

## Gammill Retires, McMullan Elected To MDAH Board

Lynn Crosby Gammill has retired from the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History. At the board's meeting in Corinth on October 16, W. Holt McMullan, president of Trustmark National Bank in Hattiesburg, was elected to serve the remainder of her term.



A native of Newton, McMullan earned his B.S. in banking and finance from the University of Mississippi. He is vice president for special projects for the Hattiesburg Downtown Association and serves on the board of directors for the Center for the Study of Southern Culture and

the Lauren Rogers Museum, among others.

Retiring trustee Lynn Crosby Gammill served on the board for twenty-two years. Her interest in the department's preservation efforts and museums led to her generous donation of family artifacts relating to the lumber and railroad industries. She is a founding member of the board of directors of the Foundation for Mississippi History and will continue to serve on that board.

Gammill served as chair of the Governor's Mansion Committee from 1989 to 2009, through four gubernatorial administrations.

Board nominees must be confirmed by the state senate. Members serve six-year terms.

## Native American Days Nov. 4-7



Traditional Native American dance, music, and games will be featured November 4-7 at Winterville Mounds. Activities for children include bead making, face painting, stickball games, and primitive weapon demonstrations. Vendors will sell Native American crafts, and an auction featuring items from local merchants and Native American craftsmen will be held Saturday at noon. Native American Days runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and is free of charge. For more information call 662-334-4684 or email [info@wintervillemounds.com](mailto:info@wintervillemounds.com).

## Karen Redhead Named New Director of Welty House

Karen Redhead has been named the new director of the Eudora Welty House. Redhead has worked at the Welty House since 2004, most recently serving as director of education. She becomes just the second director of the museum, following Mary Alice White, who retired September 30.

Redhead taught Mississippi history and social studies at Murrah High School in Jackson before joining the Eudora Welty House staff. "I had a longtime interest in MDAH before taking the job. While I was teaching, I took advantage of the

many resources that the department offers, including taking my students to the state archives and using materials from the History on Loan program."

The garden at the Welty House opened to the public in 2004. After structural work was completed, Welty's house was opened as a museum in April 2006. The final phase of development was finished in July of this year with the open-

ing of the Eudora Welty Education and Visitors Center.



Karen Redhead and former Welty House director Mary Alice White.

national and international interest in Welty's life and work, and we are fortunate to have scholars like Patti Carr Black, Suzanne Marrs, and Peggy Prenshaw who

provide intellectual integrity for our programs."

Redhead looks forward to expanding the Welty House role in existing programs such as the Scholastic Young Artists and Writers competition, and to beginning new programs, such as the Welty Reader's Theater for high school students to be launched in 2010.

The Eudora Welty House, located at 1119 Pinehurst Street in Jackson, is open for tours Tuesday through Friday at 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. Reservations are required. For more information call 601-353-7762.

# MDAH Board Tours Historic Sites of Corinth

In conjunction with its meeting on October 16, the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History toured historic and cultural sites in and around Corinth. On Thursday, October 15, board members and staff were joined by Representative Bubba Carpenter as they visited the Civil War Interpretive Center, Civil War earthworks, the Corinth Contraband Camp Memorial, the Verandah Curlee House, the Crossroads Museum at the historic depot, and other sites.

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1) Board members (from left) Duncan Morgan, Natchez; Jack Garner, Jackson; Rosemary Taylor Williams, Corinth; Reuben Anderson, Jackson; Hilda Cope Povall, Cleveland; Kane Ditto, Jackson; Lynn Crosby Gammill, Hattiesburg; Marty Ramage, Belden; and Roland Weeks, Biloxi.

2) Board and staff touring the Civil War Interpretive Center, part of the Shiloh National Military Park.

3) Tour guide Woody Harrell, superintendent of Shiloh National Military Parks, explains the layout and orientation of several Civil War earthworks.

4) Volunteer reenactors demonstrated aspects of life during the Civil War at the Contraband Camp Memorial.

5) Speaker of the House Billy McCoy was honored for his commitment to the preservation of cultural sites in the state.

6) Corinth history enthusiast Van Hedges showed the board and staff members his scale map of the town at the time of the Civil War.

7) Nearly fifty people brought hundreds of items to the department's Personal Treasures program held at the Corinth library.

8) At a reception Thursday evening, the board honored local preservation groups and individuals for their contributions to the history of the region. Pictured here are (from left) board president Kane Ditto, Betty Fry of the Black History Museum of Corinth, and department director H.T. Holmes.



# Reenactment of Wirt Adams Raid at HJC Nov. 14-15

The rolling thunder of cannonfire and clatter of charging horses' hooves will sound over the grounds of Historic Jefferson College on Saturday, November 14, and Sunday, November 15, when reenactors meet to recreate the Wirt Adams Raid of 1863.

Reenactors from Mississippi and Louisiana will camp on the grounds of the college Friday and Saturday nights, cooking over open fires, sleeping in canvas tents, and wearing period dress. The camps open to the public at 9 a.m. each morning. The battle reenactment will feature artillery, cavalry, and infantry, and will take place Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Skirmishes last about 45 minutes.

Following the battle on Saturday there will be a concert of Civil War-era music, and at 7 p.m. there will be a dance where many participants will be in period party dress. The events are free and open to the public.

Confederate brigadier general Wirt Adams was charged with retaking Natchez if possible. On December 1, 1863, he set out from Gallatin, in Copiah

County, with a force of over one thousand men comprising infantry, artillery, and cavalry. By December 4 he had reached Washington, a few miles from Natchez, where he set up camp and sent spies into Natchez. Convinced retaking the town was too much for his force to handle, Adams led his force on December 5 to the Ellis Cliff area south of Natchez to disrupt the Union's river traffic.

A Union cavalry force of some 1500 men arrived from Vicksburg the next day to apprehend Adams. They marched south to meet him, then bivouacked at dark. Adams was informed of their presence and marched to ambush them. He positioned his forces within 1000



yards of the Union forces, then attacked at first light, routing the Yankees. Adams's Confederate troops pursued the fleeing Yankees for a few miles, then left the area themselves by way of Kingston, destroying the barns of some of the local planters who were Union sympathizers.

Jefferson College was the first institution of higher learning in the Mississippi Territory. Jefferson Military College, as

it came to be known, closed its doors in 1964 after serving as a prep school from 1866. MDAH subsequently acquired and restored the property. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Admission is free. Hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. for the buildings and daily sunup to sundown for the grounds. For information call 601-442-2901.

## Roosevelt Reenactor Draws Record Crowd for Program



More than 120 people attended the History Is Lunch program on October 7 at the Old Capitol to see Teddy Roosevelt reenactor Joe Weigand, setting a new attendance record for the brown bag series.

## Old Capitol Museum, HJC Director Win Awards at SEMC Conference

The Old Capitol Museum and Historic Jefferson College were honored in October at the Southeastern Museums Conference annual meeting in Charleston, West Virginia.

The Old Capitol won an award of excellence in the SEMC Exhibition Competition—over \$1 million exhibit budget category. The award is for given for outstanding exhi-

bitions.

“We are honored that the new exhibits have been recognized by such a prestigious award,” said Old Capitol Museum director Clay Williams.

Historic Jefferson College director Robin Person received the Museum Leadership Award for 2009. The award recognizes a museum professional's significant advancement within the profession.

## Veteran's Day Program Nov. 10

Historian Charles Sullivan will present a documentary on Roy Wheat, Mississippi's only Congressional Medal of Honor winner for the Vietnam War, on Tuesday, November 10, at 2 p.m. in the William Nichols Room at the Old Capitol Museum. For more information call 601-576-6869.

## NOVEMBER MDAH CALENDAR

### JACKSON

#### History Is Lunch Series

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 4**—Gene Dattel talks about his new book, *Cotton and Race in the Making of America: The Human Costs of Economic Power*.

**Beginning November 18 and continuing through the end of the year, History Is Lunch will be held in the Old Capitol Museum as the model train town of Possum Ridge is assembled in the Winter Building.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 18**—author Jere Nash tells the history of reapportionment in Mississippi.

**Wednesday, Nov. 25**—Chuck Galey will talk about the

many books he has illustrated, including *A Special Visitor Comes to Possum Ridge*.

**Old Capitol Museum**  
State Street at Capitol  
601-576-6920  
info@oldcapitolmuseum.com

**November 6**, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.  
25th annual Museum Division Social Studies Teachers Workshop, *Mississippi Takes Shape, 1798–1832*.

**Manship House Museum**  
420 E. Fortification Street  
601-961-4724  
info@manshiphouse.com

**Monday, November 2**, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. *Old Jackson: The Way We Once Lived*. Recreations of life during the nineteenth century. For students grades 3–6. Reservations required. *Sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council.*

### NATCHEZ

#### Grand Village of the Natchez Indians

400 Jefferson Davis Blvd.  
601-446-6502  
info@natchezgrandvillage.com

**Thursday, November 5**, 6:30 p.m. *The Battle that Created Germany*. David Dreyer will discuss the historic Battle of the Teutoburg Forest, when German militia united to defeat three Roman legions, halting Rome's advancement north of the Rhine River.

**Friday, November 13**, 6:30 p.m. *Basket Conservation Workshop* by MDAH Museum Division Director of Collections Cindy Gardner. The public is invited to bring baskets for evaluation.

**Saturday, November 14**, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. *Basket Day*. Demonstrations and sales by Native

American basket weavers.

### WASHINGTON

**Historic Jefferson College**  
Highway 61 North  
601-442-2901  
info@jeffersoncollege.com

**Thursday, November 5**, noon. *Lunchtime Lecture*. Clark Burkett will compare the film *The Horse Soldiers* with the actual events of Grierson's Raid. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a screening of the movie. Free, bring your lunch and/or dinner.

**Saturday, November 21**, 10–11:30 a.m. (ages 6–8) and 2–3:30 p.m. (ages 9–12). *EXPLORE! Native American Games & Toys*. Learn to play games that American Indian children would have played. Children will make their toys to take home. \$10 pre-registration fee.