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Justice Graves To Deliver Statehood Address Dec. 9

Federal judge James E. Graves, Jr., will be the speaker for the third annual Statehood Day celebration at the Old Capitol Museum.

The program, to be held at noon on Friday, December 9, in the House of Representatives Chamber, commemorates Mississippi's entrance



into the Union. A reception will follow.

"We are honored to have Judge Graves deliver the 2011 Statehood Day address," said MDAH director H.T. Holmes. "Judge Graves's lifelong commitment to law and education exemplifies the Old Capitol Museum's mission to examine the state's evolving government and political history over the past 194 years and to encourage an active citizenry to continue to reach to the future."

Graves sits on the Fifth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals. In 2001 he was appointed to the Mississippi Supreme Court and served as presiding justice from 2009 to 2011. Graves was Hinds County Circuit Court judge from 1991 to 2001. In addition to his work in the courtroom, Graves has taught media law, civil rights law, and sociology of law at Jackson State University, Millsaps College, and Tougaloo College. Graves has also coached high school, college, and law school mock trial teams, including the Jackson Mur-

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Holiday Happenings at MDAH Sites Statewide

Make the most of the holiday season with live seasonal music, Christmas tree displays, model trains, and other free, fun, family programming at the historic sites and museums of the Department of Archives and History.

On Friday, December 2, the Mississippi Governor's Mansion, state capitol, Old Capitol Museum, and William F. Winter Archives and History Building will be decorated for the sixteenth annual Old Jackson Christmas by Candlelight Tour. Free transportation will take visitors from site to site, with parking available at the Old Capitol, state capitol, and Winter Building for those who prefer to drive their own vehicles. The Candlelight Tour begins at 4:30 p.m. and runs until 8:30.

The Old Capitol, Jackson's oldest building, will be decked with greenery in the style used in 1840 when local women prepared the building for a visit by Andrew Jackson. Garlands will hang around the rotunda railing on the second floor and the stairwells, and wreaths will decorate the exterior of the building. Enjoy cookies and punch while listening to musical groups from across the city. Performing will be the Jim Hill High School choir at 4:45, the Mississippi Boychoir at 5:30, the Mississippi Girlchoir at 6:15, Galloway Concordia Ensemble at 7, and the Hinds Community College Brass Ensemble at 7:45.

The grand Mississippi State Capitol will be decorated with seven Mississippi-grown Leyland cypress Christmas trees, garlands, and poinsettias. The schedule of musical entertainment for the Candlelight Tour at the capitol will be Voices of Madison Avenue, Madison Avenue Upper Elementary at 4:45; Vision United Ministries Mass



Choir at 5:30; Mustard Seed Bells of Faith at 6:15; Christmas Jazz at Sunset featuring Dan Colbert and Bob Davidson at 7; and the Port Gibson High School Choir at 7:45.

This year's holiday theme at the circa-1841 Mississippi Governor's Mansion will recall the Mississippi Delta with wreaths on the windows and doors, indoor seasonal greenery, and an elegant Christmas tree in the Front Rose Parlor. Visitors will also enjoy live piano music and holiday-themed snacks.

Joining the displays of Antebellum, Victorian, and Depression-era Christmas scenes in the William F. Winter Archives and History Building this year is a case representing the 1950s and '60s with an aluminum

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Christmas tree featuring glass ball ornaments and a plastic Santa Claus, surrounded by a stuffed teddy bear, a Skipper doll similar to a Barbie doll, a Fisher Price Pull-A-Tune Xylophone and Mallet, the Little Golden Book *Three Little Kittens*, a toy radio station, and a Fisher Price School Bus. The ever-popular model town of Possum Ridge and its trains will also be on display on the first floor of the Winter Building. Characters from *A Special Visitor Comes to Possum Ridge* will read from the children's book inspired by the train exhibit. For more information about the Candlelight Tour call 601-576-6925.

As part of its Food For Thought program, which aims to teach that being a good citizen means taking an active role in improving our own communities, the Old Capitol Museum is inviting visitors to donate books and non-perishable food items throughout December. Food collected through the program will go to Jackson's Operation Shoestring, children's books will be distributed to Mississippi pre-schools and daycares, and other books will be sent to the Mississippi Library Commission.

On December 2, 9, and 16 at 3:30 p.m., the Old Capitol Museum will present "Telling Tales," a series for elementary-school-age children that features stories and craft activities. Mississippi Public Broadcasting's



Ed Said will kick off the series with a reading on December 2.

Carols and other holiday songs will fill the Old Capitol rotunda for "Sounds of the Season." The Hinds Community College Choir will perform on December 2, Mustard Seed's Bells of Faith on December 10, Wells Memorial United Methodist Church on December 16, and Scotland Baptist Church Ensemble of Yazoo City on December 17. All groups will begin at noon. For more information about events at the Old Capitol, call 601-576-6800 or email info@oldcapitolmuseum.com.

The historic section of the governor's mansion will showcase traditional holiday decorations using seasonal greenery for Christmas at the Governor's Mansion from December 2 to 20. Guided tours are offered Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the half-hour. The tours are free of charge, but ad-

vance reservations are required for groups of ten or more. The mansion will be closed for tours from Wednesday, December 21, through Monday, January 2, and may be closed at other times for official state functions. For more information about events at the governor's mansion or to make a tour reservation, call 601-359-6421.

From December 5 through 22, trains will again run through the model town of Possum Ridge on the first floor of the William F. Winter Archives and History Building at the corner of North and Amite streets in Jackson. As a part of Winter Holidays, historic Christmas trees and toys will be on display Monday, noon-4:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tours for school groups are available by reservation Tuesday-Friday, December 6-16, 9 a.m.-noon. For information call

601-576-6800.

Outside Greenville, Winterville Mounds will hold its Christmas open house inside the museum on Sunday, December 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local choirs will perform holiday music, and refreshments will be served. For more information call 662-334-4684 or email info@wintervillemounds.com.

In southwest Mississippi, Historic Jefferson College will again have its Celebration of Christmas Trees. Trees are brought into the first-floor classroom of the historic West Wing building. Classes from area schools decorate the trees with ornaments they have made and learn the story of Jefferson College during the Territorial period. Last year more than four hundred young people participated. The Celebration of Christmas Trees will run from December 12 to 31. An open house showcasing the trees will be held Saturday, December 17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Children are invited to make holiday decorations at the Historic Jefferson College workshop "EXPLORE! Christmas Ornaments" on Thursday, December 22, 10-11:30 a.m. (ages 6-8) and 2-3:30 p.m. (ages 9-12). Parents and grandparents are always welcome to stay and learn. \$10 pre-registration is required. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email info@historicjeffersoncollege.com.

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rah High School mock trial team that won the 2001 state championship.

In 2000 Graves received the Hinds County Bar Association's Innovation Award for his pioneering efforts in creating the first high-tech courtroom in Mississippi state courts, establishing the first court Web site for a Mississippi state trial court, and implementing electronic filing of court documents. In 2001 Graves received the Jackson Public School District's Parent of the Year Award. In 2002 the Mississippi Association of Educators presented him with the Human-

ized Education Award, the group's highest honor given to a non-teacher.

In 2004, Millsaps College named him a recipient of the Livesay Award for his service to the college and the community. In 2009, the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University selected Graves for the Maxwell Public Administration Award, which is given to alumni for their exceptional work in public service.

The Mississippi Territory was organized in 1798 and included both modern-day Mississippi and Alabama. On December 10,

1817, President James Monroe signed the resolution admitting Mississippi into the Union as the twentieth state.

The Old Capitol, Jackson's oldest building, is a National Historic Landmark. Located on State Street at Capitol, the museum's regular 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 is a museum of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. For more information call 601-576-6920 or email info@oldcapitolmuseum.com.

Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration Set for Feb. 23-26

The theme of the 2012 Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration will be "Legends, Lore and Literature: Storytelling in the South." "Since we live in Mississippi, a state well known the world over for William Faulkner, Richard Wright, Eudora Welty and other famed literary storytellers, it seemed natural to honor that heritage with a conference about storytelling," said Carolyn Vance Smith, NLCC founder and co-chairman.

Conference headquarters will be the Natchez Convention Center. Lewis Lord, formerly of Natchez and now of Falls Church, Va., will open the conference on Feb. 23. A journalist and historian with United Press International and *U.S. News & World Report*, Lord's works have appeared as magazine cover stories and in numerous books, including *Annual Editions: American History*. His program is called "Supper Table Stories."

Program titles and speakers on Feb. 24 include:

"Legends in Red, White and Black" by George E. Lankford, Lyon College, Batesville, Ark.

"Parables about People from around the World" by Terrence Roberts, Meridian, Miss., a master storyteller.

"The Faulkners I Knew: William Faulkner and His Niece, Dean Faulkner Wells" by Lawrence Wells, owner of Yoknapatawpha Press.

"Come and Listen to My Story—The Melodic Narrative in American Country Music" by Tricia Walker, director, Delta Music Institute, Delta State University, and Davis Raines, singer/songwriter, Nashville.

"Old Tombigbee Storytelling" by Michael Mills, author of *Twice Told Tombigbee Tales*.

"After Medgar: No More Fear" by Frank X. Walker, University of Kentucky, Lexington, co-chair, Africana Studies, editor of *PLUCK!*

Program titles and speakers on Feb. 25 include:

"Richard Wright's Spinning of Tales" by Jerry W. Ward, Jr., Dillard University, New Orleans, La.

"Traveling through 'Dixie' with 'Zeus'" by Curtis Wilkie, author of *Dixie: A Personal Odyssey through Events that Shaped the Modern South* and *The Fall of the House of Zeus: The Rise and Ruin of America's Most Powerful Trial Lawyer*.

"My Love Affair with Food" by Marcelle Bienvenue, author of *Who's Your Mama, Are You Catholic, and Can You Make a Roux?*

"Oral History: Listening to Our Past" by Charles C. Bolton, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"Man Against Nature: Up Close and Personal with the Great Mississippi River Flood of 2011," a panel discussion by five Natchez-area residents using oral history to discuss how they were affected by the Flood of 2011.

"Chewing the Fat" by Julia Reed, author of *Queen of the Turtle Derby*, and Roy Blount Jr., editor, columnist, and author of *Roy Blount's Book of Southern Humor*.

On Feb. 26, a two-hour oral history workshop will be presented by Louis Kyriakouides, director, Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage, University of Southern Mississippi.

In addition to speakers, the program will include award presentations. Receiving the Richard Wright Literary Excellence Award are Patti Carr Black, Jackson, and John D. W. Guice, Laurel.

Black is the author of *Art in Mississippi: 1720-1980* and *Touring Literary Mississippi*. Guice, professor of history emeritus, University of Southern Mississippi, is author of *Frontiers in Conflict, The Old Southwest* and *By His Own Hand?: The Mysterious Death of Meriwether Lewis*.

The Horton Foote Award for Special Achievement in Screenwriting will be presented to Scott Cooper, writer, director, and producer of the award-winning 2009 film *Crazy Heart*, and writer and producer of *For Sale by Owner*.

Receiving the Thad Cochran Humanities Achievement Award for her lifetime of work in history and literature will be Alferdteen Harrison, professor of history

MDAH Board of Trustees Elects New Member

At its meeting on the Mississippi Gulf Coast on Friday, October 27, the board of trustees

of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History elected a new board member.

Valencia M. Hall will assume the seat of long-time board member Duncan Morgan of Natchez, who has retired from the board.

Hall serves on the Natchez Preservation Commission and is a board member of the Historic Natchez Foundation. She received her Master of Science in counseling and Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of Evansville, Evansville, Indiana. A native of Natchez, Hall is a behavioral interventionist for the Concordia Parish School System.

Board nominees must be confirmed by the state senate. Board members serve six-year terms. Other trustees of the Department of Archives and History are president Kane Ditto, Jackson; vice president Rosemary Taylor Williams, Corinth; Reuben V. Anderson, Jackson; R. Webster Heidelberg, Hattiesburg; E. Jackson Garner, Jackson; Hilda Cope Povall, Cleveland; Martis D. Ramage, Jr., Belden; and Roland Weeks, Biloxi.

emeritus, Jackson State University, and former director of the Margaret Walker Alexander Research Center at Jackson State.

Information and tickets are available at 866-296-6522 or 601-446-1289. The NLCC is sponsored by Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Natchez National Historical Park, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Mississippi Public Broadcasting, the Mississippi Humanities Council, and the Mississippi Arts Commission.





More than 250 people attended Muster at the Museum on September 10 at the Old Capitol. Reenactors set up on the Old Capitol Green and gave new recruits a taste of military life during the Civil War. Stations included a brief physical exam to ensure enough teeth and fingers, receipt of a rifle, marching drills on the parade field, and a lesson on how fire a cannon. Once soldiers were mustered out, they received ten Mississippi dollars and relaxed with a game of horseshoes.



Online Collections Continue to Grow

The Digital Archives section of the MDAH Web site has grown with the addition of eleven new collections. The most recent is the *Hugh W. Shankle Collection* that features beauty contestants, artists, local celebrities, inaugurations, and buildings in Jackson and other cities across the state in the 1950s and '60s. Photographs also document Ole Miss football, including the January 2, 1962, Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas.

The *Corinth, Mississippi Collection* documents that community during the 1920s, when it was a thriving juncture of agriculture, industry, and rail lines. Walter F. McCord owned the city's largest photography business, McCord's Studio, and documented the Alcorn County seat—a residential street paving project, fire-fighting and farm equipment, and local businesses and homes.

The *Daniel Photograph Collection* comprises nearly six hundred images dating from the late 1800s, most made of subjects in Jackson. Of special interest are panoramic photographs of early floods in downtown Jackson and photographs of the Mississippi Farmers Market, the Farish Street business district, the Old Capitol, and the Mississippi State Capitol. Other photographs feature buildings, schools, politicians, and street scenes, as well as the tung oil industry in south Mississippi and Boy Scouts at campgrounds around the state.

Luther Myles Hamilton, Sr., (1869-1944) owned and operated a portrait studio out of a tent equipped with a portable darkroom in Crystal Springs. The *Luther Hamilton Photograph Collection* consists of 982 images of work and community activities in the South during the early twentieth century. Formal portraits taken in the studio include town leaders Augustus Lotterhos, "The Father of Crystal Springs," and Bryant Wesley Matthis, "The Cabbage King," as well as pets and people of various ages and races. Later snapshots include images of Franklin D. Roosevelt speaking in Tupelo, Mississippi, in 1934, and scenes from Hamilton's son's

studies at Mississippi State College in the late 1930s and 1940s.

Ralph Hargrove began work as official photographer for the Jackson Police Department in 1942. The *Hargrove Collection* documents police activities from 1927 until 1984, and his crime-scene photographs were crucial evidence in the 1994 conviction of Byron de la Beckwith for the murder of Medgar Evers. Other subjects include Jackson's first African American policemen,



"New Capitol, Bevo Car, circa 1918." From the *Daniel Photograph Collection*.

United States Senator John C. Stennis, Mississippi lieutenant governor Charles Sullivan, Alabama governor George Wallace, and the Jackson police vehicle known as "Thompson's Tank."

More than 2,400 rare and beautiful maps dating from the 1500s to the present day are included in the *Historical Map Collection* at MDAH. Twenty-two of the most significant maps were digitized in celebration of National Library Week 2010. Included are maps of Mississippi's early exploration, colonial expansion, territorial period, early statehood, and the Civil War, as well as colorful geological maps and plats of cities and towns.

Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc on the Mississippi Gulf Coast on August 29, 2005. Having grown up in Moss Point, a coastal town in the path of the storm, MDAH graphic records curator Jeff Rogers found himself in demand as a guide for disaster recovery and assessment teams and national and regional archivists. The *Hurricane Katrina Photographs* document his firsthand observations of the destruction and recovery of several Mississippi communities.

The *McCardle Photograph Collection* contains sixty-six images of nineteenth-century political, military, and religious figures, including Confederates Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, John C. Pemberton, and L. Q. C. Lamar, as well as Union general Alfred Pleasonton, Union admiral David Dixon Porter, and the first Episcopal bishop of Mississippi, William Mercer Green.

Brothers Robert Livingston Stewart and William Percy Stewart documented their family and neighbors in Natchez around 1890-1905. The *Stewart Photograph Collection* includes family portraits at their parents' residence, Myrtle Bank, images of other significant houses in the region, vacations at Cooper's Wells and Atlantic City resorts, and dedication ceremonies, winter storms, floods, steamboats, and river scenes.

Vicksburg National Military Park was established in 1899 to preserve the site of the siege and defense of the city and to commemorate the campaign that culminated in the Confederate Army's surrender on July 4, 1863. The photographs in the *Vicksburg National Military Park Collection*, most taken between 1899 and 1923, document the creation of the park and the design and construction of its monuments and memorials.

Named after a Chickasaw Indian Chief, Tishomingo State Park sits just off the Natchez Trace Parkway in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in Tishomingo County, Mississippi. The park was developed with Civilian Conservation Corps labor from 1935 to the early 1940s. Clifford Green Worsham, senior engineering foreman for 1939-40 projects, assembled the *Worsham Photograph Album* that documented the innovative methods workers employed to construct a dam, swimming pool, baseball field, parking lot, and swinging bridge within a limited budget, as well as camp visitors and workers relaxing at the lodge and exploring the park.

To see the online collections, go to mdah.state.ms.us/arrec/digital_archives.



Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson, 1960s. From the *Hargrove Photograph Collection*.



The Board of Trustees and staff of MDAH visited the Gulf Coast for the October board meeting. The group toured historic sites that had received preservation grants through the department, including the Scaffide Building, now home to the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre (top right), Beauvoir (middle right), the Schaeffer residence in Pass Christian (right), and the Soria Lodge in Biloxi (above, top and middle). A news crew from WLOX filmed a segment on the tour and board meeting (above).

Mississippi Properties Added to National Register

An airfield hangar, a bridge, a church, a cemetery, a road, four houses, and five historic districts have been added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2011.

The Gulfport Army Air Field Hangar is located on the grounds of the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport. Built in 1945, the hangar was used for training combat crews to operate the B-29 Superfortress. It was later used as the terminal for the Gulfport Municipal Airport from 1947 to 1963.

The 1916 Black Bayou Bridge is a single-lane bridge in Glendora. Although the bridge is now closed to traffic, it is a good example of the Warren pony truss bridge design used during the early twentieth century.

The Baptist Church of Christ at Sardis in Winston County was built in 1917 on the site of an earlier church building. The single-room, wood frame church is a typical form for rural churches in Mississippi dating back to the 1850s. Although the church is no longer used regularly for church services, members meet there for a Memorial Day service every year, and weddings, funerals, and family reunions are held at the church.

Dating to 1860, the Midway Methodist Church and Cemetery located in Carroll County are the last visible reminders of the settlement of the Midway community. The antebellum rural vernacular Greek Revival church is used primarily for an annual homecoming, but burials continue in the cemetery.

The River Road Historic District, located in Lawrence County, is five-and-a-half miles of road that includes the China

Lee community and the White Sand Creek Bridge. Established circa 1812, the River Road was the route used between Monticello, Columbia, and Ford's Ferry by overland travelers during Mississippi's territorial era. Although the road was eventually paved, this remaining portion of the road and surrounding landscape are largely unchanged and recall those pioneer years.

Built in 1903, the Emile Cohn House on South Jackson Street in Brookhaven is a notable residential example of the Beaux Arts architecture with its rich use of balustrades, pilasters, swags, and garland. Original wood siding, shutters, and windows contribute to the building's significance, and the well-preserved interior features original stained glass windows, lighting, and patterned floors.

The Sadler House, located in Aberdeen, was built by lawyer and businessman David W. Sadler in 1850. The one-and-one-half story house is a good example of that era's emerging middle class's use of Greek Re-



The Black Bayou Bridge in Glendora.

vival details.

One of the few structures that survived the 1936 tornado in Tupelo, the Spain House was built circa 1914 for businessman R. L. Pound and his family. The Pounds lived in the two-story Colonial Revival-Queen Anne house until W.D. and Letha Spain bought it in 1946. The Spains lived upstairs and operated the Spain Funeral Home on

the first floor until 1965.

Built circa 1891 by Milton C. Ewing, the Rosedale Plantation in Yazoo County is a well-preserved example of the raised planter's cottage. Hand-carved decorative elements on



Part of the Lawrence County River Road Historic District.

the ceilings, walls, doors and elsewhere, attributed to Haniel Rutledge, represent a high degree of craftsmanship that is unique in Mississippi.

The Eupora Historic District, located in the commercial core of Eupora along North Dunn Street and a portion of West Roane Street, dates back to the 1880s. Eupora's prosperity was tied to the rail line and the depot completed in 1889. The district retains its small-town character, and residential architectural styles range from Italianate to Ranch.

Baldwyn, located on the Lee/Prentiss county line, was founded in 1861 by the recently completed Mobile and Ohio Railroad line. Cotton, the main industry, was ginned in Baldwyn and shipped on the railroad. Today one gin building survives along with warehouses related to the agricultural trade in the new Baldwyn Historic District.

The Downtown Louisville Historic District is located in the center of Louisville. Established in 1833, the town was situated on an early transportation cor-

ridor and grew rapidly before the Civil War. The arrival of the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad in 1905 spurred new growth. The existing commercial buildings in the district date from 1890 to the 1950s.

The Gulfport Harbor Square Commercial Historic District replaces the Harbor Square Historic District that was approved in 1985 and severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Gulfport was established in 1898 as a trade center linked to the newly constructed railroad and port. The district includes commercial buildings that cover a wide range of styles from Beaux Arts to Art Moderne that represent Gulfport's growth between 1903 and 1930.

The International Shipbuilding Company Employee Housing Historic District is an intact historic neighborhood in Pascagoula that was originally part of a workers' housing enclave constructed circa 1918 by International Shipbuilding. The neighborhood illustrates the effort to provide housing for workers during the World War I era.

Most of the houses retain a high degree of physical integrity. The scale and placement of the houses as well as their relationship to each other is unchanged from the time of their original construction.

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HISTORY IS LUNCH CALENDAR

History Is Lunch programs are held at noon most Wednesdays in the William F. Winter Archives and History Building, 200 North Street, Jackson. There is no admission charge.

For more information call 601-576-6998 or email cwilson@mdah.state.ms.us.

January 4—Gerard Helferich talks about his new book, *Stone of Kings: In Search of the Lost Jade of the Maya*, and the role a Natchez citizen played in the search.

January 18—Mary Lucas of Clinton will talk about her memoir *809 Rubush: Memories of Growing Up in Meridian, Mississippi 1932-1947*.

January 25—Millsaps College Humanities Scholar in Residence Peggy Prenshaw discusses her book *Composing Selves*, the most comprehensive

treatment to date of autobiographies by women in the American South.

February 1—University of Southern Mississippi history professor Max Grivno presents “African American Soldiers in the Civil War.”

March 7—Political cartoonist and radio personality Marshall Ramsey will speak.

March 14—Jere Nash and Andy Taggart will discuss redistricting and the Mississippi Legislature.

March 21—Mississippi State University journalist in residence Sid Salter will present “The Changing Role of the Press in Mississippi Politics.”

March 28—Eric Clark, former-Mississippi Secretary of State, will present “The Necessity of Compromise in Preserving a Healthy Democracy.”

Student Writing Contest Submissions Due Dec. 16

Mississippi’s writing reputation is in good hands thanks in part to the Eudora Welty House and the Eudora Welty Foundation. Jackson native and two-time Scholastic Writing competition winner Alexandra Franklin spent the past summer in New York City working as editor of the anthology *The Best Teen Writing of 2011*. In September 2011 her essay “Part of a Whole, but Still Me” appeared in the Modern Love column of the *New York Times*.

Franklin received a Portfolio Gold award and a \$10,000 scholarship for her general writing portfolio in 2010 and a Gold Medal and an American Voices award for a short

story in 2009.

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers’ Scholastic Writing Awards is open to junior high and high school students in Adams, Bolivar, Copiah, DeSoto, Forrest, Harrison, Hinds, Jackson, Jones, Lamar, Lafayette, Lauderdale, Lee, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Marion, Oktibbeha, Rankin and Simpson counties. Submissions must be mailed or delivered to the Eudora Welty Education and Visitor Center. The deadline is Friday, December 16 at 5 p.m.

For more information about the competition, call the Eudora Welty House at 601-353-7762 or go to www.artandwriting.org.