

# Mississippi History NEWSLETTER

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## MDAH EVENTS

### Jackson

**William F. Winter Archives  
and History Building  
200 North Street**

**March 1–April 2. *Through the Lens: Copiah County Truck Farming***, an exhibit of photographs of a Crystal Springs truck farming community, provide a glimpse into Mississippi's agricultural history. Photographs from MDAH's Luther M. Hamilton Collection. For information call 601-576-6920.

### **History Is Lunch**

**601-576-6857**

**Wednesday, March 12**, noon–1 p.m. **Scott Barretta**, blues scholar, will give update on the **Mississippi Blues Trail** and play music by featured artists.

**Wednesday, March 26**, noon–1 p.m. **Ted Ownby**, professor of history and Southern Studies at the University of Mississippi, will present **"Brotherhood, Roots, and Family Values: Southern Definitions of Family Life, 1950s-1970s."**

### **Manship House**

**420 East Fortification Street  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 4-27**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. ***Growing Up in Mississippi, 1857-1888***. Students grades K-4 experience history through hands-on activities. This program meets many of the Mississippi Department of Education social studies curriculum benchmarks. Free of charge, reservations required. call 601-961-4724.

### Greenville

**Winterville Mounds**

**Friday, March 7**, 6-8 p.m.  
***Winterville by Moonlight***. Bring your flashlight and take a guided tour of Winterville by moonlight. Free of charge. For more information call 662-334-4684.

### Natchez

**Grand Village of the  
Natchez Indians  
400 Jefferson Davis Blvd.**

**Saturday and Sunday, March 29-30, *Natchez Powwow***. Weekend activities include Native American dancing, food, and crafts. Admission fee. For information call 601-446-6502.

### Starkville

**Thursday-Saturday, March 6-8. Mississippi Historical Society Annual Meeting**, Mississippi State University, "Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, and the Civil War in Mississippi." For more information call 601-576-6849.

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*Ben Wiley Payton, left, illustrates music of blues artists honored by the **Mississippi Blues Trail** (2007). Scott Barretta, below, will deliver a 2008 update March 12.*



*Left, one of many Native American dancers at the annual **Natchez Powwow**. The two-day festival celebrates its twentieth year, featuring northern and southern tribes, plus authentic crafts. Food vendors will also be on hand.*

*Below, students wash clothes using a scrubbing board and (right) learn from Michael Busbin, historian, how to clean rugs the old fashioned way during **Growing Up in Mississippi, 1857-1888** at the Manship House Museum.*



## Columbus: Southern Architecture and Down-Home Cooking

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has named Columbus, Mississippi, one of its 2008 **Dozen Distinctive Destinations**. Since 2000, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has annually selected communities across the United States that offer cultural and recreational experiences different from the typical vacation destination.

The birthplace of prize-winning playwright, Tennessee Williams, Columbus is home to three National Register historic districts that boast an impressive 676 properties. While other cities were ravaged during the Civil War, Columbus was a "hospital town," leaving the antebellum and Victorian homes—along with their contents—spared.

"Columbus will undoubtedly surprise you with its diverse and abundant cultural resources," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "As one of the best kept secrets in the state of Mississippi, it is an unrivalled destination for anyone who enjoys southern architecture, savors down-home cooking, and seeks an escape to the great outdoors."

For more information, visit [nationaltrust.org](http://nationaltrust.org).

## Powwow: Twentieth Anniversary

The Natchez Powwow at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, one of MDAH's most popular events, celebrates its twentieth year in 2008. The March 29-30 event is held at the Natchez Indian mound site and features six sessions of dancing by Native American tribes including the Ponca and the Osage, among others.

The head singer, Southern Drum, will be **Vann Bighorse**, Pawhuska, Oklahoma; the head singer, Northern Drum, will be **Dean Hugebeck** (with a MacKenzie River Drum from Ohio). The Gourd Dance host will be the **Wounded Warrior Gourd Clan**, Louisiana. For a complete schedule, visit Powwow chairman Chuck Borman's site, [groups.msn.com/Natchez-Powwow](http://groups.msn.com/Natchez-Powwow).

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April 10-11  
Oxford

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601-354-0200 or visit  
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## MDAH Coast Work Spotlighted

Since 1974, Preservation Action has been the preeminent Capitol Hill advocate for national legislation favorable to historic preservation. The January 29 issue of the Preservation Action newsletter spotlighted work done by MDAH staff in administering the Hurricane Relief Grant Program to restore historic buildings. The complete article, "How It's Going in the Go Zone? Preservation Action Visits Mississippi's Gulf Coast," is available online at [preservationaction.org/states/1.25.2008.htm](http://preservationaction.org/states/1.25.2008.htm).

The article covers a tour of the coast by Preservation Action staff and visits with MDAH Historic Preservation director Ken P'Pool and MDAH Biloxi Field Office director Chelius Carter. In addition to the Hurricane Relief grants, a Preserve America grant, "Rebuilding the Gulf Coast's Heritage Tourism Industry," has now added a documentary film component, "Building Blocks."

According to the article, "In almost all cases projects supported by the MDAH's supplemental funding helped low-to-moderate income residents fix modest houses. The ongoing challenge of recovery has helped strengthen relationships between preservation-oriented and like-minded groups."

## MHC Seeks Host Sites

The Mississippi Humanities Council is soliciting applications for host sites for a new Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition, *Journey Stories*.

*Journey Stories* addresses migration and immigration as they relate to the American experience, stories intertwined with transportation history and the development of transportation technology. It is the account of immigrants coming in search of promise in a new country; the story of individuals and families relocating in search of fortune, their own homestead, or employment; the harrowing journeys of Africans and Native Americans forced to move; and of course, fun on the open road. *Journey Stories* will use engaging images, audio, and artifacts to tell stories that illustrate the critical roles travel and movement have played in building our diverse American society.

Applications are due by March 21, 2008. Contact MHC for details, 601-432-6204.

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