

## Calendar of Events

**EWB** – Eudora Welty House, Jackson  
**GV** – Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, Natchez  
**GM** – Governor's Mansion, Jackson  
**HJC** – Historic Jefferson College, Washington  
**MHM** – Manship House Museum, Jackson  
**OCM** – Old Capitol Museum, Jackson  
**WWB** – William F. Winter Building, Jackson  
**WM** – Winterville Mounds, Greenville

### January:

**1/17–2/12** *Promote the Vote: My Choice, My Voice, My Vote* exhibit. Features winning artwork from Secretary of State's annual *Promote the Vote* Campaign. (OCM)

**1/19** *An Evening with General Jackson* 6–8 p.m. Spend an evening with the presidential couple. Wine reception will follow. Tickets required. 601-576-6020. (OCM)  
**1/20** **MDAH Board of Trustees** regular quarterly meeting. 10 a.m. (WWB)

## To the MDAH volunteers:

Although I have been at MDAH only a brief time (since March 2011), I quickly discovered the importance of our volunteers — the work that you do and the influence that you hold. I have been a human resource professional for many years, and my experience and training have taught me that nurturing people and programs allows for greater success.

I am amazed at the scope of this volunteer program and the diversity of our volunteer pool. This enriches our ability to further our mission in every way.

We have such a bright future ahead of us, and it is my belief that MDAH volunteers turn dream projects into reality. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,  
Diane Mattox, director  
Human Resources



## Militaria Aficionado Identifies Artifacts

Referred by longtime MDAH volunteer Lucky Osborne, retired social studies teacher Jimmy Vickers agreed to share his knowledge of militaria with Museum Division collections staff. Originally from Jena, Louisiana, Vickers now resides in Gluckstadt and was recruited for the specific purpose of researching and cataloging military artifacts, some of which will be displayed in the Museum of Mississippi History, scheduled to open in five years (2017). Vickers cataloged

around 65 artifacts, mainly World War I guns, gas masks, and helmets. Few of these artifacts had any information in the files, and



Vickers was able to provide not only cataloging information such as descriptions, dimensions and condition but also historical context.

In addition to the extensive World War I collection, Vickers said other items that piqued his interest are Sergeant Prentiss' dueling set, Jefferson Davis' Kentucky long rifle, and a pre-Civil War militia shell jacket that he identified as having Louisiana origins.

*Museum Division Collections volunteer Jimmy Vickers inspects a deactivated machine gun in collections.*

## Volunteering in the Director's Office

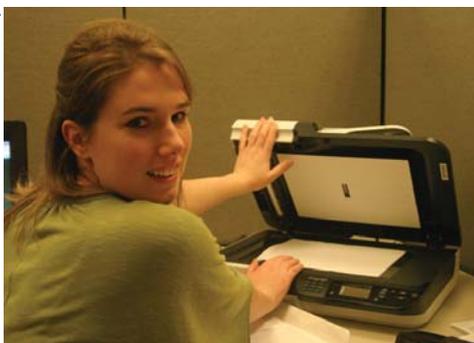
When Cori Rowe was recruited to volunteer for MDAH, she said that she had a keen interest in history and art. A recent graduate of Mississippi College (B.A. in art), Rowe said that she would like to meet new people. MDAH had the perfect match for Rowe!

This past fall, Rowe completed a large digitization project for the director's office. She scanned stacks and stacks of historical information related to the recent Hall of Fame elections. Rowe has also been assisting

deputy director for communication Katie Blount and historian Amanda Lyons with important administrative tasks.

"Cori has helped us so much! She is extremely capable and has a great work ethic," said Blount. "Cori is always eager to help. We have all enjoyed having her here," said Lyons.

Additionally, Rowe was recruited to help with an art project for the Museum



Division's education staff. She will create artwork that will enhance online lesson plans accessed by teachers throughout Mississippi.

When not volunteering at MDAH, Rowe works in the restaurant business.

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**1/25 History is Lunch** noon–1 p.m. "Composing Selves." Lecture by Peggy Prenshaw, Millsaps College humanities scholar in residence (WWB)

**1/29 Mississippi Hall of Fame Portrait Unveiling** 2 p.m. Portrait of early oil field developer Emmett Vaughney is presented to the Hall of Fame. (OCM)

**February:**

**2/1-2/29 Black History: Road to the Vote.** Student program focusing on struggle for voting rights. Reservations required. (OCM)

**2/1 History is Lunch** noon–1 p.m. "African American Soldiers in the Civil War." Lecture by Max Grivnos, University of Southern Mississippi history professor. (WWB)

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## Professor Wolfe and MDAH Maps

James Wolfe, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Southern Mississippi, has been a long-time friend to the Archives library staff. Professor Wolfe first assisted MDAH staff while on a springtime sabbatical at the Archives in 1995. His partnership with MDAH has been on projects relating to cartographic records collections.

The focus of Wolfe's research is the analysis of maps presented as evidence used

in courtrooms dealing with maritime boundaries. The maps date from 1705 to 1900.

"I find this work exciting. With my background as a political scientist, I am used to dealing with government records," said Wolfe. He credits his interest in maps and his professional training as beneficial assets in completing these projects.

On a recent visit to the

Archives, Wolfe stopped by to discuss another upcoming project dealing with maps in MDAH collections. "MDAH values Professor Wolfe's expertise," said Julia Marks Young, Archives and Records Services director.



*Professor James Wolfe pictured at a recent meeting at the William F. Winter Building. Wolfe provides an invaluable service to MDAH with his extensive knowledge of cartography.*

*MDAH Volunteer Enrichment Series*

**WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC DOWNTOWN JACKSON WITH MDAH ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN TODD SANDERS**

Monday, March 5, 2012, 1 p.m.

*Tour will last approximately 1.5 hours. Reservations required.*

Contact Elizabeth Coleman at [ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us](mailto:ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us) or 601-576-6985.

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**2/6-4/8 Pieces of the Past: Men of Influence** exhibit. Rotating artifact exhibit featuring some of the most powerful men in Mississippi politics. (OCM)

**2/24 Inaugural Elementary Youth Legislature.** Student mock legislative session. (OCM)

**March:**

**3/1-31 Directing Democracy: Mississippi's Elected Officials.** School program. Students learn about the roles of state elected officials. Reservations required. (OCM)

**3/6-6/24 In Session: Legislative Acts of the Old Capitol.** Exhibit showcasing legislation passed from 1839 to 1902, when the Old Capitol operated as the statehouse. (OCM)

**3/7 History is Lunch** noon-1 p.m. "We the People." Speakers will address government and political themes. Lecture by Marshall Ramsey, editorial cartoonist. (OCM)

**3/14 History is Lunch** noon-1 p.m. "We the People." Speakers will address government and political themes. Lecture by Jere Nash and Andy Taggart, political analysts. (OCM)

**3/21 History is Lunch** noon-1 p.m. "We the People." Speakers will address government and political themes. Lecture by Sid Salter, political editor. (OCM)

## University of Mississippi Medical Center Lends a Hand to Exhibits Staff

The famous Mummy was placed on exhibit at the Old Capitol Museum this past fall. X-rays that were taken many years ago by University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) staff determined that the Mummy was, in fact, a dummy. Current Museum Division assistant curator of exhibits Rachel Smart approached Volunteer Services about finding someone who could scan the old X-rays using medical scanning equipment to enhance the exhibit.

MDAH volunteer and chairman and professor of pathology Dr. Steven Bigler came to the aid of museum staff. Bigler made the necessary arrangements for the x-rays to be scanned by Dr. Michael Doherty. Doherty is professor of radiology and vice chairman of the radiology department at

UMMC. While digitizing the X-rays, Doherty said that fellow staff member Richard Brown remembered seeing the Mummy as a

child. Doherty said that at the time, it was not known that the mummy was a fake.

Newly recruited volunteer Doherty received an undergraduate degree at Millsaps College (B.S. in Chemistry); M.D. from UMMC (Radiology); Diagnostic Radiology and Body Imaging Fellowship at Louisiana State University.



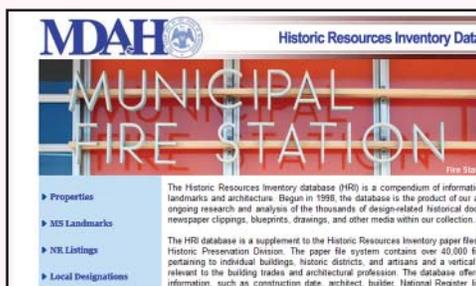
**TOP:** UMMC Chairman of Pathology Dr. Steven Bigler looking at Mummy x-ray with administrative assistant Melinda LeFlore and assistant curator of exhibits Rachel Smart



**RIGHT:** Dr. Michael Doherty, professor and vice chairman of the radiology department at UMMC. Doherty volunteered his expertise to MDAH by digitizing the famous Mummy X-rays.

### Research from Home Online: Architectural Adventures!

MDAH has a wealth of history that you can access from the comfort of your home. One of the newest additions to the website is the Historic Resources Database.



The Historic Resources Database is a compendium of information about Mississippi's architectural landmarks and historic houses. Begun in 1998, the database is the product of our architectural historians' ongoing research and analysis of the thousands of design-related historical documents, photographs, newspaper clippings, blueprints, drawings, and other media within our collection.

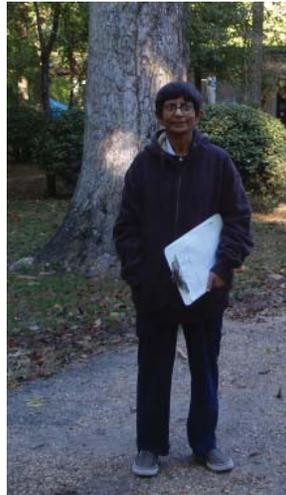
Follow the direct link to this website  
<http://www.apps.mdah.ms.gov/Public/search.aspx>  
for an online architectural adventure. You will not be disappointed!

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**3/28 History is Lunch**  
noon—1 p.m. “We the People.” Speakers will address government and political themes. Lecture by Eric Clark, former Secretary of State and executive director of the State Board of Community Colleges. (OCM)

**For more information visit**  
***mdah.state.ms.us***

## Volunteers Help out for Student Days at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians



**Above Left: Rita Manelle Traylor**  
**Above Right: Wilkie Collins.**  
**Right: Sammy Cortey**  
**Below Right Natchez Shriners**  
**Below Left: Lesa Ashley**



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**Above Left: Al Bertics and Clark Burkett**  
**Above Right: Tom Varnado**  
**Left: Pat Martin**

# Delta Christmas at the Governor's Mansion



Brenda Cole & local visitors, Gold Bedroom



Pauline Akers & Rankin County career/technical students, State Dining Room



Lynn Stuart & University Christian students, Upstairs Sitting Hall (Mississippi map quilt by Sallye Giles of Tate Co.)



Docents recognized for working fourteen times or more this year were **Front:** Jean Clarkson, Pauline Akers, Freda Spell, Janis Roberts, and Joyce Huskey; **Back:** Bernie Lieb, Becky Herren, Brenda Cole, Clytice Gardner, Judy Lacy, and Janet McLaurin.



**Governor's Mansion  
Docent Luncheon,**  
December 5, 2011,  
hosted by  
First Lady  
Marsha Barbour

# Jackson State University Federal Work Study Helps MDAH Projects

## Government Records, Archives and Records Services

Jackson State University (JSU) Federal Work Study student Gerald Fuller (Jackson) assisted Archives and Records Services staff at the State Records Center. Fuller completed the inventory, cleaning, and box identification of approximately 26,000 boxes of government records at the High Street location.



Fuller is a junior biology major who was recently accepted to pre-dental school. Fuller's past volunteer experience includes tutoring GED students and working as a teacher at the Fonda Church.

*JSU student Gerald Fuller standing amongst the many boxes of government records that he inventoried for the Government Records staff.*

## Archaeology and Historic Sites, Historic Preservation

Alisha Thigpen, a senior majoring in social work at JSU, has been entering data into the Geospatial Information System for the Archaeology and Historic Sites section. This information will provide research services support to the archaeology staff who monitor this sensitive information.

Thigpen's previous volunteer work includes providing patient care services at a local nursing home. Currently, she is employed at the YMCA with the Child Watch program.



*Above: Alisha Thigpen, senior JSU student, is busy entering archaeological information into the computer.*

*Right: JSU Pre-med student Jon-Michael Pittman pictured with Museum Division Curator of Collections Lauren Miller. Pittman is cataloging the medical artifacts in the collections.*

## Museum Division Collections

Pre-med major Jon-Michael Pittman assists collections staff by updating the condition of artifacts and taking digital photographs, primarily of medical equipment in MDAH care. Also, he is entering data into the collections database. Pittman serves as a volunteer at the University of Mississippi

Medical Center and has served as a summer camp volunteer for the city of Jackson and a local elementary school.

Pittman's goal is to become a pediatrician. He says that he loves to work with people and enjoys using technological equipment.



### *MDAH Volunteer Enrichment Series*

## WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC WEST CAPITOL STREET WITH MDAH ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN TODD SANDERS

Monday, March 19, 2012, 1 p.m.

*Tour will last approximately 1.5 hours. Reservations required.*

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It's not too late – send your recipes!

**Tomato Sandwich Day  
MDAH Family Recipes**

is a free, online publication composed of recipes from MDAH volunteers and staff.



For more information or to send in your recipes contact:

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*Click here for recipe submission form.*

## Miazza Back by Popular Demand



Greenwood historian, Peter Miazza (left), talks to MDAH volunteers about Eudora Welty at her grave site.

MDAH volunteers Peter Miazza and Cecile Wardlaw guided other MDAH volunteers on a fall tour of the historic Greenwood Cemetery. Miazza started the tour at the Summer House, which is often used as a shelter from thunderstorms and summer sun. From there, he gave an overview of the cemetery, followed by a walking tour. Volunteers stopped at the resting places of historic figures in Mississippi history as Miazza told interesting tidbits of their lives. Some of the stops along the way included the

graves of the Charles Henry Manship family and the final resting place of Eudora Welty.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Greenwood Cemetery is the site of several of Mississippi governors and founders of early Mississippi. The Greenwood Cemetery Association is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation of this unique Jackson landmark. To learn more about their work, visit [www.greenwoodcemeteryjackson.org](http://www.greenwoodcemeteryjackson.org).

## Manship House Museum Awarded National Accreditation



The Manship House Museum has been awarded subsequent accreditation by the American Association of Museums, marking the third time the museum has been accredited.

Accreditation is a widely recognized seal of approval that brings national recognition to museums, regardless of their size or location. Accreditation is

recognition of a museum's commitment to excellence, accountability, high professional standards, and continued institutional improvement. Of the estimated 17,500 museums in the U.S. only 4.5% hold AAM accreditation. Currently, the Manship House Museum is one of five accredited museums in the state of Mississippi.

## Old Capitol Thanks Volunteers with Special Access



The Old Capitol Museum proudly enters its third year of providing exciting experiences for visitors. On Thursday evening, January 19, from 6 to 8 pm, the museum proudly presents *An Evening with General Andrew Jackson*. The program features local historian Bill Patrick portraying the seventh president of the United States sharing stories of his life and presidency. Accompanying him will be mezzo-soprano Lester Senter Wilson, who will sing

period songs and appear as “Old Hickory’s” beloved wife Rachel. A reception featuring wine and hors d’oeuvres will follow. This ticketed event seeks to raise funds for future programming.

As a “thank you” to the wonderful OCM volunteers, complimentary tickets to this exciting program will be given to volunteers serving twenty or more hours during 2011.

If you are interested in attending this event, please

contact Maura Johnson at 601-576-6923.

Visit [www.oldcapitol-museum.com](http://www.oldcapitol-museum.com) for the latest on this program as well as other exciting events planned for 2012.



## Volunteers Celebrate the Season at Holiday Party

The volunteers of the Eudora Welty House gathered on Monday, December 12, to celebrate the holiday season and bid farewell to Katie Hamm, Volunteer Coordinator of the Welty House. Katie is getting married and moving. She resigned at the end of December. After enjoying homemade refreshments and expressing thanks to Katie for the outstanding job she has done, everyone gathered at the front of the Welty House for a send-off group photo.



Front (l-r): Ginsie Simmons, Noreen Prouty, Karen Redhead, Carol Rietvelt, Julianne Summerford, Carolyn Jones, Katie Hamm, Ann Bittick, Laura Magee, Buena Lee Huff, Harriett Kuykendall, Meemie Jackson, Kay Barksdale Middle (l-r): Michael Busbin, Lynn Evans, Carol Spencer, Barbara Brunini, Shelia Holley, Mary Alice White, Susan Osborne Back (l-r): Alex Crowson, Beverly Fatherree, Gilly MacMillan, Cynthia McCraw, Coleman Lowery, Elaine Blaine, Bernie Lieb, Jay Waits, Carol Busbee, Gayle Adams, Jan Taylor, Clytice Gardner, Emily Dunbar-Smith, Freda Spell, Bettye Jolly, Darian Gibson, Susan Haltom



The Mississippi Department of Archives and History was founded in 1902. It is the second-oldest state department of archives and history in the country. A comprehensive historical agency, the department collects, preserves, and provides access to the archival resources of the state, administers museums and historic sites, and oversees statewide programs for historic preservation, government records management, and publications.