

Once Upon a Time at the Manship House Museum



Left: Volunteer and former Governor's Mansion curator Mary Lohrenz reads fairy tales to the children.



Right: Nathan and Marietta Everett meet the Queen of Hearts (Dorian Randall) at the Mad Hatter Tea Party held at the site.

Manship House Museum director Marilyn Jones has had a busy summer at her site. Currently, the site is open by appointment and for special events and meetings.

Marilynn, with the assistance of museum staff and our wonderful MDAH volunteers, began a new program geared for young children. Fairy tales that are from the period of interpretation of the site are the centerpieces of the programming.

This summer, children were treated to stories and related activities of *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, *The Hare and the Hedgehog*, *The Bremen Town Musicians*, *The Three Little Pigs* (also, *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, told from the wolf's point of view), and *Rapunzel*. A good time was had by all!

Images courtesy of Marilyn Jones

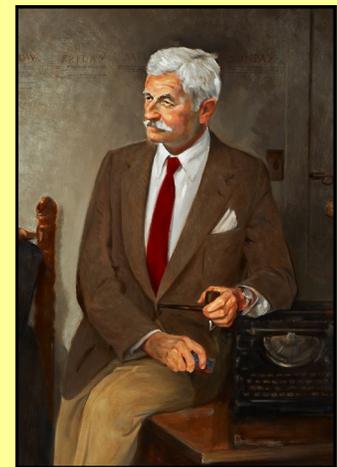
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Test Your Knowledge of Mississippi

1. William Faulkner is one of the most acclaimed writers from Mississippi. Many of his successful works were based on what he knew—life in his small southern county. He lived in Oxford, located in Lafayette County. The fictional name that he used for his home county was:
 - A) Oktibbeha
 - B) Yalobusha
 - C) Yoknapatawpha
 - D) Sanctuary
2. Richard Wright was one of America's greatest writers. Wright was born near Natchez, and then moved to Memphis, Tennessee, and later to Jackson, Mississippi. His early years in Mississippi would have an impact on his two most important works which were:
 - A) *Pride and Prejudice* and *Persuasion*
 - B) *Native Son* and *Black Boy*
 - C) *Spandau Phoenix* and *Natchez Burning*
 - D) *My Dog Skip* and *Taps*
3. Eudora Welty was the master of the short story. According to the *Mississippi Writer's Page*, Welty's work *The Robber Bridegroom* set on the Natchez Trace, has all the elements of a good fairytale—mystery, magic, poetic description, and the inexplicable. What children's book(s) most likely influenced Welty when writing this work?
 - A) *Grimm's Fairytales*
 - B) *Anne of Green Gables*
 - C) *Treasure Island*
 - D) *Puss in Boots*

Answers are on the last page.



Note: The paintings above of (left to right) Richard Wright, Eudora Welty, and William Faulkner are in the Old Capitol Museum's Hall of Fame exhibit.

A Killing Gentleman

Alexander McClung, the Black Knight of the South



Historian H. Grady Howell, Jr. examines the fascinating life of soldier, duelist and statesman, Alexander K. McClung, contemporary of Charles Henry Manship.

McClung duel re-enactment immediately following.

Monday, September 21
noon-1 p.m.

FREE

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Mississippi Department of Archives and History

31st Annual MDAH Social Studies Teachers Workshop

HARDSHIP, CONFLICT, AND CHANGE: MISSISSIPPI 1929-1954

Old Capitol Museum, Jackson
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015

8 a.m. **REGISTRATION**, Old Capitol Museum

8:30 a.m. **WELCOME**

Katie Blount, *director, Mississippi Department of Archives and History*
Lucy Allen, *director, MDAH Museum Division*

8:45 a.m. **THE NEW DEAL IN MISSISSIPPI**

Connie Lester, *associate professor, University of Central Florida, Orlando*

9:30 a.m. **THE SOUTH IN WORLD WAR II**

Chad Daniels, *director, Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, Camp Shelby*

10:15 a.m. **BREAK AND DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS**

Organizations will display educational resources

10:45 a.m. **SHIFT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ROLES IN WORLD WAR II AND THE KOREAN WAR**

Charles Chamberlain, *president, Historia LLC, New Orleans*

11:30 a.m. **LUNCH**

CHOOSE ONE (INDICATE ON REGISTRATION FORM):

1 p.m.

RISE OF THE DIXIECRATS: RACIAL POLITICS IN MISSISSIPPI (1930-1954)

Jason Morgan Ward, *professor, Mississippi State University, Starkville*

WILLIAM FAULKNER

Jay Watson, *Howry professor of Faulkner Studies, University of Mississippi, Oxford*

DIVERSIFICATION OF MISSISSIPPI'S ECONOMICS

Connie Lester, *associate professor, University of Central Florida, Orlando*

2 p.m.

DOCUMENTING SEPARATE BUT EQUAL IN MISSISSIPPI SCHOOLS

Jennifer Baughn, *architectural historian, MDAH Historic Preservation Division*

2:40 p.m.

OVERVIEW OF MDAH EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AND ONLINE MATERIALS

Claire Gwaltney, *assistant director of education, MDAH, Museum Division*

All active MDAH volunteers are invited to attend the *MDAH Social Studies Teachers Workshop* on **Friday, November 6, 2015**. You may attend as many or as few sessions as you would like.

Lunch is "on your own" between 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Please let me know if you plan to come.

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USS Jackson Crew Visits the Mansion

News and Images from Megan Bankston



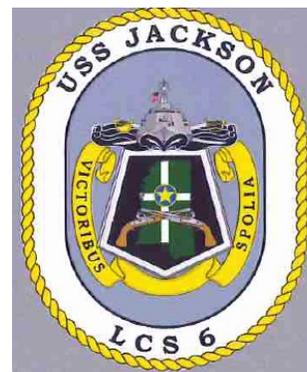
Front and center: First Lady Deborah Bryant and Governor's Mansion curator Megan Bankston welcomed U. S. Navy sailors to the Mansion recently. The sailors were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the site.

United States Navy sailors to be stationed on the USS Jackson (LCS 6) came to tour the Mississippi Governor's Mansion in July. Secretary of the Navy and former Mississippi Governor Ray Mabus named the ship in honor of the capitol of Mississippi.

The sailors spent time on Friday, July 24, touring the city for which their ship was named. First Lady Deborah Bryant welcomed the group and accompanied them on a tour of the historic section of the mansion by curator Megan Bankston. Mrs. Bryant also let them see behind the scenes, including Governor Bryant's "man cave."

The sailors also toured the Mississippi State Capitol and saw a Mississippi Braves

game later that night. The ship is scheduled to be commissioned the *USS Jackson* on Saturday, December 5 in Gulfport, Mississippi. We wish them luck!



Governor's Mansion Fully Repaired

News and Images from Megan Bankston



The Mississippi Governor's Mansion underwent needed plaster repair in May and June of this year as a continuation of the restoration project that began in 2013. A wall in the Front Foyer was replaced as well as the entire ceiling in an upstairs hallway in the historic section.

Additionally, the fireplaces in the Green and Cream Bedrooms were given a facelift. These fireplaces are very special as they are the only two original 1841 fireplaces remaining in the Mansion.

The repairs were completed by experienced plaster workers from Hayles and Howe, who drove all the way down from Baltimore, Maryland. They have worked on many historic buildings all over the country. The plaster repairmen also created an exact replica of a missing fleuron from one of the column capitals in the Front Foyer. The Mansion reopened for tours on July 7th looking as beautiful as ever.



Left: The Front Foyer ready for plaster work to begin!

Below: The missing fleuron replaced (see red arrow).



Left: All of the furniture in the Green and Cream bedrooms was moved out, and the beds were disassembled piece-by-piece.



Left: The fireplace in the Green Bedroom, one of two identical pine fireplaces painted in a faux-marble finish.

Winterville Mounds: Native American Days



Invitation from Susie Smith



Native American Days

October 28–30, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Storytelling, games, food, dancing, singing, primitive weapons, and children's activities.

Luak Chito (Great Fire) to be held on October 29 from 6–8 p.m.

662-334-4684 or email info@wintervilllemounds.com

Museum Division Education: Intern Caleb Warren

News and Image from Claire Gwaltney



For two months this summer, University of Mississippi rising sophomore Caleb Warren joined the museum division education staff.

During his internship, Caleb completed the yearly summer inventory of our traveling trunks and researched, wrote, and designed a lesson plan entitled *Life on the Southern Plantation*. This lesson plan (which will be posted on the MDAH website) uses 1860s excerpts from James Allen's Natchez plantation journal to make life of that era come alive to students.

Caleb also provided prompts to help teachers and students design their own antebellum plantations. In addition to this, Caleb gave invaluable assistance during our inaugural *Summer Teachers Workshop* in June, where he did everything from moving tables and chairs to setting up lunch and running errands for staff and participants.

Caleb has returned to college



to continue his studies. He hopes to become a teacher, at which point we'll be happy to have him back at MDAH as a participant in a workshop he helped get off to a great start and as a user of resources he helped develop!



Thank you, Caleb!

Archaeology: Tulane University and MDAH Volunteers in the Field

News and Images from John Connaway and Volunteer Amanda Hoogstraat



Left to right: Jayur Mehta (Tulane), Haley Mehta (Tulane), Ethan Duncan (University of Central Michigan), Duncan (white dog), Dustin Reuther (Tulane), William Mutchnik (Tulane), King (black dog), Molly Cloutier (Tulane), Kaly Malechek (Tulane), Ricki Sanchez (Tulane), Katherine Collins (Tulane), Lauren Bailey (Mississippi State University), Sasha Monegro (Hunter College), David Guffey (University of Tennessee), and Amanda Hoogstraat.

Warning: Graphic and detailed material below. Not for the faint of heart!

Last spring we continued excavation of Carson Mound A enclosure area (easement) and exposed more pits, houses, postholes, and burials. Spencer Oliver, University of Mississippi graduate student, is currently analyzing the only flexed burial found on the site: Burial 66 (also known as Bob-66 after his discoverer, Bobby Rawlinson, nicked his skull with a backhoe). This was the only flexed burial found so far, out of a current total of 74. An adult male, his feet and lower legs had been burned, he had been cut in two at the waist with his lower half laid prone and his upper half folded back face-up over the lower half, and his hands were missing. It appeared that he may have been a tortured captive, and hastily buried in a pit too short for his length. To read the rest of this report, follow the link below:

http://www.mdah.state.ms.us/emailupload/uploads/CARSON_MOUNDS_PROJECT_UPDATE_2015.docx



Above: Volunteer Jessica Crawford with the Archaeological Conservancy and volunteer Bobby Rawlinson (on backhoe) serve at the excavation site.



Grand Village of the Natchez Indians

News from Lance Harris



Volunteer Marianne Raley performs at Eleventh Moon Storytelling. Image courtesy of Lance Harris.



Volunteer Chuck Borum teaching the camp participants about the Natchez. Image courtesy of Lance Harris.

Summer is an excellent time to volunteer at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians!

This year saw three sessions of Discovery Week Summer Camp that engaged the young minds of southwest Mississippi with a wide variety of activities. Of course, we could not put on this excellent program without our dedicated volunteers.

One of our constant performers at Eleventh Moon Storytelling, Marianne Raley, provided our campers with tales of old. Pat Martin utilized her artistic talents to teach methods of pottery making to mold their minds. Powwow chairman, Chuck Borum, exalted our little ones and their parents with Native American songs and even gave the children the opportunity to dance to the beat (see photo above).



Volunteer Pat Martin demonstrates pottery making. Image courtesy of Becky Anderson.

Our good partners from Historic Jefferson College also lent a hand—Robin Person showed the campers how to hit the bull’s eye with her archery demonstration, and Kay McNeil is our constant assistant.

Pat Martin and Michael Anderson also provided some crucial assistance in office updates. Their talents are especially seen in newly upholstered furniture.

Freda Spell Shares Her Knowledge

News and Image from the Editor

It is well known that MDAH volunteers are very knowledgeable and giving people. Visitors and patrons comment on this fact often. Recently, docent Freda Spell shared her research with fellow capitol volunteers. Freda traveled to Chicago in efforts to learn more about Louis J. Millet, the stained glass artist whose work adorns our capitol and whose studio was based in Chicago.

Freda visited with staff at the Art Institute of Chicago where Millet directed the decorative arts department for many years. The staff members gathered information from their files that Freda requested. Also, Freda was able to tour several Chicago sites that housed Millet's stained glass treasures. She presented her findings to the MDAH volunteers attending the recent *Let's Chat* session at the Capitol.

Mississippi was truly fortunate to engage such a master as Millet. We are also fortunate to have the high caliber of volunteers that represent us on a daily basis to the community, going the extra step to make our visitors feel welcome and telling the Mississippi story.

Thank you, Freda!



Above: Capitol volunteers gather at a Let's Chat session conducted by Curator Brenda Davis and Visitor Services staff Kathy Broom and Joy Matthews. These sessions are held periodically to update the volunteers on information important to their service.

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Thank you, MDAH volunteers, for a job well done.



Mississippi Book Festival HUGE Success!

Link to C-Span Coverage Below

Images courtesy of MDAH



Above: Not only were MDAH volunteers giving tours at the capitol during the festival, but many also attended this great event.

Below: The Eudora Welty House and Garden staff and volunteers set up a tent and welcomed many visitors.

Be sure to access the C-Span panel discussion on Welty to the right.



On Saturday, August 22, the capitol was the site of the first *Mississippi Book Festival*. The hallways were packed with people and the sessions were full. Capitol curator Brenda Davis said that approximately 3,700 participants were in attendance—more than triple the number projected!

Visitor Services coordinator Kathy Broom coordinated numerous volunteers to offer guided tours and information throughout the day.

Link to C-Span festival link:

<http://www.c-span.org/series/?bookfairs>

Link to *panel discussion on Eudora Welty*:

<http://www.c-span.org/video/?327594-3/mississippi-book-festival-panel-discussion-eudora-welty>



Eudora Welty House and Garden Volunteers To the Rescue!

News and Images from Maggie Stevenson



Left to right: Sister Simmons and Bridget Edwards



Left to right: Sister Simmons, Lynn Evans, and Martha Blount preparing goodies.



Left to right: Laura Magee (red shirt) and Ann Bittick (sitting) greet visitors to the EWHG.



Left to right: Lee Anne Bryan, Beverly Fatherree, Cindy Lyons, Laura Magee, Ann Bittick, and Helen Lyons.

Summer of 2015 has been busy at the Eudora Welty House and Garden (EWHG), and we would never have been able to get through these “dog days” without all of our fantastic volunteers. June started with a bang with the *Welty Biennial* and the *June Recital Remix* and story time every Thursday afternoon with Lemuria, and finishing up with the *Welty Portrait Reader* art show could not have been better.

We also have to hand it to the Cereus Weeders. The lack of rain and temperatures in the 100's did not stop any of these volunteers from meeting every Wednesday morning and saving the garden.

We have been celebrating Suzanne Marrs and her new book, *Meanwhile There Are Letters*, with events at Lemuria, EWHG and the *Mississippi Book Festival*. The volunteers have really stepped up by making and serving refreshments at all of these events. *The First Edition Evening* to kick off the book festival was a blast and the volunteers had a wonderful time guiding the book festival panelists through the house and the Education and Visitors Center and listening to the visiting authors' own stories about Miss Welty.

The Pitter-Patter of Little Feet – a Fun Sound Heard Throughout the State Capitol

News from Kathy Broom, Images courtesy of Joy Matthews



This summer brought a number of little ones with their families to the capitol. Our MDAH volunteers were happy to make their visits memorable.



Left: MDAH volunteer Ashley Kincses welcomes and gives capitol stickers, pins, and activity booklets to young visitors from Vaughan and Summit. After Anna Grace Campbell talked about her school's tour of the capitol, her brother Aaron wanted to visit, too. So, they came for a tour as part of their "stay-cation." They also made new friends from Summit during their tour. Left to right: Ashley Kincses, Aaron Campbell, Anna Grace Campbell Front row, left to right: Tripp Jones, Bryson and Madison Jamison.

Right: One of our youngest guests, Easton Browning of Concord, New Hampshire, is visiting at seven weeks old. She's greeted by MDAH volunteer Jerald Everett. Her mom, Carly, is originally from Jackson and met his dad, Michael, from New Hampshire while at the University of Mississippi. Left to right: Carly, Easton, and Michael Browning, and MDAH volunteer Jerald Everett.



Left: MDAH volunteers Linda Young and Buena Lee Huff welcome Kelee and Kolbi Price of Summit. They were brought to the capitol by their grandfather, Ray Scott, who had been a page in the 1950s for his father, Representative Bob Scott. Left to right: Linda Young, Kelee Price, Buena Lee Huff, and Kolbi Price.

Fun pictures: Views from on High



The majestic eagle soars atop the Mississippi State Capitol. Image courtesy of Jennifer Baughn, chief architectural historian for MDAH.



Waterproofing project continues at the capitol.



Picture of the Museum of Mississippi History (left) and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum (right) taken on August 28, 2015.



Present Meets Past

Thursday, October 29
5-8 p. m.

FREE!



Enjoy the Old Capitol Museum as you speak with interesting personalities from the state's past.

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Lots to do, people to see, places to go...

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[http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/category/events-
category/](http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/category/events-category/)

Answers

Test Your Knowledge of Mississippi

1. C) Yoknapatawpha
2. B) *Native Son* and *Black Boy*
3. A) Grimm's Fairytales

MDAH Volunteer Newsletter

Elizabeth Coleman, editor

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Katie Blount, director



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