

# Mississippi History

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## Upcoming MDAH Events

### Old Capitol Museum, Jackson/ 601-576-6920

**Demo-Dig 2005: Can You Dig It?** In celebration of Archaeology Month, a demonstration archaeology dig will be conducted on the Old Capitol Green on **Wednesday, October 5, through Friday, October 7**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for grades four through six; each program will last an hour. Reservations are required.

### William F. Winter Archives and History Building, Jackson/ 601-576-6850

**HISTORY IS LUNCH:** brown-bag lunch readings/signings/talks noon-1p.m. featuring April Newlin, author of *Horn of Plenty: Seasons in an Island Wilderness*, on **Wednesday, September 21**, and Evan Peacock, author of *Mississippi Archaeology Q & A* on **Wednesday, October 5**.

### Manship House Museum, Jackson/ 601-961-4724

**Faux for All**, a workshop for children ages five to twelve to learn decorative painting, graining, and marbling. **Monday, September 12**, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free of charge, reservations required.

**The Art of Decorative Painting**, a lecture and demonstration by Malcolm Robson, world-renowned fifth-generation master grainer. **Thursday, September 15**, 5:30 p.m. Program sponsored in part by the Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County. Free of charge.

### Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, Natchez/ 601-446-6502

Archaeology Lecture Series, **Tuesday, September 13**, at 6:30 p.m., featuring Joanne Ryan, archaeologist with Coastal Environments, speaking on "Spanish Forts and African American Cemeteries in Concordia Parish, Louisiana." Admission is free, light refreshments served.

**Bark in the Park**, annual fundraiser for the Natchez Humane Society, **Saturday, September 24**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission fee (donation) required to attend dog show.

**Student Days. Thursday, October 6, and Friday, October 7**, Local and regional fourth-grade classes learn about Native American culture, archaeology, and nature studies. The classes are open only to fourth-graders.

### Historic Jefferson College, Washington/ 601-442-2901

**Copper Magnolia Festival and Flea Market.** Annual crafts fair features handmade crafts, gear for Civil War reenactments, music, food, and entertainment for children. **Saturday, September 17**. Admission is free.

**The deadline for  
Community Heritage  
Preservation grant  
applications has been  
extended to Friday,  
October 7.**

## Old Capitol Damaged; MDAH Mourns Losses

*Right: Hurricane Katrina ripped the roof off the south wing of the Old Capitol in Jackson, allowing in quantities of rain that damaged artifacts stored in third-floor areas as well as walls and ceiling; below, William F. Winter, president, MDAH Board of Trustees, inspects drying artifacts damaged by rain.*



*Below: MDAH staff work to recover artifacts at Beauvoir, the last home of Jefferson Davis; right, historical marker stands.*



## ***Between Fences* Tours State**

The Mississippi Humanities Council, in conjunction with the Federation of State Humanities Councils and the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street program, announces the arrival of the ***Between Fences*** exhibit in Mississippi beginning in the fall of 2005. The ***Between Fences*** exhibit presents fences, boundaries, and borders in America and their implications for the delineation and maintenance not only of physical space but also of economic structures and societal attitudes. Locations will present related programming pertaining to communities. Dates and locations are as follows: Sept. 14–Oct. 18, East Central Community College, Decatur; Oct. 24–Nov. 22, Greenville Higher Education Center, Greenville.

## **Suggestion Box**

The MDAH Historic Preservation Division is developing priorities and objectives for fiscal year 2006 Historic Preservation Fund-assisted programs. Suggestions and comments from the public in regard to proposed priorities, objectives, and projects are invited. Please address correspondence to Kenneth H. P'Pool, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205.

## **John Edmond Gonzales 1924–2005**

John Gonzales, editor of the *Journal of Mississippi History* for thirty years and a former president of the Mississippi Historical Society, died August 27. He served the University of Southern Mississippi with distinction for fifty-four years, longer than any other faculty member in the history of the university, teaching more than 20,000 students and many graduate students who went on to become history teachers.

He received his master's degree in history at Louisiana State University and his doctoral degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Gonzales bestowed the largest gift to USM ever given by a current or former faculty member and was honored with the dedication of the auditorium in the new USM Liberal Arts Building in his name.

## **Celebrate Mississippi Music October 1–8**

Mississippi will be celebrated as the birthplace of American music **October 1–8** in a week of workshops, talent contests, concerts and more at the **Vicksburg Convention Center**. For a complete, updated schedule, please visit [www.msmusic.org/celebrates/schedule.html](http://www.msmusic.org/celebrates/schedule.html).

## **Alma Kellogg Carpenter, 1926–2005**

Alma Carpenter, a visionary and tireless steward of the historic resources of Natchez, died September 1. Prominent for fifty years in the Pilgrimage Garden Club and the Longwood Governing Board, she received preservation awards from the Natchez Historical Society and the Historic Natchez Foundation. She was a member of the Mississippi Historical Society Board of Directors and a contributor to the *Journal of Mississippi History*.

During the 1980s Carpenter made major gifts of papers and memorabilia spanning generations of her family to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and encouraged countless others to donate their family papers to ensure their preservation and availability to researchers. Her own personal archives, created by years of researching, compiling, and computerizing information about Natchez history, constitute an important resource for the study of Natchez and will be made available to scholars. Her parlor at The Elms was her salon, where she entertained many with her sharp mind and quick wit.

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October 5  
NOON–1 pm**

## **Earl Michael Hennen, Jr., 1959–2005**

Earl Michael Hennen, Jr., an MDAH staff member since 1981, died August 16. Hennen graduated from Murrah High School and the University of Mississippi and began an archival career at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in May 1981. He served first as a state government records archivist and in 1986 was appointed curator of manuscripts, the position he held at the time of his death. During his tenure Hennen was instrumental in acquiring and processing historical collections of national importance, including the Judith Sargent Murray Papers and the Evers Collection. He was an active member of the Society of Mississippi Archivists and served on its board of directors and as its president. His significant contributions were recognized in 1989 through archival certification from the American Academy of Certified Archivists and in 1991 when he was invited to be a member of the Archival Technology Delegation to the People's Republic of China. Hennen, an avid antiques collector, operated a regular booth at the High Street and Elton Road flea markets in Jackson, and he leaves many friends there as well.