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News and Events around the State

Columbus-Lowndes Public Library

In November of last year, the Billups-Garth Archives purchased a Minter Ultrasonic Welder. The Minter machine encapsulates paper documents between two pieces of polyester and a weld is created by a vibration or hammering action rather than a heat source. It is currently the most advanced standard in preservation and a wonderful alternative to the technique of double-sided tape encapsulation. The Minter machine at the Columbus library is the only one in the state of Mississippi. William "Bill" Minter; of Bookbinding & Conservation, Inc.; invented the machine and lives in Woodbury, PA. His email address is wmntr@aol.com.

The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library is involved with a multitude of projects to better enhance our outreach and preservation capabilities. First, the library is currently hosting a series titled *Got Genealogy?* Representatives from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) in Jackson explore various aspects of genealogy such as interpreting historical records and African American genealogy.

The following is the schedule for *Got Genealogy?*:

January 24	Beginning Genealogy
February 28	Tracing Your African American Ancestors

March 21	Photographs
April 25	Using Land Records
May 23	Military Records
June 20	African American Resources

Each program will begin at 2 p.m. and will be held in the meeting room upstairs in the Library. It is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Mona Vance with the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library at 662.329.5304.

The presentations are a collection of public programs available through MDAH. For more information contact Anne L. Webster, Reference Services Supervisor, at 601.576.6880 or awebster@mdah.state.ms.us.

Delta State University Archives

The Archives Teacup Tea

22 April 2007 @ 2:30 pm

You are cordially invited to attend the Archives & Museum's second annual Tea, held on the back patio of the Charles W. Capps, Jr. Archives & Museum building and co-hosted by the Delta State University School of Nursing. Dr. Jennie Gunn has been invited to deliver a presentation on the healing affects of herbal teas. Bring along your favorite tea cup and saucer for a pleasant Sunday afternoon at the Archives & Museum.

RSVP by 18 April, call 662.846.4780

The Delta Photo Road Show project returns! After a successful first run in May 2005, the Archives & Museum has been awarded an IMLS grant to continue the Delta Photo Road Show project which will visit six Delta towns over the next 18 months. Our first stop was in Clarksdale, MS, where we were fortunate enough to have a large collection of glass plate negatives not only shared with us but fully donated to the University Archives. Thank you Mr. Tom Allen!

Several other guests shared their family histories and photographs with us as well. These stories and selected images will go towards creating our final projects of a traveling exhibit and publication. The next stop will be in Tunica at The Tunica Museum on Saturday, 2 March. We will open the doors at 10:00 am and invite the public to visit with us until 4:00 pm. Photo documentarians will be on hand to offer their professional assistance and advice to the visitors as well as conduct the interviews which will be kept on file with the Archives & Museum. Volunteers with the project will scan the loaned images on site and return the originals to their owners before the end of the day unless they prefer to make a donation out of their items. Other cities we will visit over the next few months are as follows:

The William Alexander Percy Memorial Library, Greenville (2 June 2007)

The DeSoto Museum, Hernando (8 September 2007)

Cottonlandia, Greenwood (23 February 2008)

Rolling Fork, location & date To Be Announced

For more information, please contact the University Archives at 662.846.4780

Exhibits around Mississippi

Delta State University Archives Charles W. Capps Jr. Archives & Museum

11 January – 30 March 2007

*History & Heritage of the Mississippi Delta
Chinese*

13 February – 30 March 2007

*In Their Own Words: A History of the Delta's
Black Farmer*

10 April – 18 June 2007

*Delta State's School of Nursing: Past, Present
& Future*

University of Southern Mississippi McCain Library & Archives

12 February – 1 June 2007

*Isn't that a Pretty Picture? Illustration
Processes from 1493 to the Present*

27 March – 31 July 2007

*Highlights from the de Grummond Children's
Literature Collection*

*This exhibit can be found in the de Grummond exhibit room located in Cook Library.

Important Information

We have a new website!!! Visit us at
www.msarchivists.org.

Don't forget to pay your membership dues. SMA membership is open to any person or organization interested in supporting the objectives of the Society. Please visit www.msarchivists.org/join.html for more information on renewing your membership or joining SMA.