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MDAH Celebrates the Holiday Season

On Friday, December 5, the Mississippi Governor's Mansion, Old Capitol Museum, Eudora Welty House and Garden, Manship House Museum, and William F. Winter Building will be decked out in traditional holiday decorations for the nineteenth annual Old Jackson Christmas by Candlelight Tour. Free transportation will take visitors from site to site, with parking available at the Old Capitol and the Mississippi Fairgrounds at the Jefferson Street entrance. The tour begins at 4:30 and runs until 8:30.

The Old Capitol, Jackson's oldest building, will be decorated 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. Old Capitol holiday ornaments and gift bags will be on sale at the Candlelight Marketplace. Enjoy bite-size pastries and confections provided by La Brioche Bakery from 6 to 7:30 p.m. while listening to musical groups from across the city. Performing will be Jim Hill



High School Choir, 4:40-5:10; the Mississippi Boychoir, 5:30-6; the Mississippi Girlchoir, 6:20-6:50; and East Rankin Choir, 7:10-7:40. The Hinds Community College

Brass Ensemble will perform between the choir sets throughout the evening.

The circa-1842 Mississippi Governor's Mansion will be decorated with seasonal greenery. The East Garden will be open, and a very special guest from the North Pole will greet visitors. Hot chocolate and gingerbread cookies prepared by mansion chef Matt Huffman will be served. Musical performances will include pianists Dan Michael Colbert at 4:30 p.m. and Jimmy Jarratt at 6:30 p.m.

Visitors to the Eudora Welty House and Garden will tour the first floor of Welty's home, which will have on display holiday photographs and a selection of greeting cards with a British Isles theme from Irish writer Elizabeth Bowen, English writers E.M. Forster, V.S. Pritchett, P.L. Travers, and more. Pumpkin bread and hot tea and cider will be served at the Visitors Center as the Celtic band Spirits of the House will perform jigs and reels along with a selection of holiday musical standards.

Though currently undergoing a restoration, the 1857 Gothic Revival Manship

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Kellogg Awards Civil Rights Museum \$2.3M

Grant Will Fund Statewide Public Programming

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History will receive \$2.3 million from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to support programming through the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum and fund a partnership between MDAH, the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute, and the William

Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation. The grant will make possible educational initiatives such as summer teacher training programs and school workshops, public programs in communities throughout the state, and the digitization of important historical documents from the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Collection at MDAH. The announcement was made October 14 in Jackson at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building.

"We thank the W.K. Kellogg

Foundation for this extraordinary investment in our state's future and for connecting the collections of MDAH with the people of Mississippi," said MDAH director H.T. Holmes. "And we are thrilled they made this grant in honor of Myrlie Evers and Governor William Winter, two leaders who have been instrumental in making the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum a reality."

The Mississippi Civil Rights Museum and Museum of Mississippi History are under con-

struction in downtown Jackson and are scheduled to open in December 2017 as the centerpiece of the state's bicentennial celebration

"I can't wait for the day that the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum opens its doors to people from Mississippi and throughout the country and the world," said Myrlie Evers, speaking at the luncheon after learning of the endowment. Winter added that young people visiting the Civil

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House Museum will open its doors for a Victorian Christmas. Living history characters from the nineteenth century will share their holiday memories with visitors who will enjoy family crafts and appetizers provided by the Manship Wood Fired Kitchen. Musical performances will include the Flagship Band playing music of the Civil War era, 5–8 p.m. in the house and Madison Station Elementary School Fifth Grade Honor Choir, 6:30–7:15 p.m. on the Manship side porch.

The 1950s and '60s aluminum Christmas tree will be on display in the Winter Building along with Antebellum, Victorian, and Depression-era Christmas trees reflecting Mississippi's history. The ever-popular model town of Possum Ridge and its trains will also be on display. Characters from *A Special Visitor Comes to Possum Ridge* will read from the children's book inspired by the train exhibit. The First Presbyterian Day School Fifth Grade Choir in Jackson will perform



at 4:45 p.m.

For more information about the Christmas by Candlelight Tour call 601-576-6800 or visit the MDAH website, mdah.state.ms.us.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

December 1–23 and 26–31 at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. **Winter Holidays.** Enjoy the model trains of Possum Ridge and period toys and Christmas trees. Exhibit open Mondays, noon–4:30; Tuesday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Group

tours of ten or more are available by reservation Tuesdays–Fridays, December 2–19. For more information or to make a reservation, call 601-576-6800.

December 2–19 at the Governor's Mansion. **Christmas at the Governor's Mansion.** The historic section of the Governor's Mansion features traditional holiday decorations using seasonal greenery. Free guided tours are offered Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the half-hour. (Closed weekends and Mondays.) Reservations must be made in advance for groups of ten or more. The Governor's Mansion will be closed for tours from Tuesday, December 23, through Monday, January 5, 2015. The Mansion may be closed at other times during the month for official state functions. To confirm the availability of the Mansion for tours or for information, call 601-359-6421.

December 2–31 at the Old Capitol Museum. **Years of Yuletide: Christmas in Jackson.** This exhibit highlights various Jack-

son Christmas traditions with selected artifacts and photos. For more information call 601-576-6920.

December 5, 12, and 13, noon at the Old Capitol Museum. **Sounds of the Season.** Enjoy local choirs in the Old Capitol Museum's rotunda on selected Fridays and Saturdays. Hinds Community College Choir will perform on Friday, December 5; Scotland Baptist Church on Friday, December 12; and Mississippi Young Singers on Saturday, December 13. For more information call 601-576-6920.

December 4–30 at Historic Jefferson College. **Celebration of Christmas Trees.** School groups and home educators adopt Christmas trees and decorate them for class projects. For more information call 601-442-2901.

Saturday, December 13 at 2 p.m. at Winterville Mounds. **Holiday Open House.** Celebrate the holidays with food, punch, singing, and good cheer for everyone. For more information call 662-334-4684.



Teacher Workshop To Focus On Women

For thirty years the Department of Archives and History has drawn social studies teachers from around the state each fall to its annual workshop at the Old Capitol that helps translate Mississippi history into classroom experiences. Now MDAH is expanding its outreach with a new series of teacher workshops that will be held around the state each spring. The annual conference will approach the state's history thematically, examining a different aspect each year.

The inaugural workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, in Natchez and explore the role women have played in Mississippi's history, from politics and civic activism to the arts and education. Topics will include the matrilineally organized societies of American Indians; women's lives during the Civil War and World War II; the legacy of women in the Civil Rights Movement; woman suffrage; and the life of Mississippi poet and educator Margaret Walker Alexander. Presenters will include Reena Evers-Everette, president of the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute; Robby Luckett, director of the Margaret Walker Alexander Center at Jackson State University; and David Slay, Vicksburg National Military Park.

A .5 CEU credit is issued through Mississippi College. The Spring Workshop will be held at the Natchez Convention Center, 211 Main Street. Registration is \$40, and the deadline is February 13, 2015. For more information call 601-576-6800.

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From left, Mississippi state senator John Horhn, MDAH board of trustees president Kane Ditto, former NAACP chair Myrlie Evers, Kellogg Foundation president and CEO La June Montgomery Tabron, former governor William Winter, and MDAH director H.T. Holmes.

Rights Museum will learn lessons of sacrifice, courage, and determination that will help them make a difference in Mississippi and the world.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, founded in 1930 as an independent, private founda-

tion by breakfast cereal pioneer Will Keith Kellogg, is among the largest philanthropic foundations in the United States. The Kellogg Foundation is based in Battle Creek, Michigan, and works throughout the United States and internation-

ally, as well as with sovereign tribes. Special emphasis is paid to priority places where there are high concentrations of poverty and where children face significant barriers to success. For more information visit www.wkkgf.org.

Spring Emancipation Symposium Set

The year 1865 marked the end of the Civil War and the promise of freedom for the nation's enslaved people. A celebration of this pivotal moment, "Mississippi Jubilee," is set for Wednesday, April 15, through Friday, April 17, in Jackson.

Activities will range from musical and theatrical performances at the Smith Robertson Museum and Mississippi Museum of Art to symposia at the Old Capitol Museum and Tougaloo College.

The April 16 symposium at the Old Capitol, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., will include topics related to black soldiers' roles in the Civil War, life in contraband camps, and the Freedmen's Bu-

reau. Duke University associate professor Thavolia Glymph will discuss the experience of former slaves in refugee camps.

On April 17 the morning symposium at Tougaloo College will feature a panel discussion on education and the freed slaves. Topics will include the history of black education and Smith Robertson School and the founding of Rust College, Tougaloo College, and Jackson State University.

"As we have commemorated significant events in Civil War and Civil Rights history these past few years, it's important to remember the transformative impact of the emancipation of

slaves in Mississippi and across the South," said Mississippi Humanities Council director Stuart Rockoff. "More than half of Mississippi's population became free with the end of slavery. The Mississippi Humanities Council is excited to work with MDAH and our other partners to help bring increased public awareness to this watershed event in our state's history."

"Mississippi Jubilee" is made possible through a partnership with the Margaret Walker Center at Jackson State University, Mississippi Humanities Council Smith Robertson Museum, Tougaloo College, and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Madel Morgan Stringer, 1918-2014

Former Mississippi Department of Archives and History division director Madel Morgan Stringer died November 12 in Ridgeland, Mississippi. She was 96 years old.

Born Margaret Adelia (Madel) Jacobs in Rosedale, Mississippi, on April 26, 1918, she was a great-granddaughter of Charles Clark, governor of Mississippi 1863-65. Madel Jacobs graduated from Mississippi State College for Women (now Mississippi University for Women) in 1939. In 1945 she was hired as secretary to MDAH director William David McCain, quickly working her way up to research assistant. She left the department in 1953 and soon accepted the position of librarian at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Jackson.

In 1968 she joined the Mississippi Library Commission, and in 1979 returned to MDAH as director of the Archives and Library Division. While in that position she oversaw the department's participation in the United States Newspaper Program, a cooperative national effort between the states



and the federal government to locate, catalog, and preserve on microfilm newspapers published in the U.S. from the eighteenth

century to the present. She retired from the department in 1988.

Madel Morgan Stringer was president of the Mississippi Historical Society 1994-95 and a member of Daughters of the King at St. Columb's Episcopal Church, the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Mississippi, the Order of the First Families of Mississippi, and the Mississippi Library Association.

"Madel Jacobs Morgan Stringer was beloved by all who knew her," said former MDAH director Elbert R. Hilliard. "Her commitment to effective and courteous public service through her association with the Department of Archives and History and the Mississippi Library Commission was unsurpassed. I was fortunate and blessed to have the opportunity to work with Madel during her second tour of duty with MDAH and benefitted immensely by her sound counsel and knowledge of our state's history. She was indeed a very special lady."

Justice Department Attorney John Doar, 1921-2014

John Doar, an attorney with the Justice Department whose legal efforts in Mississippi and other southern states helped lay the groundwork for the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, died November 11 in New York City. He was 92.

"He was the face of the Justice Department in the South," President Obama said in 2012 when he presented Doar with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian honor. "He was proof that the federal government was listening."

Doar was born December 3, 1921, in Wisconsin. He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II before graduating from Princeton University in 1946 and earning his law degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1949. Doar joined the Justice

Department in 1960 and led its civil rights division from 1964 to 1967.

In 1962, Doar was the federal point man during James Meredith's efforts to become the first African American student at the University of Mississippi. Doar stayed with Meredith in his dormitory room the night of the fatal riot that erupted after Meredith's successful enrollment and remained with him for several weeks afterward.

In Jackson in the summer of 1963 an angry crowd of African Americans clashed with white police officers some fifty yards away after the assassination of Medgar Evers. Doar stepped into the no-man's land to ward off the potentially deadly confrontation. "My name is John Doar," he said. "D-O-A-R. I'm from the Justice Department, and anybody

around here knows I stand for what is right. You're not going to win anything with bottles and bricks. Medgar Evers wouldn't want it this way."

In 1967 Doar successfully prosecuted the killers of civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner in Philadelphia, including a Neshoba County deputy sheriff and the state head of the Ku Klux Klan.

Doar left the Justice Department in 1967 but returned to D.C. six years later as special counsel to the House Judiciary Committee,

leading an impeachment inquiry of President Nixon's activities during the Watergate scandal. "I'm a lawyer," he said at the time. "I like to take on difficult cases. I like to prepare cases. To me, success is seeing that justice is done, that the Constitution is preserved and fairness occurs."

"Mississippi was fortunate John Doar spent six years riding the back roads of this state and in courtrooms fighting on the front line for the rights of our citizens," said longtime journalist Bill Minor. "What John Doar did for the state of Mississippi is incalculable."



Charnley-Norwood Restoration Wins Best-Of 2014

The Department of Archives and History was honored for its work on a nationally significant Gulf Coast residence. The Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians presented MDAH and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources with their 2014 Best of the South: Preserving Southern Architecture award for the restoration of the Charnley-Norwood House in Ocean Springs.

The house was designed for timber baron James Charnley in 1890 by two of the United States' most influential architects, Chicago's Louis Sullivan—"the father of the skyscraper"—and his lead draftsman Frank Lloyd Wright—"the father of modern architecture." The vacation cottage was destroyed by fire in 1896 and immediately reconstructed by the new owner Frederick W. Norwood.

The privately owned home was nearly destroyed again more than a century later when Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 2005. Teams of preservation professionals from across the country descended on the Gulf Coast to help identify and save significant structures. Under MDAH's oversight, they helped document the house and salvage significant portions of the building from the wreckage. By 2009 teams had completed an emergency stabilization of the property. In 2011 a federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program grant allowed the property to be purchased by the State of Mississippi, and funds from the federal Hurricane Relief Grant Program for Historic Preservation administered by MDAH made possible the restoration.



The Charnley-Norwood house broke from the Victorian residential tradition of verticality and smaller rooms with a more open footprint and design that allowed abundant natural light into the space.

"The restoration of the Charnley-Norwood House is an exceptional example of architectural research, documentation, stabilization, restoration, and preservation," said Ruben Acosta, SESAH Best of the South awards committee chair. "This multi-year project was an enormous collaborative effort between state agencies, national preservation organizations, architects, researchers, and local government. Not only did the project result in the preservation of a unique property, but it also served to expand the field of American architectural history by addressing a key part of the development of modern residential architecture at the end of

the nineteenth century. This project represents the highest standard of preservation, and it is a true, back-from-the-brink story."

The Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians is a regional chapter of the national Society of Architectural Historians that includes twelve states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

A documentary on the restoration of the Charnley-Norwood House is on the MDAH Youtube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGvDnkE79Y>.

Civil War in State Theme of Conference

As sesquicentennial commemorations of the Civil War draw to a close in 2015, the Mississippi Historical Society will examine the role Mississippi played in the Civil War at its annual meeting in Corinth, March 5-7. Presentation topics will include the Battle of Corinth, Unionism, life on the homefront, and slavery.

On Friday, March 6, John F. Marszalek will deliver the banquet address "Ulysses S. Grant and His Place in Mississippi—

Then and Now." Marszalek is the executive director and managing editor of the Ulysses S. Grant Association and the Giles Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Mississippi State University. He is the author or editor of thirteen books and more than 300 articles and book reviews.

At the Friday luncheon Susannah Ural, the Blount Professor of Military History at the University of Southern Mississippi, will present "The

Beauvoir Veteran Project." Ural is co-director of USM's Dale Center for the Study of War & Society. She is finishing her fourth book, *Hood's Boys: John Bell Hood's Texas Brigade and the American Civil War* (LSU Press).

A Civil War Corinth Tour is scheduled for Friday afternoon. The winner of the McLemore Prize for best book will be announced at the Friday banquet. The Bettersworth Award for outstanding history

teacher and other awards will be presented Saturday, March 7, at the awards luncheon.

Rooms are reserved for Thursday evening, March 5, and Friday evening, March 6, at the Hampton Inn, 2107 Highway 72 West in Corinth, 662-286-5949. When making reservations, be sure to specify the MHS rate of \$89 plus tax per night.

For more information call 601-576-6849 or email mhs@mdah.state.ms.us.

Local Civil Rights Veterans Featured in Series

During the summer and fall, MDAH and the Mississippi Humanities Council partnered with communities and organizations across the state on a series of programs featuring local civil rights veterans and presentations on the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum now under construction in Jackson and the collections of the department. The five “Freedom Summer and Beyond” programs attracted more than 325 people.

“The struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi was a grassroots movement involving scores of local people who helped transform our state,” said Mississippi Humanities Council director Stuart Rockoff. “The Humanities Council was honored to support these programs, which gave voice to these local heroes and honored the work they have done.”

MDAH partnered with the Humphreys County chapter of the NAACP and the Humphreys County Cultural Museum on



Freedom Summer and Beyond: Belzoni

the inaugural program in July, held at the O.M. McNair Elementary School in Belzoni. The featured speaker was Bessie Ree Moore Thurman. In August the department worked with the DeSoto County African American History Symposium and the DeSoto County Museum to stage a panel that included Gemenie Bowdrie, Gertrude Bridgeforth, Willie Dobbins, Theron Long, Leslie McLemore, Thomas Plunkett,

and Joseph Stone at the West Oak Grove Church of Christ in Hernando. The Canton Chapter of the NAACP co-sponsored the September program in Canton

that featured John Brown and Dr. William Truly.

The Young People’s Project of McComb coordinated a program that featured MacArthur Cotton, Jessie Harris, Joe Lewis, Jessie Morris, Brenda Travis, and Hollis Watkins at the McComb branch of the Pike-Amite-Walthall Library System in October.

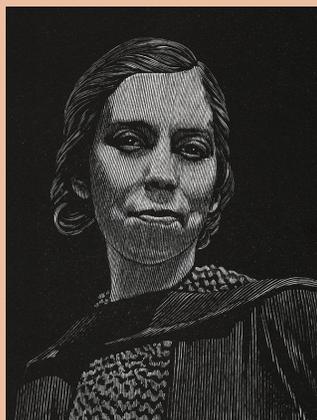
The final program of the series was held in November at the Westside Community Center in Gulfport. Co-sponsored by the Quarters Group, 33rd Avenue Alumni Association, and Concerned Citizens Coalition, it featured Gulf Coast civil rights activists James Black, Robert Cook, and Boyd James III.

Final Print in Welty Series by Barry Moser Released

The fifth and final engraving of a Eudora Welty portrait by award-winning artist Barry Moser has been issued in time for the holidays. It joins the earlier works in the series, each depicting Welty at a different time in her life.

From a limited run of 100, all prints are signed and numbered by the artist. Donated by Moser, they sell for \$250 each, plus tax and shipping, and all proceeds support the Eudora Welty House and Garden.

A longtime friend and collaborator of Eudora Welty’s, Moser illustrated a limited edition of her book *The Robber Bridegroom* and won the National Book Award for de-



sign and illustration for Lewis Carroll’s *Alice in Wonderland*.

Prints may be purchased at the Eudora Welty Education and Visitors Center, 1109 Pinehurst Street, Jackson. Call 601-353-7762 for more information.

Statehood Day
December 10, noon
Old Capitol Museum

A living history event with Speaker of the House John R. Lynch, Governor Andrew Longino, and others reflecting on key events in Mississippi’s past.

Reception to follow.
State Street at Capitol • 601-576-6920
www.oldcapitolmuseum.com

Grant Awarded to Catalog, Digitize Items

MDAH will use nearly \$150,000 in federal funds to create digital images and descriptions of more than 11,000 artifacts and make that information available online. The Institute of Museum and Library Services grant will provide for contractual staff, photography and computer equipment, and specialized software over the three-year project, which will begin December 1.

“Our grants are highly competitive, and receiving one is a significant achievement,” said IMLS director Susan H. Hildreth. “The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums.”

The project team will catalog, photograph, and create digital object records for more than 11,000 artifacts—more than half the entire MDAH collection—including more than four thousand books at the Eudora Welty House and Garden. Staff will record each artifact’s measurements, materials, type, identifying marks, and any damage, then create metadata for the new digital object records.

The department adopted a new nomenclature system in 2012, and some previously cataloged artifacts will be reclassified in accordance with it. MDAH began accepting artifact donations soon after the department’s creation in 1902 but did not begin to formally accession items until 1960. The majority of records from the first half century years lack measurements, detailed descriptions, and current condition reports.

“This work may challenge many people’s understandings of Mississippi’s story as the project leads to the uncovering of misidentified artifacts, disprove reputed provenance and object histories—particularly for artifacts donated prior to 1960,” said MDAH



Eudora Welty kept books in every room in her house—including stacks on the table in the dining room.

director of collections Cindy Gardner.

Accurate assessments of artifacts in the collection will allow staff to prioritize any work needed on the nearly 1,800 objects slated for permanent exhibit in the Museum of Mississippi History and Mississippi Civil Rights Museum now under construction. The enhanced database will be used to develop programming and exhibits for the new museums by identifying strengths of the collection. “It will also extend the lifespan of the department’s holdings by reducing the need for repeated handling of those artifacts and allow staff to shift their time from maintaining artifacts to identifying and acquiring items to fill in gaps in the collection,” Gardner said.

MDAH staff will make regular monthly postings to the department’s collections blog *A Sense of Place* highlighting the newly digitized content as the project progresses. The project will pave the way for the development and launch of a digital collections interface.

For more than a decade online researchers could find descriptions of many of the department’s holdings but few images of the actual items. An ongoing MDAH project will add images of all items in the collection to the online catalog and allow users to view a wide array of not only historical documents and photographs but also archaeological artifacts and objects from the museums and historic sites the department operates.

Original Rolling Stones To Perform at Old Capitol

Relive the early days of rock and roll at “Go, Cap’ Go! An Evening with Andy Anderson and the Original Rolling Stones” at the Old Capitol on Thursday, January 22. The event will feature live music from Anderson and some of his bandmates, an opportunity to meet the musicians before

and after their performance, food, and an open bar.

Doors will open at 5:30, and attendees can play songs from a jukebox loaded with records from the 1950s and ‘60s as they eat, drink, and mingle. The performance will begin shortly after six o’clock and last about an hour. Anderson

will have books and music for sale before and after the show. Tickets are \$40, but if purchased before December 15 are only \$35.

The Rolling Stones formed in 1955—before the English band that would later make the name famous—while the members were

enrolled at Mississippi State University. The band played early rockabilly and rock and roll tunes, both covers and originals. Some of their hits included “Tough, Tough, Tough,” “Johnny Valentine,” and “You Shake Me Up.” For tickets or more information call 601-576-6920.

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JANUARY-MARCH HISTORY IS LUNCH CALENDAR

Programs in the *History Is Lunch* series are held noon Wednesdays in the William F. Winter Archives and History Building (WFW) or Old Capitol Museum (OCM). There is no admission charge.

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

January 14—Historian Walter Howell will talk about his new history of Clinton, Mississippi, *Town and Gown*. Sales and signing to follow. **WFW**

January 21—Mary Carol Miller and Allan Hammons will discuss their series *Greenwood: Mississippi Memories*. Sales and signing to follow. **WFW**

January 28—Jennifer Baughn and Brenda Davis will present

“Revising History: The State Capitol Restoration.” **WFW**

February 4—Playwright Carole Cannon and actor Jasmine Rivera will present scenes from the one-woman play “The Women of Farish Street.” **WFW**

February 11—Pearl McHaney will discuss her new book *A Tyrannous Eye: Eudora Welty’s Nonfiction and Photographs*. Sales and signing to follow. **WFW**

February 18—Rick Cleveland will talk about people profiled in his new book *Mississippi’s Sports Heroes*. Sales and signing to follow. **WFW**

February 25—Clarence Hunter will present “Three Chaplains,”

a program about influential staff at Tougaloo College. **WFW**

March 4—John Marszalek will present “The Civil War Ends and Reconstruction Begins in Mississippi.” **OCM**

March 11—Jere Nash will present “The End of Reconstruction: 1875 and the Most Infamous Campaign in Mississippi History.” **OCM**

March 18—K.C. Morrison will present “African American Political Participation in Mississippi Reconstruction.” **OCM**

March 25—Stephen Middleton will present “The Politics of Expedience: Reconstruction and the Enfranchisement of African American Males in the South.” **OCM**

The MDAH Historic Preservation Division is developing priorities and objectives for Fiscal Year 2015 Historic Preservation Fund–assisted programs. Suggestions and comments from the public in regard to proposed priorities, objectives, and projects are invited.

Annually grants-in-aid are made available through a competitive application process to Certified Local Governments. Historic preservation projects benefiting minorities and the disabled are encouraged.

Address comments or questions to Jim Woodrick, director, Historic Preservation Division, MDAH, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.