MANSHIP HOUSE, JACKSON

For ages 5–12. Free, reservations required. info@manshiphouse.com 601-961-4724

Monday, June 1, 10–11 a.m. *Fans Away!* Learn how children in the nineteenth century adapted to the heat of the summer months and make your own fan.

Monday, July 13, 10–11 a.m. *Model Manship*. Build and decorate your own model of the Manship House.



Monday, July 20, 10–11 a.m. *Parlors Petit*. Learn about the parlor's role in the nineteenth century home and make a diorama of your own Victorian parlor.

Monday, July 27, 10–11 a.m. *Wall Pocket Workshop*. Learn about the Victorian wall pocket, used to display letters, postcards, and other papers, and make a wall pocket to display your own treasures.

or local community or who hopes to take an active role in the future," said MDAH chief architectural historian Jennifer Baughn.

The Preservation Boot Camp will be held June 18–19 at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building in Jackson. To reserve a space, call 601-576-6940.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 18

9–9:30 a.m.—History of Historic Preservation

9:30–10:15 a.m.—Architectural History of Mississippi, 1700–1876

10:30–11:15 a.m.—Architectural History of Mississippi, 1876–1945

11:15 a.m.–1 p.m.—Lunch on your own

1–2 p.m.—Architectural History of Mississippi, 1945–present

2–4:30 p.m.—Historic Preservation Law, Local Historic Preservation Procedures, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards

Friday, June 19

8:30–9:30 a.m.—Fundamentals of Historic Inventory Survey

9:30–10:30 a.m.—National Register of Historic Places

10:45–11:15 a.m.—The Mississippi Landmark Program.

11:15 a.m.–1 p.m.—Lunch on your own

1–2 p.m.—State and Federal Investment Tax Credits

2:15–2:45 p.m.—Marker Program

2:45–3:30 p.m.—CLG Grant Program

Historical Records Board Presents Awards

Inaugural winners of the Mississippi Historical Records Advisory Board's Awards for Excellence were announced at the biennial meeting of the Society of Mississippi Archivists in Long Beach on April 23.

John E. Ellzey, the Ricks Memorial Library, and the Yazoo Library Association received the award for Excellence in Documenting Mississippi's History for their work in the development and promotion of the library's special collections and museum rooms.

Ricky Harrison and East Central Community College received the award for Excellence in the Use of Historical Records in Higher Education Programs award for their annual special project that combines field survey work and the use of primary resources.

Stuart Rockoff and the Gold-

ring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life received the award for Excellence in Documenting Mississippi's History for their collection and management of information for the ISJL Digital Archives Project.

Social studies teacher Chuck Yarborough and the Mississippi School of Math and Science received the award for Excellence in the Use of Historical Records in Grades K-12 for organizing and overseeing the "Tales from the Crypt" program.

The Mississippi Historical Records Advisory Board and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History established the awards program to encourage and support efforts to identify, preserve, and provide access to Mississippi's historical records. By recognizing exemplary achievements, they hope



Award recipients (from left) Ricky Harrison, John E. Ellzey, Chuck Yarborough, and Stuart Rockoff.

to inspire citizens and organizations in the state to make similar contributions. Advisory board activities are made possible by funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

For more information about Historical Records Advisory Board programs, call 601-576-6850 or email MHRAB@mdah.state.ms.us, or visit their Web site at www.mdah.state.ms.us/admin/shrab/shrab.php.

Photo Collection Added to MDAH Digital Archive

A collection of more than 1,000 black-and-white images taken during the first quarter of the twentieth century can now be viewed online as part of the MDAH digital archive. The Painter Collection features the work of Milton Painter, a self-taught photographer who produced excellent images of Friars Point and Coahoma County. Painter was especially interested in the Mississippi River and the steamboats that made stops in Friars Point.

Milton McFarland Painter Sr. produced images of Mississippi, but also of vacation stops across the western United States, Mexico, and Canada from about 1912 to the 1920s. He kept detailed notes about the people and places

he photographed, identifying Chisms, Hebdoms, and other neighbors in Friars Point; actors Charlie Chaplin and Sarah Bernhardt; and many sea- and river-faring vessels.

Painter was born in Water Valley, Mississippi, on June 5, 1878. He was the son of William P. Painter and Helen Givens Painter of Arlington, Tennessee. Painter was educated in the public schools at Arlington and lived there until he relocated to Coahoma County, Mississippi, around 1900.

Milton Painter's first home in Coahoma County was at Friars Point. He became secretary of the Chism Brothers Store and served as bookkeeper for Charles Aderholdt, a landowner

and levee contractor. Painter was later employed with the Friars Point Motor Company, an automobile dealership that relocated from Friars Point to Clarksdale, Mississippi, in 1943. Milton McFarland Painter Sr. died October 4, 1950, and is buried in Oakridge Cemetery in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

In January and February 1973, the *Clarksdale Press Register* produced prints from some of the Painter negatives. The photographs were featured in a series of articles related to Coahoma County. Linton Weeks also used Painter photographs to illustrate his *History of Clarksdale and Coahoma County*, published in 1982.

In 1988, Mrs. Painter and her son, Milton McFarland Painter

Jr., donated the collection of original negatives, two photograph albums, and one logbook to the Department of Archives and History.

From March to December 2008, the MDAH Archives and Records Services Division's Image and Sound section scanned the prints from the photograph albums, creating preservation-quality, TIFF images.

These were then converted to Web-friendly, JPEG images by the Electronic Archives section and made available online within the MDAH Electronic Archives Graphic User Interface in 2009. To view these and other images, go to http://mdah.state.ms.us/arrec/digital_archives.



June MDAH Events

JACKSON

History Is Lunch Series

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

Wednesday, June 3—

Historian Ed Payne presents “Sarah Collins and the Free State of Jones.”

Wednesday, June 10—Eudora

Welty biographer Suzanne Marrs will talk about photographs in the “Eudora Welty in New York” exhibit at the Mississippi Museum of Art.

Wednesday, June 17—Delta

Blues Museum director Shelley Ritter will discuss current exhibits and museum expansion.

Wednesday, May 24—William

Jeanes will present “Long Gone and Long Forgotten: Mississippi’s Airmen of the First World War.”

Old Capitol Museum

State Street at Capitol
601-576-6920

June 25-26, 9 a.m.–noon *The Art of Faux*. Master grainer Malcolm Robson will lead a workshop on decorative art techniques. Participants may

bring an item to paint. Registration fee of \$40 includes all other supplies and is due by June 22

GREENVILLE

Winterville Mounds

Highway 1 North
662-334-4684

Saturday, June 13, 1–5 p.m.

Bark in the Park. Show off your dog, adopt a pet, or visit vendors while supporting the Leland Dog Shelter. Admission by donation.

NATCHEZ

Grand Village of the Natchez Indians

400 Jefferson Davis Blvd.
601-446-6502

Thursday, June 4, 6:30–8 p.m.

As part of the *Archaeological Lecture Series*, University of Alabama graduate student Daniel LaDu will discuss the Mazique site (also known as White Apple Village) south of Natchez.

Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m.–5

p.m., and **Sunday, June 14**, 2–5 p.m. Artist and Clifton Choctaw Tribe member Becky Walsh will teach a *Pine Needle Basket-making Workshop*. \$60 fee is due by Friday, June 5, and includes all supplies

HJC Wins Tourism Award



Historic Jefferson College has been named Tourism Destination of the Year by the the Natchez Chamber of Commerce Tourism Council. The award recognizes the staff’s highly successful and innovative public educational programming. Pictured from left are HJC historian H. Clark Burkett, administrative assistant Maxine Clay, site director Robin Person, and education historian Kay McNeil.

Upcoming Blues Marker Dedications

The Mississippi Blues Commission continues to add markers across the state. This month there will be four dedications:

- 6/5 Son Thomas (Leland), 2 p.m.
- 6/22 Chrisman Street (Cleveland), 10:30 a.m.
- 6/22 Po Monkey’s Lounge (Merigold), 2:30 p.m.
- 6/26 Papa Lightfoot (Natchez)

To learn more, visit <http://www.msbluestrail.org>.