

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Alabama Department of Archives and History

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*Volunteers are the
HEART
of the Archives!*

FROM DEBBIE:

Welcome to the New Year and to the newly revived ADAH Volunteer Newsletter! The new year brings new opportunities and new challenges to ADAH, and, as always, we are so grateful for all you do to for us. The new museum exhibits are bringing new visitors and a grant from the Alabama Tourism Department is allowing us to keep the museum open each Saturday. We are moving forward with fundraising and plans for the second phase of museum development and hope to be able to start construction on those exhibits before the year is out. The department, however, remains underfunded for daily operations and our staff continues to shrink. While the outlook for the future is uncertain, there is little hope of an ade-

quate budget increase to allow us to hire additional permanent staff. For this reason we have decided to hold off in trying to hire a permanent replacement for Tabitha as volunteer coordinator. But we hope to continue to nurture and grow our volunteer program though realignment of current staff duties and the use of temporary part-time students and clerical aides. Kelly Hoomes has taken over day-to-day management of the volunteer program. You will hear from her frequently and one of her first projects has been to bring back your newsletter. Division liaisons will also take a more active role in volunteer communication. Kelly will continue to wear many hats – she will also coordinate school tour reservations, docent

training, and the museum interpretation program. Her office has moved to the 3rd floor so she can be closer to the tour phone lines. You will also see several new faces helping with tours and in the Hands-On Gallery. Students Ryan Blocker, Kehli DePace, and Ke'Antrice Lamb will join the docents to assist with tours and monitoring visitors on the second floor. Retired teacher Anita Sherman will join the staff this spring as a part-time clerical aide to help facilitate the busy Spring tour season. We are hopeful that next year's budget will allow us to hire a permanent replacement for Tabitha. We so appreciate all you do for us and ask for your patience as we move through this time of transition.

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FROM KELLY:

You are an extremely valuable and important part of the work we do preserving and telling the story of Alabama history.

I have had the privilege to get to know many of you during the past few years, and look forward to working with you all on a closer basis.

Despite the fact, that I will keep many of my previous duties within the Archives education section I will do my best to provide a positive place for you to volunteer.

Publishing a quarterly volunteer newsletter, updating the volunteer website, and docent re-

cruitment are some of my immediate goals.

I am always available to answer questions and address concerns. The volunteer liaisons in your work areas are also more than willing to help with this adjustment in the volunteer program.

See you soon!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

Henry Durham 1/4
Judy Osborne 1/13
Meagan Tanner 1/26

February

Patricia Veazey 2/6
Caryll Carrick 2/6
Edwin Rhodes 2/10
Judith Crow 2/11
Arthur Arnold 2/12
George Willis 2/14
Willa Fay Munson 2/17
Richard Morgan 2/25

March

Justin Rudder 3/14
Ken Ward 3/16

April

Dale Weaver 4/2
James Snider 4/4
Jerry Conrad 4/7
William Hughes 4/15
Vijaya Chava 4/15
Kenneth Carrick 4/19
Aubrey Neeley 4/26

May

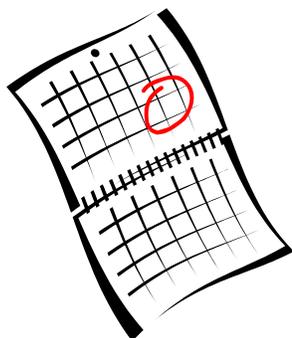
Joy Scott 5/3
Chuck Maney 5/8
David Crowley 5/31
Delilah Eaton 5/31



*Happy Birthday
to You!*

**Did we miss your
Birthday?**

**We may not have it
on record. Please let
me know and I will
add it to our list!**



STATE HOLIDAYS

ADAH will be closed to observe the following Holidays:

February 20 George Washington/Thomas Jefferson Birthdays

April 23 Confederate Memorial Day

May 28 National Memorial Day

VOLUNTEER WEB SITE UPDATE

Check out the new and revised volunteer website:

<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/volunteer/volunteer.html>

Volgistics log-in can be found at the bottom of the page. Volunteer newsletters will also be posted online here!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Symphony Picnic
Friday May 25, 2012
7:00pm



The Montgomery Symphony will kick off Memorial Day weekend on the steps of the Archives. Bring your chairs and blankets for the evening concert. We will provide food and drinks starting at 6:30pm. RSVP information forthcoming.

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You could purchase this car from Willys-Knight Overland Co. in Birmingham for \$695!



ARCHITREATS 2012: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

January 19

The Gathering Storm: The Alabama Civil Rights Scene, 1962* ~ Glenn T. Eskew

February 16

Hands on the Freedom Plow: Personal Accounts of Women in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee* ~ Gwen Patton

March 15

Hank Hung the Moon... And Warmed Our Cold, Cold Hearts~ Rheta Grimsley Johnson

April 19

Incidents of the War: The Civil War of Mary Jane Chadick*~ Nancy M. Rohr

May 17

William Bartram in Alabama (Who is William Bartram and Why Should I Care?) ~ John Hall

June 21

History of Automobile License Plates in Alabama ~ Ross Sloan

July 19

Alabama and the War of 1812* ~ Jim Parker

August 16

The Rise and Decline of the Redneck Riviera ~ Harvey H. Jackson

*Becoming Alabama programs

September 20

Sloths, Mammoths, and Saber-toothed Cats: The Ice Age Mammals of Alabama ~ Jun Ebersole

October 18

The Space Race in Alabama in the 1950s and 1960s ~ Andrew J. Dunar

November 15

Lord Remember Me: Archiving Alabama's Folklife ~ Kevin Nutt

December 20

Portraits of Conflict: A Photographic History of Alabama in the Civil War* ~ Ben H. Severance

Did you know?

ArchiTreats started in 1989!

The first program was about Alabama Gardening History.



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DOCENT TRAINING

Monday, February 27

9:00am - 3:00pm

Love our new gallery?

Want to share your excitement with others?

Then become an Archives Docent!

Attend our tour guide training session to become a docent and share your love of the museum exhibits with schoolchildren from around the state.

Become a part of our new tours and new galleries!

The great thing about our spring tours is that we place a docent in each gallery. That way you don't have to climb stairs and you can focus on learning one gallery at a time.

Training will include material overview, a museum tour, a description of a typical tour day, and lunch!

To reserve your place, please RSVP to Kelly by Friday, February 17. 334-353-4702 or- Kelly.hoomes@archives.alabama.gov

Current Docents

Please look at your calendar, check out the tour schedule on Volgisitics, and start signing up for tours. We really need coverage on Tuesday mornings. Even though we have additional student workers, their class schedules prevent them



from being here on Tuesday mornings. Can you commit to spending Tuesday mornings at the Archives? Don't worry, if you can't commit to Tuesdays, we need help on the other days too!

FALL TOUR SEASON A SUCCESS

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this season a success. We couldn't have done it without you! Check out what the teachers said about the tours this fall!

- This was the best year ever and I have been coming for 23 years.
- Tour guide was great

and very knowledgeable.

- We enjoyed the active way the guides kept the students engaged.
- The new Indian gallery was wonderful! The hands-on experience was so enjoyable

for the students.

- Very informative and organized! The children loved the hands-on activities!
- It was a wonderful educational experience for my classroom. Thanks so very much!



VOLUNTEER REPORT

From:
Jessamyn Boyd, Museum Volunteer Liaison

Curatorial Services Volunteer Dale Weaver has been working diligently on the museum artifact

database, maintaining artifact worksheet files, and providing a smiling face. When she's not busy on the computer, Dale also assists the curators with moving collections and properly storing artifacts.

Dale has been a volunteer since 2009.

If you are interested in volunteering in the museum collection database, contact Jessamyn Boyd at 353-4717.

VOLUNTEERS ON THE MOVE



Judy and Catherine drinking Iris's famous punch at Holiday Tea



Gene, Allen, Hardy getting delicious Holiday Tea treats



Holiday Tea group picture



Mary Jo and Jim catch up at Holiday Tea



Allen working at the research lobby



Bill working on gift shop inventory