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2MM Construction Underway



More than 100,000 cubic yards of dirt have been excavated from the site of the 2 Mississippi Museums since work began in December, with another 20,000 to go. The east side, along Jefferson Street, has been graded and smoothed. Workers continue to excavate the west side while installing a wall of auger-cast piles that will support the hill and protect the underground parking lot. Seventy-foot-long augers have begun drilling holes for the 1,700 steel-reinforced concrete piers that will support the buildings' foundations.

Two tower cranes, each with a 244-foot reach, will be assembled and used to move

materials across the entire site as the buildings grow.

When construction began, MDAH lost the use of the Winter Building parking lot, which now houses the project headquarters for Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc., and its contractors. While patrons may find parking on North and Amite streets along either side of the building, there have also been spaces reserved behind the War Memorial Building specifically for public visiting the Winter Building. If you plan to visit the Winter Building and require a handicapped-accessible spot, please contact MDAH at 601-576-6850 or at info@mdah.state.ms.us to ar-

range for parking behind the building.

"We are so pleased that Thrash has been able to stay on schedule in spite of the harsh weather conditions the workers endured in January and February," said MDAH Museum Division director Lucy Allen.

Phase one, the shell of the two museums, is expected to be completed in summer 2015. Phase two, interior construction, will last sixteen months. The Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum will open in 2017. To follow construction progress, go to 2mississippimuseums.com or mdah.state.ms.us.

Trail To Highlight Indian Heritage

A driving route due to be completed by year's end will link more than forty American Indian sites in the Delta and give motorists a glimpse into ancient cultures. The Mississippi Mounds Trail will run through fifteen counties and highlight the engineering genius and artistic vision of the people who created these earthworks hundreds of years before Columbus first came ashore in the Caribbean.

The first sites on the trail are in DeSoto County in the northernmost part of the state. The Mississippi Delta is home to more than one thousand mound sites—far more than could be included in any single tour. The trail closes in Wilkinson County, on the Louisiana state line.

The mounds at the Grand Village in Natchez, at Pochontas between Jackson and Yazoo City, and at Winterville Mounds near Greenville will be directly

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Former Governor Bill Allain, 1928–2013

Former Mississippi governor Bill Allain died December 2 in Jackson. He was 85.

William A. Allain was born February 14, 1928, near Natchez in Washington, Mississippi. He graduated from Notre Dame University and in 1950 earned a law degree from the University of Mississippi. During the Korean War, Allain served three years in the United States Infantry, much of which was spent in combat zones in Korea. After his discharge in 1953, Allain practiced law in Natchez until 1962 when he was appointed assistant state attorney general.

In 1979 Allain was elected state attorney general. In that office, he brought a lawsuit that eventually prohibited members of the legislature from serving on executive boards and agencies. Allain built a strong reputation as a consumer advocate. Two of his most notable achievements were the prevention of a utility rate increase and the exclusion of Mississippi as a nuclear waste site.

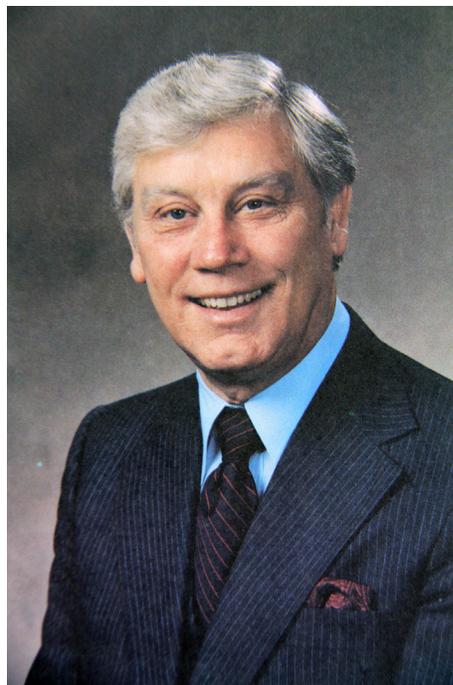
In 1983 Allain was elected governor, carrying seventy-four of eighty-two counties. As governor, he continued his support for constitutional reform, appointing a 350-member commission to study the state's 1890 Constitution. The commission drafted a new document, which Allain recommended for adoption. The Mississippi Legislature, however, took no action on

Governor Allain's proposal.

The constitutional amendment restructuring the state board of education, which was part of the Education Reform Act of 1982, was implemented during Allain's administration. That amendment provided for an appointed state superintendent of education and a nine-member state board of education.

A constitutional amendment allowing the governor to succeed himself was passed near the end of Governor Allain's term, and he considered running for re-election but eventually decided not to seek a second term.

In 1985 Allain appointed current MDAH board member Reuben Anderson as the first African American to the Mississippi Supreme Court. "I spent my early career as a civil rights lawyer with what began as the NAACP Legal Defense Fund Mississippi Office," said Anderson.



"Bill Allain was the chief assistant attorney general for the state for civil rights matters, thus we were frequently on opposite sides in court. Although we were presenting differing viewpoints, I found him to be one of the most talented and professional persons I ever dealt with.

"After court, we would often have lunch or dinner together. He had quick wit and a great sense of humor, and we became friends. In 2002 Governor Al-

lain and I were co-counsel to the State of Mississippi in its legislative redistricting efforts. We traveled together all over the state which he loved and knew so well. I learned so much from him and admired his integrity and his love for Mississippi and its people. His gubernatorial tenure was courageous and innovative. Our state owes him a great deal of gratitude for his service."

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accessible to the public. All the other sites will have interpretive signage at a nearby pull-off, but not all mounds will be visible from the road at all times of the year, and no other mounds will be open for the public to walk or climb on.

"Most of these mounds are privately owned," said Pam Lieb, MDAH chief archaeologist. "This driving trail gives people the opportunity to experience this rich aspect of the region's history in a systematic way that has not been possible up to now. They have been a secret treasure hiding in plain sight, in the case of each of these just a few yards from a public road."

The highway department has



One of the Pocahontas mounds.

situated each pull-off to balance visibility of the mounds with absolute safety for the motorists. A driving tour brochure and smart

phone application will provide a map and additional information about the history of each site.

"This project has given the

state the opportunity to conduct new research to help us better understand life in the area during the times these mounds were built," said Lieb. "Just as important, the mounds trail has the additional benefit of helping the landowners preserve the earthworks as archaeologists have provided technical services."

Construction of the first pull-offs has begun, and the first signage is expected to be installed in the coming months. The Mississippi Mounds Trail is a joint project of MDAH, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Mississippi Lower Delta Partnership, and local American Indian tribes.

Summer Fun for Kids at MDAH Camps

The Department of Archives and History's museums and historic sites across the state are offering summer camps for a variety of ages, with focuses ranging from architecture to pioneer skills to Native American culture. Call soon for registration deadlines and further information. Sign up your youngster today—these camps fill fast!

GRAND VILLAGE OF THE NATCHEZ INDIANS, NATCHEZ

Monday, June 9–Friday, June 13, 9 a.m.–noon. **Discovery Week.** Play stickball, learn about flint-knapping and pottery, walk nature trails, play games, and make crafts. For ages seven to ten; \$40 fee includes all supplies; pre-registration required. Call 601-446-6502 or email info@natchezgrandvillage.com for reservations.

Monday, June 23–Friday, June 27, 9 a.m.–noon. **Discovery Week.** Play stickball, learn about flint-knapping and pottery, walk nature trails, play games, and make crafts. For ages five to six; \$20 fee includes all supplies; pre-registration required. For more information or reservations, call 601-446-6502 or email info@natchezgrandvillage.com.



HISTORIC JEFFERSON COLLEGE, WASHINGTON

Tuesday, June 10–Thursday, June 12, 9 a.m.–noon. **Naturalist Camp.** Children ages 10-12 will get a close-up look at insects, mammals, reptiles,

amphibians, bugs, and plants through hands-on projects and observation in the field. Cost is \$35, pre-registration is required. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email info@historicjeffersoncollege.com.

Tuesday, June 24–Thursday, June 26, 1–4 p.m. **Frontier Survival Camp.** Children ages 10-14 will learn hands-on skills needed on the frontier to survive the wilds of Mississippi in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, including archery, hunting, tanning hides, map and compass reading, and more. Cost is \$35, pre-registration is required. For more information contact Toni Avance at 601-442-2901 or tavance@historicjeffersoncollege.com.

Tuesday, July 8–Thursday, July 10, 8 a.m.–noon. **Civil War Adventure Camp.** Civil War enthusiasts ages 8-12 are encouraged to sign up for this camp for a unique look at the Civil War from a soldier's point of view. Boys and girls will learn how to drill and parade, see a black-powder rifle demonstration, and learn about the gear necessary for survival while in the military. Cost is \$35, pre-registration is required. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email info@historicjeffersoncollege.com. Contact Clark Burkett at hcburkett@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, July 15–Thursday, July 17, 9 a.m.–noon. **Junior Naturalist Camp.** Children ages 7-9 will learn about native wildlife through hands-on arts and crafts projects and observation in the field. Cost is \$35,



pre-registration is required. For more information call 601-442-2901 or email info@historicjeffersoncollege.com.

OLD CAPITOL MUSEUM, JACKSON

Monday, July 14–Friday, July 18, 8:30 a.m.–noon. **Mississippi Inspectors: Building Mississippi.** Rising 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will learn about the architecture of the capital city as they visit the Mississippi Governor's Mansion, Old Capitol Museum, Eudora Welty House and Garden, and Mississippi State Capitol. Registration is \$50. Pre-registration required. For more information call 601-576-6800.

WINTERVILLE MOUNDS, GREENVILLE

Tuesday, June 17–Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m.–noon. **Summer Fun Days: Native Americans.** Children will learn about Native American culture through arts and crafts and special presentations. Activities will include archery, beading, face painting, storytelling, and making pottery, headbands, and hand-rattles. Registration is required,

admission is free. For more information or to register call 662-334-4684 or email info@winterville-mounds.com.

Tuesday, June 24–Friday, June 27, 10 a.m.–noon. **Summer Fun Days: Drum-Making.** Children will learn about Native American culture through arts and crafts and special presentations. Activities will include archery, beading, face painting, storytelling, and making pottery, headbands, and hand-rattles. Registration is required, but admission is free. For more information or to register call 662-334-4684 or email info@winterville-mounds.com.

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Old-Time Music Festival May 17

The Great Big Yam Potatoes Old-Time Music Gathering and Fiddle Contest returns for its seventh year to Historic Jefferson College on Saturday, May 17. Enjoy performances by some of Mississippi's best old-time musicians on the outdoor stage, watch talented fiddlers young and old vying for the prize in the fiddle contest, or join a jam session in the shade of the majestic live oaks.

"This is one of my favorite events all year," said Robin Person, Historic Jefferson College director. "The sound of the banjos and fiddles takes you back to the early days of the college when it opened in 1811."

This free festival celebrates Mississippi's long tradition of fiddle and string band music. Live acoustic performances begin at 9 a.m. on the outdoor stage and will feature some of the region's finest traditional musicians. Scheduled acts include old-time swing band the Canegrinders; gourd banjo player Jason Smith; clawhammer banjo player and multi-instrumentalist Johnny Rawls; early Americana duo Hal and Connie Jeannes; the finger-picking blues guitarist Reeves Jones; and multi-instrumentalist Charlie Patton.

The old-time fiddle contest gets underway at 10 a.m. in the circa-1839 East Wing building with musicians 17 and younger. Fiddlers 18 and older take to the stage after lunch. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three fiddlers in each division. The contest entry fee is five dollars. Updated rules, registration information, and an event schedule are online at www.bigyampotatoes.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GreatBigYamPotatoes.

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A dance featuring live music will be held in the East Wing in the evening following the contest and performances.

Arthur Davis of The Old Country Store in Lorman will return as food vendor. Davis's cooking has been featured in *Southern Living* and on the Food Network. Primitive camping is available Friday and Saturday night on the grounds of Historic Jefferson College.

The Great Big Yam Potatoes Old-Time

Music Gathering and Fiddle Contest is presented by the Mississippi Fiddlers Association. The Mississippi Fiddlers Association was formed in late 2007 to advance interest in rural fiddle music. To learn more contact Robert Waldo Gray at rwgray@umc.edu or at 601-898-8265.

Historic Jefferson College is located in Washington, four miles north of Natchez. 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. The Department of Archives and History acquired and restored the property. Today the site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is open throughout the week, allowing visitors a

look at the restored student dormitory, dining hall, kitchen buildings, and other historic sites. A nature trail winds by Saint Catherine Creek, and a museum and gift shop are located in the visitor center. Hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. The grounds are open daily sunup to sundown. Admission is free. For more information call 601-442-2901.

Freedom Summer Commemorations Planned

As part of the continuing, multi-year commemoration of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi, MDAH will observe the fiftieth anniversary of Freedom Summer with an original exhibit and special programs.

On June 2, a special lecture by Bob Moses, a Freedom Summer organizer, will open the exhibit "*Stand Up!": Mississippi Freedom Summer of 1964*. The exhibit will run through October at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building in Jackson then travel the state. Drawing on photographs, artifacts, documents, and film foot-

age from the MDAH collection, the exhibit will examine the courage, violence, and promise of the "long, hot summer."

In 1964, Freedom Summer made Mississippi the central battleground of the Civil Rights Movement. Hundreds of northern students, most of them white, joined local blacks to register voters, conduct Freedom Schools, and promote civil rights. Throughout the summer, project staff endured threats, arrests, beatings, and bombings.

The activities of Freedom Summer were spread across the state in communities such

as Holly Springs, McComb, Gulfport and Biloxi, Meridian, Hattiesburg, Indianola, and Canton. MDAH staff will take to the road this summer and present "Freedom Summer, 1964–2014: Telling the Story" in partnership with public libraries and local members of the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc. The outreach program will include conversations with local movement veterans, special presentations from MDAH staff about important artifacts and documents in the collections, and information about

the upcoming Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

Many of the key events leading up to the modern Civil Rights Movement, including the Secession Convention in 1863 and the writing of the 1890 Constitution, took place in the Old Capitol. Through June the museum will highlight its program "Black Mississippians: Road to the Vote," which examines the state's nineteenth-century political history and its relation to slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, and segregation. To make a reservation call 601-576-6920.

Welty House Gets Little Free Library

Belhaven's inaugural Little Free Library is now in place in the Eudora Welty Education and Visitor Center's front yard on Pinehurst Street. Little Free Libraries are hand-crafted structures that contain a changing collection of books donated and shared by people of all ages and backgrounds.

The Tudor-style box echoes the architecture of Eudora Welty's house and can hold more than twenty books. In the spirit of Welty's love of reading, the library is available to anyone willing to share a book.

"The Little Free Library is a nationwide movement that encourages reading," said Chase Wynn, education outreach specialist at the Eudora Welty House and Garden. "I feel certain Miss Welty would have liked that."

Two other Little Free Libraries are located in Jackson neighborhood Fondren. The Little Free Library's mission is to promote a sense of community, reading for children, literacy for adults, and libraries around the world.

Belhaven neighborhood architect Arthur Jones designed the structure and Jeff Becker of Quality Carpentry built it. The library was sponsored by the Belhaven Improvement Association.

The Eudora Welty House and Garden (EWHG) is celebrating the ten-year anniversary of the historic garden's opening in March. Mississippi native, writer, and humorist Julia

Reed will be the guest speaker at a special garden luncheon on March 27 at the Mississippi Museum of Art. Night blooming cereuses and camellias propagated from Welty's own plants will be available for sale. Proceeds will benefit the continuing restoration of the garden. Luncheon tickets may be purchased for \$60 each by sending a check payable to the Eudora Welty Foundation at P.O. Box 55685 Jackson,



MS 39296-5685. For more information, call 601-353-7762 or email foundation@eudorawelty.org.

The EWHG will host its annual spring plant sale on Saturday, March 29, beginning at 10 a.m. and running until the plants are sold out. The sale will feature varieties of camellias found in the garden such as "White Empress" and "Pink

design. The collection contains extensive documentation of the garden kept by Welty and her mother, Chestina, including garden diaries and journals, photographs of the garden, and voluminous letters mentioning the garden and its importance in the fiction Welty produced.

"The garden is always changing," said Haltom, co-author of *One Writer's Garden: Eudora Welty's Home Place*. "How do you decide what to keep and what to change? Preserving it requires a long-term plan so that it will go on even after we're gone."

To that end, faculty members of Mississippi State University's Department of Landscape Architecture have been working with the Eudora Welty House and Garden staff, Haltom, and garden volunteers to develop a landscape management plan that will help secure the garden as an important site of national culture and history.

"Things are looking great for the future of the garden," said Bridget Edwards, Welty House director. "In addition to the long-range management plan, we're about to install new garden signs that will better meld the Welty House, the grounds that surround it, and the labors, aspirations, and inspirations that permeated both. Also, three new raised beds behind the Education and Visitors Center will be used for plant propagation and educational programming."



Perfection" and perennials such as May Queen daisies, Turk's Cap, and Indian Pink or spigelia.

In the early 1990s Susan Haltom began using the Eudora Welty Collection at MDAH to plan the restoration of the almost-one-acre garden to its original 1925

\$4 Million Awarded to Projects Statewide

More than two dozen preservation projects across the state received a total of \$4 million in the most recent round of the popular Community Heritage Preservation Grant program. Funded by the Mississippi legislature and overseen by MDAH, the program helps preserve and restore historic courthouses and schools and, in Certified Local Government (CLG) communities, other historic properties.

“The Mississippi legislature has shown a commitment to historic preservation through this program, which has awarded more than \$27 million to one hundred seventy projects,” said MDAH Historic Preservation director Jim Woodrick. “Although there are always more requests than available funds, we have been able to give much-needed assistance to communities across the state.”

The grant awards are as follows:

Auburn Kitchen Dependency, Natchez, Adams County—\$157,688. *For roof repair and interior restoration.*

Natchez Institute, Natchez, Adams County—\$134,000. *For installation of a fire suppression system.*

Amite County Courthouse, Liberty, Amite County—\$181,736. *For restoration of original courtroom and exterior.*

Bolivar County Courthouse, Cleveland, Bolivar County—\$164,000. *For roof repair of original courthouse and jail.*

Houlka Attendance Center, Houlka, Chickasaw County—\$227,073. *For the replacement of metal windows with historically accurate wood windows.*

Port Gibson City Hall, Port Gibson, Claiborne County—\$166,280. *For repair of roof and interior plaster.*

Clarke County Courthouse, Quitman, Clarke County—\$72,160. *For replacement of the courthouse roof.*

Millsaps Hotel, Hazlehurst, Copiah County—\$176,160. *For replacement of roof and restoration of porch and windows.*

Old Cockrum School House, Hernando, Desoto County—\$80,000. *For the stabilization of roof and floor.*

Grenada Masonic Temple, Grenada, Grenada County—\$69,152. *For restoration of*

thirty-four windows.

Fortenberry-Parkman Farmstead, Jackson, Hinds County—\$140,276. *For restoration of the main house and five log outbuildings.*

James Observatory, Jackson, Hinds County—\$167,860. *For the restoration of the observatory and telescope.*

Lanier High School, Jackson, Hinds County—\$500,000. *For restoration of 597 original windows.*

Durant Depot North Building, Durant, Holmes County—\$69,600. *For roof repair and architect drawings.*

Gautier Colored School, Gautier, Jackson County—\$80,000. *For stabilization of the building.*

LaPointe Krebs House, Pascagoula, Jackson County—\$266,140. *For stabilization and restoration of the building envelope.*

Old Carthage Elementary School, Carthage, Leake County—\$80,000. *For installation of electrical and HVAC systems.*

Spain House, Tupelo, Lee County—\$120,000. *For replacement of roof and reconstruction of footings and portico.*

Old Greenwood-Leflore Library, Greenwood, Leflore County—\$136,242. *For restoration of the 1914 building interior.*

Stephen D. Lee House, Columbus, Lowndes County—\$40,000. *For a ramp that meets ADA standards.*

Historic Canton High School, Canton, Madison County—\$100,000. *For restoration of masonry.*

Columbia Waterworks, Columbia, Marion County—\$161,280. *For roof replacement.*

Chalmers Institute, Holly Springs, Marshall County—\$80,000. *For replacement of roof and rehabilitation of interior.*

Carnegie Auditorium, Holly Springs,

Marshall County—\$400,000. *For stabilization of building for future restoration.*

Philadelphia Police Station, Philadelphia, Neshoba County—\$129,520. *For roof re-*



Columbia Waterworks

placement and drainage remediation.

Noxubee County Jails, Macon, Noxubee County—\$62,400. *For restoration of jails for use as library and offices.*

Tippah County Confederate Monument, Ripley, Tippah County—\$15,700. *For repair, restoration, and preservation.*

Washington County Courthouse, Greenville, Washington County—\$100,000. *For restoration of window fanlights.*

Webster County Courthouse, Walthall, Webster County—\$500,000. *For wall stabilization and roof reconstruction.*

The CLG communities in Mississippi are Aberdeen, Amory, Baldwyn, Biloxi, Blue Mountain, Brandon, Canton, Carrollton, Carthage, Centreville, Claiborne County, Clarksdale, Cleveland, Columbia, Columbus, Como, Corinth, Durant, Eupora, Friars Point, Gautier, Greenville-Washington County, Greenwood, Grenada, Hattiesburg, Hazlehurst, Hernando, Holly Springs, Indianola, Jackson, Kosciusko, Laurel, Leland, Lexington, Louisville, Magnolia, McComb, Meridian, Moss Point, Mound Bayou, Natchez, Newton, Ocean Springs, Osyka, Oxford, Pascagoula, Philadelphia, Port Gibson, Quitman, Raymond, Ripley, Sardis, Senatobia, Sharkey County, Starkville, Summit, Tunica, Tupelo, Vaiden, Vicksburg, West, West Point, Winona, Woodville, and Yazoo City.

Natchez Powwow March 30 at Grand Village

Traditional Native American dancing, singing, and fun come to the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians for the twenty-sixth annual Natchez Powwow on March 29 and 30. Last year more than 3,500 people attended the event.

“The Grand Village offers a truly unique setting for a powwow,” said Jim Barnett, director of the Grand Village. “We are proud to play a role

in honoring the state’s Native American heritage.”

There will be gourd dancing, grand entry, and intertribal dancing both days. Tribes represented include the Choctaw, Commanche, Natchez, Osage, and Tonka. Dance groups include Gulf Coast Tiapih (Texas), White Star (Indiana), and Wounded Warrior (Louisiana).

Steve Kinder of Gladstone, Missouri, will serve as mas-

ter of ceremonies, and Darsh DeSilva of Round Rock, Texas, will be arena director. Head Singer Kevin Dawes from Baxter Springs, Kansas, will handle the Southern Drum. Pete Littlecook of Ponca City Oklahoma will be Head Gourd Dancer, and Tara Bryant from Goode, Virginia will be Head Lady Dancer.

Craft and food booths will open at 10 a.m. on March 29

and 11 a.m. on March 30.

Bring your lawn chairs. Powwow participants are allowed to camp on the grounds. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages twelve and under. The Grand Village is located at 400 Jefferson Davis Boulevard, Natchez. For more information call 601-446-6502, or contact Powwow committee chairman Chuck Borum at 601-442-0200 or cborum@hotmail.com.

AmeriCorps Team Works at Manship House

Thanks to the efforts of AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) team members, the grounds of the Manship House Museum are looking good. The house is currently closed for repairs and foundation work had prevented all but the most necessary grounds maintenance.

“Vicksburg is home to one of only five AmeriCorps NCCC campuses in the United States,” said Elizabeth Coleman, MDAH volunteer services director. “There is serious competition for their services, and we were fortunate to get the Delta 5 Team. They operated like a well-oiled machine and were able to accomplish meaningful preservation work while at the Manship House Museum.”

The seven members of the NCCC Delta 5 team spent November 15 through December 4 scraping and painting more than seventy-five feet of picket fencing, removing invasive vegetation, pruning trees, digging garden beds, assisting with an archaeological investigation, and organizing artifacts found during the excavation.

Part of Manship House Museum director Marilyn Jones’s work during the closure of the house has been to further research the grounds for future interpretation. Jones’s discovery of an oral history interview revealing there was a vegetable garden on the property as recently as the 1920s has led to plans for a historical garden exhibit. The AmeriCorps team, with the help of garden specialist Michael Gentry and MDAH volunteers, prepared the walkways and beds for the garden that will feature heirloom varieties of vegetables commonly grown in nineteenth century kitchen gardens, like those the Manship



AmeriCorps Delta 5 team with the new garden beds and walkways at the Manship House.

family may have grown.

“I discovered an article in the November 24, 1875, *Weekly Clarion* newspaper that reported all the prize winners at the Mississippi State Fair, including Adaline Manship for dried peaches,” said Jones. “The garden will provide a unique opportunity for us to demonstrate nineteenth-century gardening practices and healthy eating choices.”

The Delta 5 team also worked with MDAH archaeologists David Abbott and Patty Miller-Beech assisting with excavations in the garden area and side yard and cleaning and organizing the found artifacts.

Team members included Tyler Monroe, Brandi Monnett, Alia Holle, Nick Bowlby, Francis McDyer, Cal Howick, and Tom Dorman.

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, residential, national service program for men and women age 18 to 24. During their 10-month term, teams of eight to twelve people work on projects that address critical needs related to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. All NCCC members receive leadership training, work skills, and a \$5,550 education award.

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MARCH-MAY 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 cwilson@mdah.state.ms.us.

March 5—Historian Timothy B. Smith, will discuss Mississippi's Secession Convention. **OCM**

March 12—Old Capitol Museum historian Mike Stoll and Old Capitol Museum director Clay Williams will present "The Old Capitol: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." **OCM**

March 19—Millsaps College assistant professor Stephanie Rolph will present "A Century of Voting in Mississippi." **OCM**

March 26—MDAH Museum Division director Lucy Allen will present "From Mummies to Modern Day: The State History Museum." **OCM**

April 2—MDAH Historic Resources Specialist Caroline Gray-Primer will present "The Life and Sacrifice of PFC Milton L. Olive III."

April 9—musician Stephen Wade will explore through live music, historical images, and narrative the stories behind his new book *The Beautiful Music All Around Us: Field Recordings and the American Experience*. **OCM**.

April 16—William Heath will discuss his book *The Children Bob Moses Led*.

April 23—Ellen Ann Fentress

will present "Reporting on the Reporter: The Bill Minor Project."

April 30—MDAH historians Amanda Lyons and Will Morgan present the third installment in their series on the Dutch Fliers. **OCM**

May 7—MDAH historian Jeff Giambrone will present "To Die by the Flag Rather than Disgrace It: Black Mississippians Who Served in the Union Army During the Civil War." **OCM**

May 14—Sade Turnipseed, Delta Renaissance, will present "The Legacy of the Cotton Pickers of the South."

May 21—Volunteer Staff Coordinator Elizabeth Coleman will talk about MDAH volunteers.

Video of the National Youth Summit on Freedom Summer organized by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum of American History at the Old Capitol Museum in February can be viewed online at <http://americanhistory.si.edu/freedom-summer>.

Bob Moses, director of the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project and founder of the Algebra Project, and other civil rights activists, historians, and students participated in a panel discussion about the 1964 youth-led effort to end the political disenfranchisement and educational inequality of African Americans in the Deep South, and discuss the role of young people in shaping America's past and future.

The National Museum of American History website also contains primary documents from Freedom Summer, oral histories from scholars and participants, a lesson plan, and other materials for teachers.