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Old Capitol Museum Re-Opens To Enthusiastic Crowds

Nearly 800 people visited the Old Capitol during its grand opening weekend of February 7-8. Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant spoke to a crowd of early arrivers before

staff had history-related activities for children, and Miss-103 was broadcasting live from the grounds and provided refreshments.

cutting the ribbon along with students from



Jackson's George Elementary School to open the National Historic Landmark to the public.



Visitors received commemorative keys



from reenactors dressed as the Keeper of the Capitol. Museum

The Old Capitol is accepting bookings for school field trips and group tours. To schedule a tour or field trip, call 601-576-6920.

Constructed in 1839, the Old Capitol is Jackson's oldest building. It is located in the heart of downtown at the intersection of State and Capitol Streets. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, free of charge. The Old Capitol will close Tuesday,



Photos by Stephenie Morrisey, MDAH

Students from George Elementary were joined by (from left) MDAH director H.T. Holmes, architect Robert Parker Adams, former governor William F. Winter, Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant, and MDAH Board of Trustees president Kane Ditto to cut the ribbon and re-open the Old Capitol.

March 17, due to St. Patrick's Day Parade traffic. For more information email info@old-capitolmuseum.com.

Final Month To Resubmit Subscriber Information

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Calendar of March MDAH Events

GREENVILLE

Winterville Mounds

Highway 1 North
662-334-4684
info@wintervillemounds.com

Saturday, March 21, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., and **Sunday, March 22**, 8 a.m.–1 p.m. *Winterville Mounds Archery Shoot*. Bring your bow and arrows and try your luck at 60 targets on the grounds for the Southern Traditional Archery Association's tournament. Registration fee.

JACKSON

History Is Lunch Series

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

Wednesday, March 4. MSU history professor William Parrish will present "Mississippi Saints: Mississippi Mormons Who Went with Brigham Young."

Wednesday, March 18. Jere Nash and Andy Taggart present excerpts from their new book, *Mississippi Fried Politics*.

Wednesday, March 25.
Author Dorothy Shawhan

presents "Writing It Twice: From History to Fiction."

Manship House Museum

420 E. Fortification Street
601-961-4724 or
info@manshiphouse.com

Monday, March 9, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. *Dinner Is Served*, a symposium exploring Victorian foodways and the role of the dining room. Speakers include Carolyn Bercier and Mamie Gasperecz from the Hermann-Grima/Gallier Houses in New Orleans, Millsaps College instructor Amy Forbes, master grainer Malcolm Robson, and MDAH architectural historian Todd Sanders. Free of charge, reservations required.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays in March, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. *Growing up in Mississippi: 1857–1888*. Hands-on activities teach students K-4 what life was like for nineteenth-century Mississippi children.

WASHINGTON

Historic Jefferson College

Highway 61 North
601-442-2901
info@historicjeffersoncollege.com

March 13–15. *Ladies Civil War Academy*, a three-day liv-

ing history workshop teaching female reenactors the various skills and activities of the Civil War era to aid them in their historical impressions. Fee, pre-registration required.

March 20–21. *School of the Marine*. Reenactors from the Confederate State Marine Corps will conduct a two-day workshop highlighting drills, infantry tactics, and artillery. For more information contact Larry McCluney at 662-453-7212 or email confederate@windjammercable.net.

March 26, noon. *Lunchtime Lecture: The Truth About the Sandbar Fight*. HJC historian Clark Burkett tells about the actual events surrounding Jim Bowie's infamous sandbar fight. Free, bring your lunch.

Saturday, March 28. *EXPLORE! A Horse is a Horse, of Course*. Students will learn interesting facts about horses, parts of their bodies, gaits, and famous horses in history. For ages 6–8 (10–11:30 a.m.) and 9–12 (2–3:30 p.m.), but parents and grandparents are always welcome to stay and learn! \$10 prepaid registration required.

Welty Centennial Events Continue Through March

Events honoring Eudora Welty's life and work are scheduled throughout March. On March 20–22, New Stage Theatre will present readings of the three winning plays from the Eudora Welty New Play Series, a national competition dedicated to discovering and nurturing new playwrights.

The Eudora Welty House will be inducted into the Southern Literary Trail at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24. Patti Carr Black, a longtime friend of Welty, will be the speaker.

A seminar, "Heirloom Plants in Garden Design," will be held Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to noon at Belhaven College. William Welch, Texas A&M University, and Jenny Rose Carter, director of the Temple University Arboretum, will be the speakers. A plant sale and tour of the garden at the Welty House will follow.

Finally, a portrait of Eudora Welty will be added to the Mississippi Hall of Fame collection on Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. at the Old Capitol Museum. For more information on these events, call 601-353-7762.