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October Events

Greenville

Winterville Mounds

October 1–31: **Mock excavations*** and other programs will be offered for school groups. Archaeologist John Sullivan and historian Jan Taylor are available to give programs on **archaeology and Native Americans** to area schools (662-334-4684).

Jackson

William F. Winter Archives and History Building

History is Lunch (601-576-6857)

Wednesday, October 4, noon–1 p.m. **Sam Brookes**, USDA Forest Service, will tell how we now know that some of our **Indians mounds*** predate Stonehenge and the pyramids of Egypt.

Wednesday, October 11, noon–1 p.m. William Winter and Andy Mullins will discuss and sign copies of *The Measure of Our Days: Writings of William F. Winter*.

Wednesday, October 25, noon–1 p.m. Historian/author Mary Collins Landin will present **“Historic Cemeteries of Hinds County.”**

Old Capitol Green

Wednesday-Friday, October 4-6, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. The Museum of Mississippi History’s *Demo-Dig 2006: Can You Dig It?** — one-hour demonstration archaeology dig* for grades 4–6. Reservations required (601-576-6920).

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*Archaeology Month events

Tougaloo Nine Honored



Left, James Bradford, one of the original Tougaloo Nine; right, exhibit designer Bruce O’Hara, Tougaloo College

An exhibit featuring historical photographs of the Tougaloo Nine and the Jackson Movement was presented September 8 at the Eudora Welty Library in Jackson. Speaking to the large group assembled for the occasion were Jackson City Councilman Leslie B. McLemore, political science professor at Jackson State University and chair of *Remembering the Jackson Movement*, along with H. T. Holmes, MDAH director; Clarence Hunter, curator of the Tougaloo Collection at MDAH; Bruce O’Hara, Dean of Arts and

Humanities at Tougaloo College and designer of the exhibit panels; civil rights activist Ed King, Jackson; and James Bradford, Jackson, one of the original Tougaloo Nine that staged the “sit-in” demonstration at the Jackson Municipal Library on March 27, 1961. Working with Hunter on the photographs for the exhibit were Ben Holland and Preston Everett, MDAH Image/Sound staff. The reception following was sponsored by Broad Street Baking Company.



Among speakers at the Tougaloo Nine exhibit opening were (l-r) Leslie McLemore, Clarence Hunter, and H. T. Holmes.

Ghost Books 50% off



OCTOBER: Choose from a wide selection of books about (historical) ghosts, ghost towns, ghost dogs, haunted houses, and more.

Old Capitol Shop, William F. Winter Building
200 North Street, Jackson 601-576-6921

Suggestion Box

The MDAH Historic Preservation Division is developing priorities and objectives for fiscal year 2007 Historic Preservation Fund-assisted programs. Suggestions and comments from the public in regard to proposed priorities, objectives, and projects are invited. Please address correspondence to Kenneth H. P'Pool, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205.

Archives Week October 22–28

In celebration of Archives Week, MDAH has scheduled special events:

Tuesday, October 24, noon–1 p.m. brown bag talk: “Introduction to the MDAH Archives,” De’Niecechsi C. Layton, MDAH librarian; **Wednesday, October 25**, noon–1 p.m. brown bag talk, Mary Collins Landin on cemeteries of Hinds County (*see page one*); and **Thursday, October 26**, 5:30–6:30 p.m., “Tracing Your African American Ancestors,” Joyce Dixon-Lawson, MDAH librarian. Tours of the William F. Winter Building will follow each program.

For more information, please call 601-576-6857 or 576-6884.

October Events

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Manship House Museum (601-961-4724)

Thursday and Friday, October 12–13, “Manships Unearthed.”*

Students observe MDAH archaeologists conduct an excavation on the grounds to learn more about this family’s history. Reservations required.

Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. **“Civil War Sites and Sounds”**: 10 a.m., “Civil War Medicine,” retired pharmacist Joe Gerache; 2 p.m., historian Terry Winschel; 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Bert Green and Mississippi Mess reenactors, recreated encampment on the grounds; noon–1 p.m., Magnolia Memories, Civil War songs and dances.

Greenville

Winterville Mounds, 2415 Highway 1 North (662-334-4684)

Sunday, October 15, 2 p.m.

“Findings of the 2006 USM-Winterville Field School,”*

USM anthropology professor Ed Jackson.

Natchez

Grand Village of the Natchez Indians (601-446-6502)

Wednesday and Thursday, October 11–12, *Student Days*.

Local and regional fourth-grade classes learn about Native American culture, archaeology, and nature studies.

Saturday, October 28, *Music at the Mounds*, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.. Volunteers perform gospel, country, and jazz.

Historic Jefferson College, Washington (601-442-2901)

Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. **Antique Gun Show & Seminar**: antique firearm identification, black powder safety demonstrations, tips on caring for antique firearms and building replica firearms, and a display of Civil War, WWII, and Vietnam-era guns.

Wednesday and Thursday, October 18–19, *Pioneer Days: The Way It Was*. Classes learn about pioneer skills.

Saturday, October 27, dusk. **Ghost Tales Around the Campfire.** Storytellers tell ghost stories around a bonfire.

Columbus

Sunday, October 15, 1:30–4 p.m. **Artifact Recovery Workshop.**

Conservators from the University of Delaware and Winterthur Museum will lead a workshop on recovering damaged glass, metal, ceramic, and **archaeological*** objects. Bring one artifact to be evaluated. **Columbus/Lowndes Public Library (601-576-6879).**

Events marked with an *asterisk are Archaeology Month events.

Gordon A. Cotton Retires

Gordon Cotton—teacher, writer, historian, architect, craftsman, deacon at his church, and museum curator/director for thirty years at the Old Court House Museum-Eva W. Davis Memorial in Vicksburg—has retired. Cotton became curator of the museum, now a National Historic Landmark, in 1976 and began raising money, collecting artifacts, constructing exhibits, and writing a weekly column in the *Vicksburg Evening Post* as well as numerous books about historic Vicksburg, where he was born. The Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 514 of the 2006 Mississippi Legislature honoring Cotton for his public service calls him “an exceptional Ambassador for Warren County and for Mississippi.” He has also been an esteemed and valued colleague of both MDAH and the Mississippi Historical Society, and we look forward to his continued friendship.

MDAH looks forward also to working with the new director, George “Bubba” Bolm, who promises to “keep it just like it is,” although he has begun a complete refurbishing of the museum and is planning to add a new exhibit on World War II.