



# OLD CAPITOL MUSEUM

## School Year Calendar 2012–2013

- **Aug 14, 2012–Jan 13, 2013** **In Session: Legislative Acts of the Old Capitol**  
This exhibit showcases important, influential, and even comical legislation that was passed in the Old Capitol when it served as statehouse from 1839-1902.
- **September 11** **The Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln, Grant, and Mississippi** *noon*  
In honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, Dr. Edna Greene Medford from Howard University will offer remarks on this monumental event in American history. Lecture to be followed by panel discussion and light reception. This free event is funded by the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Foundation.
- **Oct 2–Nov 11** **Your Vote Counts**  
Visitors use a real voting machine to cast a mock vote for the 2012 presidential election.
- **Oct 2, 2012–Jan 13, 2013** **Vying for Votes: Presidential Campaigns in Mississippi**  
This exhibit provides an in-depth look at Mississippi's history in selecting our nation's chief executive. From the state's first presidential election in 1820 to the current 2012 race, Mississippi's role in the democratic process is highlighted with images and artifacts.
- **October 11** **Old Capitol Bowl**  
Teams from selected high schools compete in a scholar's bowl contest. This day-long quiz competition will test students' knowledge of United States government and Mississippi trivia as teams compete to become the first ever Old Capitol Bowl champions. For more information on this pilot program, call 601-576-6920.
- **October 25** **Present Meets Past : Voices from Mississippi History** *5–8 pm*  
Meet key figures who helped shape the history of the Old Capitol.
- **November 1** **Promote the Vote: Mock Election Results** *10 am–noon*  
Election results are announced from the Secretary of State's voting program that educates students about the importance of participating and having a voice in government by voting in public elections. Selected students will also debate on various political topics. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's office at 601-359-9362.
- **November 2** **Social Studies Teachers Workshop** *8 am–3 pm*  
"Mississippi's Civil War at Home" is the title of the annual Social Studies Teachers Workshop at the Old Capitol Museum. 0.5 CEU available through Mississippi College. For more information, call 601-576-6800.
- **November 8-9** **High School Youth Legislature**  
The Old Capitol Museum serves as host for the annual High School Youth Legislature. Students gain knowledge of our state's political and legislative systems by participating in a mock legislative session. For more information, call 727-612-6984.
- **December 4–21** **Holiday Happenings**  
Visit the Old Capitol, decorated in nineteenth-century holiday style, and enjoy the following special programs as well as a special Holiday Scavenger Hunt.
  - December 7** **Old Jackson by Candlelight Tour** *4:30–8:30 pm*  
Popular annual event showcases seasonal decorations at the Governor's Mansion, State Capitol, William Winter Archives Building, and the Old Capitol. For more information, call 601-576-6800.
  - December 7, 8, 14, & 15** **Sounds of the Season** *noon*  
Enjoy local choirs in the Old Capitol Museum's rotunda on selected Fridays and Saturdays.
  - December 6, 13, & 20** **Telling Tales** *10:00 am and 11:00 am*  
Enjoy storytelling time with an ethical focus for children.



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- December 10** **Statehood Day** *noon–1 pm*  
 Celebrate Mississippi’s 195th birthday with the annual statehood day address followed by a reception. The Old Capitol Museum is normally closed on Mondays, but will be open from 10am–2pm for this special event.
- February 7** **Elementary Youth Legislature**  
 The Old Capitol Museum serves as host for the annual Elementary Youth Legislature. Students gain knowledge of our state’s political and legislative systems by participating in a mock legislative session. For more information on the Model Youth Legislature, call 727-612-6984.
- February 21** **We Shall Not Be Moved: Stories and Heroes of the Jackson Woolworth Sit-In** *5:30–7:30 pm*  
 Commemorating the 50th anniversary of this historic event in Jackson’s civil rights history, author Michael O’Brien will speak on his new book *We Shall Not Be Moved: The Jackson Woolworth’s Sit-In and the Movement it Inspired*. A segment from the documentary “An Ordinary Hero” which focuses on the efforts of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, who took part in the sit-in, will also be shown. A light reception accompanies the event.
- March** **Metropolis Makers**  
 New program for school groups grades 4 and higher that focuses on town planning. Students will work together to plan and create a town, using geography, history, and their own creativity. Reservations are required.
- Mar 4–Jul 1** **Jackson: A Photographic History**  
 This exhibit traces the history of Mississippi’s capital city through captivating historical photographs.
- April 6** **Gathering on the Green** *10 am–2 pm*  
 Help celebrate downtown Jackson with food, live music, crafts, and other festivities on the Old Capitol Green.
- April 11** **Junior Youth Legislature**  
 The Old Capitol Museum serves as host for the annual Junior Youth Legislature. Students gain knowledge of our state’s political and legislative systems by participating in a mock legislative session. For more information on the Model Youth Legislature, call 727-612-6984.
- May 4** **Capturing the Capitol** *9–3 pm*  
 Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Union army capturing Jackson during the Civil War, witness as Union reenactors capture the statehouse and camp on the Old Capitol Green. Reenactors will be on hand to demonstrate drills, tent set-up, and other related skills.

The Old Capitol Museum also offers special programming that is available by request Tuesday–Friday year round. Call to request either the general tour or one of our new specialty tours. Reservations are required.



Black Mississippians:  
Road to the Vote



“Thorns and Troubles Innumerable”:  
The Civil War in Mississippi



Directing Democracy:  
Mississippi’s Elected Officials

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<http://mdah.state.ms.us/oldcap/lessonplan.pdf>

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