



MDAH Volunteer 2013 award winners pictured in the Old Capitol Museum House of Representatives Chamber with Board of Trustees President Kane Ditto. Recipients listed on page 2.

To the MDAH Volunteers:

In 2013, you turned in some impressive numbers. Volunteers served a total of **19,747.33 hours** in 2013. The labor value of this service is **\$437,205.89** based on *Independent Sector's* most current value placed on a volunteer hour.

Wherever you serve within the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, our state leaders, lawmakers, and the public continue to marvel at the effective service that you provide to the general public and to our school children. Thank you and please continue this wonderful service to our community.

Sincerely,
 ht holmes, director

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Christmas by Candlelight Tour



Old Jackson Christmas by Candlelight Tour celebrated its eighteenth year on December 6, 2013. It was a fun event for all!

The State Capitol, Eudora Welty House, Governor's Mansion, Old Capitol Museum, and the William F. Winter Archives and History Building opened their doors to night-time visitors and celebrated the season with traditional decorations, music filling the air, and the trains running at Possum Ridge — the model town that appears every Christmas at the Winter Building.

Please enjoy the pictures from this event!



Rayford Woodrick...Minister by day...Santa by night...at Christmas by Candlelight Tour!

Image courtesy of Senate Porter Adrian Powell, Mississippi State Capitol

2013 MDAH Volunteer Award Recipients

Award of Merit recipients (100 hours or more): Pauline Akers, Sharon Anderson, Will Barber, Carol Busbee, Brenda Cole, Reeser Cooksey, Jane Dunaway, Pat Fleming, Jan Garrick, Carlos Gomes, Grand Village Young Historians Club, Philip Graves, Greenville Garden Club, Regina Griffin, Nancy Harvey, Elizabeth "Betty" Henry, Buena Lee Huff, Virginia Hughson, Carolyn Jones, Karen Lampton, Bernie Lieb, Mary Lohrenz, Master Gardeners of Natchez, Adams County, Joy Matthews, Andrew "Lucky" Osborne, Jane Phillips, Noreen Prouty, Carol Rietvelt, Carol Robinson, Samuel J. Sharkey, Sarah Thornton, and Sibrecht Wright-Albada

Recipients (200 hours or more): Lee Adams, Paul Bragg, Jean Clarkson, Jeri Reiff, Benny Roberts, Gena Roberts, and Jean Simonton

Recipients (300 hours or more): Chuck Borum, Sue Newman, Jackie Roman, and Freda Spell

Recipients (600 hours or more): Paul Davis

Recipients (900 hours or more): AmeriCorps NCCC (Vicksburg)

Recipients (2000 hours or more): Elbert Hilliard and the Wirt Adams Civil War Reenactors

Governor's Community Service Award: Jordan Waller

Governor's Special Achievement Award: (MDAH) Historic Preservation Division

Christmas by Candlelight Tour

Mississippi State Capitol



Would you like to tour the Capitol?

Scheduled tours of the Capitol are Mondays through Fridays at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 2:30 p.m.

To schedule a group tour, call 601-359-3114.

Volunteers Carolyn Clements, Jerald Everett, and Freda Spell at the Capitol volunteer desk during Candlelight. Image courtesy of Senate Porter Adrian Powell



Joy Matthews greets visitors in the Capitol Rotunda surrounded by the beautifully decorated trees and garland.



Christmas by Candlelight Tour

Mississippi State Capitol



Left: Volunteer Steve Kelly greets visitors on the Capitol's 4th floor during Candlelight. Notice the beautiful ceiling in the background.

Right: Noreen Prouty can usually be found on Friday afternoons conducting tours of the Capitol. On the Friday evening of Candlelight, Noreen was allowed to show visitors the Governor's Office at the Capitol — not usually open for public tours. What a treat!



Left: Eudora Welty House volunteers Ann Bittick and Laura Magee tell visitors about Eudora's "cut and paste" room, also known as the dining room. Notice all of the wonderful books in the house. The house is intentionally staged to appear as if Eudora just stepped out to run errands.

Christmas by Candlelight Tour

Eudora Welty House and Garden

OLD JACKSON CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT TOUR AT THE WELTY HOUSE AND GARDEN

News from Megan Bankston

The Eudora Welty House and Garden gladly participated for their second year in MDAH's annual *Old Jackson Christmas by Candlelight Tour*. Despite the rainy weather, they welcomed over 200 visitors the night of December 6. Guests were greeted in each of the downstairs rooms of the House by gracious volunteers armed with a wealth of knowledge on Miss Welty and her family at Christmas time. MDAH employees from Collections and Archives and Records Services brought in special Christmas cards and artifacts to display for the event.

Next door in the Education and Visitors Center, guests were serenaded by lively Christmas, jazz, and classical tunes from Brazilian musicians Leonardo Moreira on guitar and Marcelo Vieira on the cello. They could also find more volunteers busily preparing fruitcake and warm cider. The fruitcakes were made from Miss Welty's white fruitcake recipe. Volunteers gathered in early November at Great Harvest Bread Co. to bake the fourteen fruitcakes and returned each week up until the event to help cure the cakes. The Welty staff was amazed at such hard work and dedication. They thank every volunteer who helped in any way to making the night a success for all.



Right: Volunteers mixing in diced candied fruit to the fruitcake batter at Great Harvest Bread Co.



Left: Eudora Welty Foundation Treasurer Kay Barksdale serving fruitcake and cider to visitors.



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Right: Former Eudora Welty House director Mary Alice White and volunteer Cecile Wardlaw serving the fabulous fruitcake. YUM! White and Wardlaw are friends since childhood.



Brazilian musicians Leonnardo Moreira on guitar and Marcelo Vieira on the cello.

Right: Archives employee Alanna Patrick, volunteer Sue Berry, Eudora Welty House employee Megan Bankston, and volunteer Barbara Rogers.





Christmas by Candlelight Tour

Eudora Welty House and Garden



Above left: Volunteer Sophia Halkias talking to guests in the dining room of the Eudora Welty House.



Above right: Volunteer Alec Valentine talking with guests in the sitting room of the Eudora Welty House.



Right: Volunteer Julianne Summerford in the entrance foyer. Summerford greeted the visitors as they entered the Eudora Welty House.

Would you like to tour the Eudora Welty House and Garden?

Tours are conducted Tuesdays through Fridays at 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. Call 601-353-7762.

Admission: \$5 for adults; \$3 for students; free for children under six. Group discounts available. Welty's birthday was April 13, and when the 13th of each month falls on a day the Eudora Welty House is open, admission will be free.



Volunteer Nancy Scott talking to guests in the dining room of the Eudora Welty House.



Volunteer Harriet Kuykendall talking to visitors in the sitting room of the Eudora Welty House.

Christmas by Candlelight Tour

Old Capitol Museum



If you enjoy music, the offerings at the Old Capitol Museum were breathtaking during Candlelight!

Top Left: Lelton Thompson directs the Mississippi Boy Choir as they rehearse before they perform in the rotunda.

Middle: Hinds Community College Brass Ensemble in the rotunda.

Bottom: Maura Johnson sells holiday gifts at the Mississippi History Store outlet.



Would you like to tour the Old Capitol Museum?

Jackson's oldest building, the Old Capitol is home to a museum exploring the history of the site when it was the seat of Mississippi government from 1839 to 1903. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information call 601-576-6920 or email info@oldcapitolmuseum.com.

Christmas by Candlelight Tour

William F. Winter Archives and History Building



Music filled the air ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Top left: Musicians Tim Avalon and Jane Phillips play their instruments as Lucas Morrisey listens.

Middle left: Crowds gather to hear the musical offerings at the Winter Building.

Middle right: School children from Baker Elementary performed for visitors who came to the Archives Building.

Bottom: The First Presbyterian Day School performed, too. Notice the 1960s aluminum tree in the window.



Would you like to learn more about Mississippi or your ancestors? Come visit the William F. Winter Archives and History Building at 200 North Street.

ARCHIVAL AND MEDIA READING ROOM HOURS

Monday 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Tuesday–Friday 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Phone: 601-576-6850

Christmas by Candlelight Tour

William F. Winter Archives and History Building



The town of Possum Ridge appears every year during December at the Winter Building. Visitors of all ages look forward to seeing the Illinois Central Railroad zip through this 1940s era town.



Left: Volunteer Karen Lampton displays pictures while volunteer Lucky Osborne reads from the children's book *A Special Visitor Comes to Possum Ridge*.

Right: Volunteer David Morgan discusses *Christmas in Mississippi* during the Depression era. He always comes dressed for the season — one red shoe and one green shoe!



Christmas by Candlelight Tour

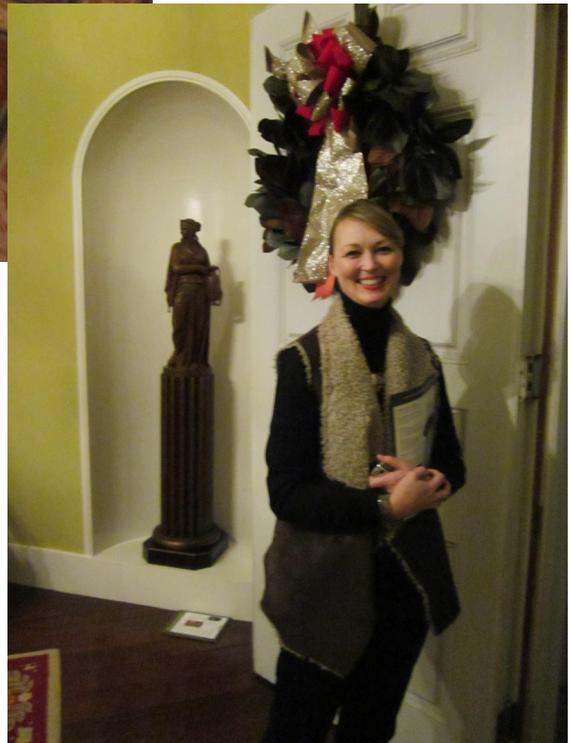
Governor's Mansion



Left: Governor Phil Bryant and First Lady Deborah Bryant welcome the Christmas by Candlelight Tour visitors to their home.



Below: Governor's Mansion administrator Cora Gee is a familiar face to the docents of the Governor's Mansion. Cora helped the nighttime visitors into the Mansion.



Would you like to tour the Governor's Mansion?

Tours to the public are held on Tuesdays through Fridays at 9:30, 10, 10:30, and 11 a.m. For group tours, call Lauren Miller at 601-359-6421.

Christmas by Candlelight Tour

Governor's Mansion



Top left: Mansion docent Pat Pierce showing visitors the gold parlor. Notice the 1820 convex mirror.

Middle left: MDAH Volunteer Mary Lohrenz, Docent Ruth Tant, and Michele Hudson. Notice the painting of General (and former Governor) John Quitman.

Bottom left: Docent Janis Roberts tells the visitors about the State Dining Room. The mahogany dining table was purchased by Mrs. Hugh White (First Lady, 1952-1956) and boasts 16 chairs.

Bottom right: Docent Pauline Akers in the Back Rose Parlor. Pauline also conducts tours at the Capitol.



Governor's Mansion Docents

First Lady Deborah Bryant hosted the 2013 Governor's Mansion docent luncheon. It was a wonderful gathering — the volunteers visited with Mrs. Bryant, dined on lunch prepared by Mansion Chef Matt Huffman, and enjoyed the beautiful decorations in the home.



Front Row: Jean Hallman, Janet McLaurin, First Lady Deborah Bryant, Mary Louise Nossler, Freda Spell, Babs Sevier; **Second Row:** Janis Roberts, Buena Lee Huff, Mansion Curator Lauren Miller, Ruth Tant, Earline Raines, Andi McDaniel, Lynn Stuart, Pat Pierce, Billie Henry, Sylvia Walker, Shirley Abney, Peggy Dawson, Melanie McKinley; **Third Row:** Sister Simmons, Jean Clarkson, Joyce Huskey, Pauline Akers, Clytice Gardner, Carol Busbee, Mackie Jernigan, Bernie Lieb, Joan Dattel, Judy Lacy, Charlotte Turner; **Not pictured:** Sally Carmichael, Brenda Cole, Morella Henehan, Becky Herren, Ruby McLemore

Many thanks to First Lady Bryant, the Governor's Mansion docents, staff, and Lauren Miller for a job well done!

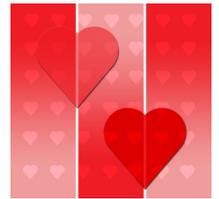


Retiring docents Janet McLaurin and Jean Hallman with First Lady Deborah Bryant. Janet and Jean both served as mansion docents 2006-2013.



Mansion docents who worked eight or more times in 2013 and retiring docents **Front Row:** Pauline Akers, Janet McLaurin, First Lady Deborah Bryant, Jean Hallman, Carol Busbee, Janis Roberts. **Back Row:** Joyce Huskey, Billie Henry, Lynn Stuart, Jean Clarkson, and Mansion Curator Lauren Miller

MDAH Valentine Volunteer Luncheon



Left: Mr. Paul Davis speaks with Archives Special Projects Officer Forrest Galey in the Old Capitol Museum House of Representatives Chamber. Davis received a Governor's Award of Merit for serving more than 600 hours as an Electronic Records Volunteer. Davis digitizes historic maps to make them accessible to the public via MDAH.

Thank you, Paul Davis!!!

Right: Human Resources director Diane Mattox chats with awards winners Jean Simonton and Rita Anderson of the Master Gardeners of Natchez (Adams County). The group serves at Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Historic Jefferson College.



Do you have a friend who would like to become a volunteer? Please tell them to contact us to see if there is a "match" for them!

Elizabeth Coleman

601-576-6985 or

ecoleman@mdah.state.ms.us



At the Old Capitol Museum, active 2013 MDAH volunteers enjoyed a divine lunch catered by Mangia Bene Caterers and beautiful flowers designed by Carl Young. Valentine cupcakes in heart boxes were the take-home "happy."



Volunteer Party at Welty House and Garden

The Eudora Welty House and Garden hosted a party on Thursday, January 9 in appreciation of their volunteers' service and commitment in 2013.

The Welty staff gladly provided homemade treats and desserts for the occasion. During the party, Special Projects Coordinator Megan Bankston lauded the volunteers with the most service hours as well as some significant statistics for the past year. The volunteers at the Welty House and Garden served over 1,500 hours for 2013!

The three volunteers with the most hours were Alec Valentine with 83 hours, Virginia Lee Cora with 65.5 hours, and Sandra West with 63 hours. Ann Bit-tick, Carol Busbee, and Bernie Lieb each put in over 50 hours, and Marsha Cannon, Emily Dunbar-Smith, Noreen Prouty, Carol Rietvelt, Freda Spell, and Lee Threadgill put in over 40 hours.

A big thank you goes out to all of their volunteers, all of whom helped provide 570 tours to over 3,750 people in 2013 alone. Without them, they would not be able to reach this many visitors.

The Eudora Welty House and Garden staff attributes their success to you. THANK YOU!

This Little Free Library was designed by Arthur Jones and made by carpenter Jeff Becker. The project would not have been possible without the Belhaven Improvement Association.

Images of party courtesy of Marsha Cannon



Left to right: Volunteers Virginia Lee Cora, Buena Lee Huff, Harriet Kuykendall, Julianne Summerford, and Luran Buchanan enjoying food at the volunteer party.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

If you have been by the Eudora Welty House and Garden recently, you may have noticed an addition in front of the Education and Visitors Center. The Tudor style cabinet on a post is called a Little Free Library, and it is the first in the Belhaven neighborhood. It works on a "take a book, leave a book" system.

Anyone is welcome to come by and see what's inside. If you find a book you would like to read, then leave a different book in return. Education and Outreach Specialist, and the head of this project, Chase Wynn said, "It's basically a neat way to encourage the literary character of Belhaven, and a fun community-builder."



The Welty staff is looking forward to seeing what their neighbors are reading.

For more information on the Little Free Library movement and to see where more are in the country, visit <http://littlefreelibrary.org/>. There are already two other Little Free Libraries in Fondren, and the Welty staff has heard talk of more.

AmeriCorps NCCC & The Manship House Museum



The AmeriCorps NCCC Delta 5 Team worked with several MDAH volunteers and employees to complete some much needed preservation work at the Manship House Museum. Many thanks to all of you! The team also learned from our staff and volunteers through service learning opportunities.

Top Left (front row): Nick Bowlby, Tom Dorman, Manship House Museum director Marilynn Jones, Alia Holle, and Brandi Monnett

Back row: Tyler Monroe, Nick Bowlby, MDAH architect John Bondurant, and Francis McDyer

Middle left: MDAH archaeologist David Abbott conducts an archaeological investigation with the help of AmeriCorps members.

Bottom left: The team looks at their finished product. AmeriCorps members, under the direction of landscape architect and organic gardening expert, Michael Gentry, prepared the garden for planting.

Thanks go to MDAH volunteers:

Michael Gentry, Jean Clarkson, Deb and Lucky Osborne, Sam Brookes, Sharon Anderson, Jackie Roman, Sue Newman, David Morgan, Meredith Heifler, and Matt Watson

...and to MDAH employees:

Marilynn Jones, Todd Sanders, David Abbott, Patty Miller-Beech, John Bondurant, and Diane Mattox

...and to Capitol Facilities and Capitol Police

...and, of course,

Thank you, AmeriCorps Delta Team 5!!!

Excavating the Manship garden area.



The Manship garden area has been prepared for next steps.



AmeriCorps NCCC & The Manship House Museum

1) Interior photo of AmeriCorps members cleaning the walls of the museum.

2) AmeriCorps team leader Tyler Monroe painting the very large fence that surrounds the property.

3) AmeriCorps members pose with Marilyn Jones after a long day of painting.

4) A look inside the Manship House Museum. The museum has a rich history and exquisite details that Marilyn Jones shares with others.



Old Capitol Museum

News from Clay Williams, director

The next time you walk into the Rotunda of the Old Capitol Museum, you may be greeted by a familiar face. Mary Lohrenz, who spent more than 30 years of her career with MDAH, has been an immense help at the Old Capitol since she began volunteering here in August 2012.

Mary began her career at the Old Capitol in 1982 as Curator of Collections for the state history museum when it was housed in this building. In 1998, she became the Curator of the Governor's Mansion, where she oversaw the upkeep of the historic site, managed tours of the building, and coordinated, trained and befriended many of our department's valuable volunteers.

Since she began volunteering, Mary not only greets our visitors from around the globe at our front desk, but she also assists with our numerous special events.

She also assists in both the Education and Collections sections of the Museum Division, helps with Administration in the Winter Building, and volunteers for Stewpot, Casey Elementary, and the



Mississippi Track Club.

Mary Lohrenz's knowledge of the Old Capitol's history and architecture combined with her enthusiasm and joyful spirit has made her one of our most cherished assets.

Museum Collections

News from Deanna Cundiff in Museum Division Collections

Collections volunteers have been busy since the start of the New Year.

Our newest volunteer, Steve Kelly, has been scouring the archives finding information about artifacts which are slated to go into the Museum of Mississippi History. He's been researching a machine gun, a court case, and Civil War flags which were returned to Mississippi by the War Department.

Joyce Ellis has been cataloging clothes which belonged to Eudora Welty. One of these pieces was a camel hair coat with a Mason Weiss label on the

interior **(left)**.

Mary Clayton has been hard at work cataloging some of the thousands of books which belonged to Eudora Welty.

Sue Newman and Jackie Roman have started to photograph artifacts associated with the Manship House.

Lastly, Sarah Thorton, a senior at Millsaps College and previous intern, has returned to collections and will be helping on a project to create housing units for the many of the Choctaw baskets in the collection.



Bulletin Board

Check out the MDAH Calendar of Events

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

<http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/category/events-category/>

MDAH Volunteer Services would like to thank the Foundation for Mississippi History for its support of our wonderful volunteers!



Learn about the Foundation for Mississippi History by following the link below.

<http://www.mshistory.net/>



The Mississippi Department of Archives and History was founded in 1902 and is the second-oldest state department of archives and history in the country. The mission of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is to collect, preserve, protect, research, and interpret the state's rich and diverse historic resources and to promote the appreciation and use of those resources.