

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Alabama Department of Archives and History

Spring 2012



VOLUNTEER EVENT CANCELLED, OTHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED

The Symphony Picnic volunteer event for May 25 has been cancelled. The Montgomery Symphony will still perform on the Archives steps, but we are not organizing an official event with food and drink. We hope you will still bring your chairs and your picnic supper and attend the concert.

With staff shortages and busy school tour season, we regret that we can't provide our annual picnic.

Kelly will be out of the office May 17- 29 for an additional surgery as she tries to remedy ongoing health issues.

Despite this cancellation, we have some great enrichments lined up for

the rest of the year. We hope that you can join us for the following events.

Summer:
Behind-the-Scenes Tour with Museum and Archives Staff: Mon., July 23, 9-11am

Harriott II Riverboat Lunch Cruise: Wed. Aug. 1, 11am-1pm
We'll pay for the boat ride and you pay for lunch (\$10.00). RSVP and money due by July 11.

Winter:
Holiday Tea at Buena Vista Mansion: Mon., Dec 3, 1-3pm

Additional details of these events will be emailed and posted in the volunteer area as they are finalized.



"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."
-Booker T. Washington

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IT MAKES DOLLARS AND SENSE!

We tell you time and time again how much we appreciate your service here at the Archives. You not only contribute to the mission and warm atmosphere of the Archives, but you also provide valuable service hours that calculate into money saved.

In 2011, ADAH volunteers put in over 8,000 hours of service. According to IndependentSector.org, a coalition of non-profits, the equivalent dollar rate for volunteering in Alabama is \$17.70 per hour. (The average U.S. rate is \$21.00.)

Using Alabama's hourly rate, ADAH volunteers provide roughly \$8,000 in service each month and over \$100,000 each year. That's a lot of work being done!

So when we say that we value your service and couldn't do it without you, you know we are telling the truth!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June

Marinella Lentis 6/12
Robert Stabler 6/15
Beatrice Coley 6/20
Jack Fowler 6/24
Hardy Kirk 6/24
Frances Frizzell 6/27

July

Barbara Walters 7/2
Linda Jenkins 7/5
Allen Edwards 7/6
Sara Homsher 7/8
Martha White 7/10
Glen Alderton 7/12
Doretta Hector 7/13
Ethel Smith 7/16

Lillian McKinnis 7/18
Katherine Conely 7/22
Harry Spinks 7/24
Pam Jones 7/28

August

Clara Yelder 8/3
Harmon McDonald 8/5
Thelma Ivery 8/5
John Evans 8/7
Melvin Ehrlich 8/7
Yvonne Knowles 8/14
Anita Fulaytar 8/14
George Ewing 8/30
James Russell 8/31

September

William Bean 9/1
Abigail Barr 9/1
Mary Hazel Winstanley 9/5
Doris Anthony 9/5
Katherine Pool 9/16
John Figh 9/21
Martha Durham 9/26
Richard Chambers 9/27
Myra Wade 9/28
Juliette Wimberly 9/30



**Did we miss your
Birthday?**

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

-Kelly

STATE HOLIDAYS

ADAH will be closed to observe the following official state holidays:

April 23: Confederate Memorial Day

May 28: Memorial Day

June 4: Jefferson Davis Birthday

July 4: Independence Day

September 3: Labor Day

October 8: American Indian Heritage Day/Columbus Day/ Fraternal Day



SAYING GOODBYE TO CURATOR

Jessamyn Boyd, curator and museum collections volunteer liaison, accepted a Public Relations/Fundraising position with the Montgomery area region of the American Cancer Society. Her last day at the Archives was Friday, April 13th. Jessamyn developed great working relationships with volunteers and she will be missed.

We wish her the best of luck!

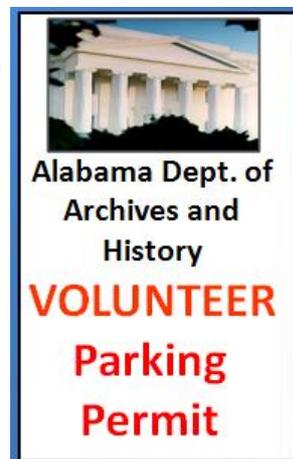


Jessamyn showing collections

VOLUNTEER PARKING TAGS

In response to non-volunteers parking in the volunteers spaces, we are re-issuing volunteer parking permits to insure you get a parking space. Please display the tag in your car window during your volunteer shift at the Archives.

See Steve Wheat in the security office to receive your permit.



VOLUNTEERS ON THE MOVE

SPRING 2012



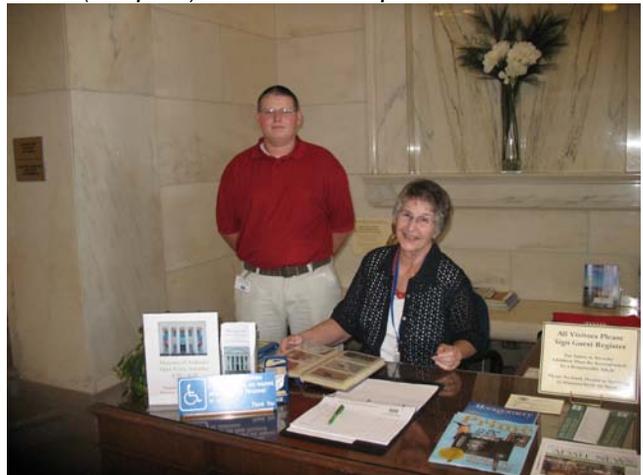
Docent class 2012 goes on tour with Ryan Blocker

Judy hard at work in the reference room!



Martha and Chuck work on Gov't Records processing

Tuesday afternoon volunteers, Jakob (gift shop) and Anita (reception) look at old war photos!



New docent, Juliette, gives tour introduction on the portico

New docent, Pam, interprets the Military Gallery



'FRIDGE NOTES

Keep track of activities at the Archives! Put this on your refrigerator! (*Volunteer events are highlighted in yellow.*)

EVENT	DATE
ArchiTreats: <i>Incidents of the War: The Civil War of Mary Jane Chadick</i>	April 19, 2012
Book Talk: <i>The National Anthem of Secession: Dixie, Alabama, and the Confederacy</i>	April 20, 2012
ArchiTreats: <i>William Bartram in Alabama (Who is William Bartram and Why Should I Care?)</i>	May 17, 2012
Book Talk: <i>Storming the State House: The Campaign That Liberated Alabama from 136 Years of Democrat Rule</i>	June 14, 2012
ArchiTreats: <i>History of Automobile License Plates in Alabama</i>	June 21, 2012
Last day to RSVP for Riverboat Cruise on August 1, 2012	July 11, 2012
ArchiTreats: <i>Alabama and the War of 1812: After the Horseshoe</i>	July 19, 2012
Volunteer Enrichment: Behind-the-Scenes Tour with Museum and Archives Staff	July 23, 2012
Volunteer Enrichment: Riverboat Cruise and Lunch (RSVP and Money DUE by July 11)	August 1, 2012
ArchiTreats: <i>The Rise and Decline of the Redneck Riviera</i>	August 16, 2012
ArchiTreats: <i>Sloths, Mammoths, and Saber-toothed Cats: The Ice Age Mammals of Alabama</i>	September 20, 2012
ArchiTreats: <i>The Space Race in Alabama in the 1950s and 1960s</i>	October, 18, 2012
Ft. Toulouse Frontier Days (<i>Mark your calendars to volunteer to bring the Archives to Ft. Toulouse! More information coming!</i>)	November 7-10, 2012
ArchiTreats: <i>Lord Remember Me: Archiving Alabama's Folklife</i>	November 15, 2012
Volunteer Enrichment: Holiday Tea @ Buena Vista Mansion in Prattville	December 3, 2012

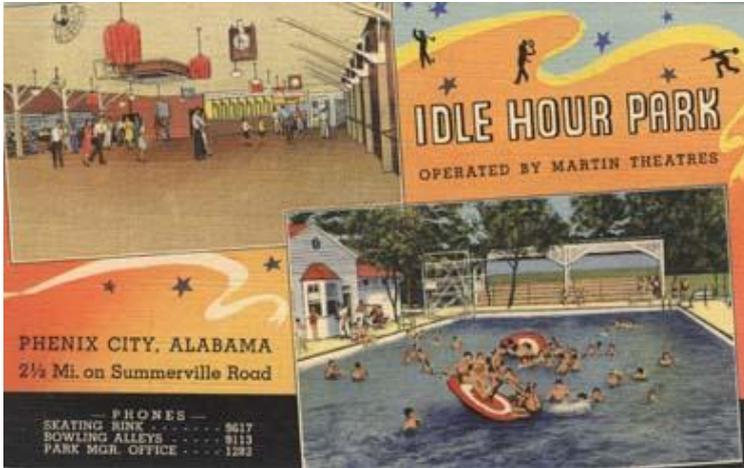


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INSIDE THE ARCHIVES

If you were looking for warm weather fun in the Phenix City area during the mid-1900s, Idle Hour Park was the place to be!



This postcard reads....

"Idle Hour Park, The South's Most Beautiful Recreation Center. Bowling, Skating, Dancing, Swimming, Penny Arcade, Café, Playgrounds, Barbecue and Picnic Grounds, Club Room, Soft Ball and Baseball, Football, Stadium, Race Track and Lake. Soda Fount, Shooting Gallery - Tommy Gun Range."

Idle Hour Park, operated by Martin Theatres, was located in Phenix City, Alabama, 2 1/2 miles on Summerville Road.

Phenix City Parks and Recreation Department still maintain the park and lake. Activities today include jogging track, nature trail, tennis courts, playground, and picnic pavilions.

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking for a new opportunity or want to add more hours, please consider these new ways to volunteer at the Archives. Training will be provided for both of these volunteer opportunities.

Summer Program Aide

During the summer, many day care and summer groups visit the Archives. They either schedule a Hands-on or Old-Fashioned Summer program. Both of these take place in the Hands-on Gallery. We are looking for volunteers to conduct these programs. Programs include talking about old objects, reading an interactive story, playing old-fashioned games, and supervising exploration time in the gallery. These programs are generally less structured and not as information intensive as a tour. Plus, they are a lot of fun!



1940s Census Index Project

The 1940s census was recently released and you can help create the index for the Alabama images. *The 1940 U.S. Census Community Project* has established a system where volunteer organizations can register and help index the census. To index, you view an image of a historical record in one pane and enter what you see into a customized, labeled grid in another pane. We have registered ADAH volunteers as a group and are currently in the process of setting up computer work stations for this new project.

To learn more about these opportunities or to sign up, contact
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MEET OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS

Please join us in welcoming our new volunteers!

These volunteers have already dug in and given their time and talents!

Nancy Bates
Hands-on, reception

Melvin Ehrlich
Gift Shop, reception

Sara Homsher
Curatorial

Dillon Ott
Hands-on, reception

Gregory Philmore
Saturday Jr. volunteer

Ethel Smith
Reception

Martha White
Saturday reception, Hands-on

Doris Anthony
Docent

Abby Barr
Docent

James Durie
Docent

Paul Ernest
Docent

David Huff
Docent

Thelma Ivery
Docent

Pam Jones
Docent

Marinella Lentis
Docent

Helen May
Docent

Vickie McDonald
Docent

Lillian McKinnis
Docent

Brittany Payne
Docent

Dustin Tam
Docent

Josh Thomas
Docent

Andrew Thrash
Docent

Juliette Wimberly
Docent

Barbara Walters
Docent

JUNIOR VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Summer at the Archives means Junior Volunteers!

Junior Volunteers are teenagers age 14– 18 and usually work in the Hands-on Gallery or Gift Shop.

Junior Volunteers.....

*Develop people skills

*Learn about Alabama history first-hand

*Explore career opportunities in history

*Acquire practical work experience and community service hours

*Meet people from all over Alabama, the United

States, and the World!

Summer spots are filling up fast. To reserve a space or to learn more, call Kelly at 334-353-4702 or email Kelly.hoomes@archives.alabama.gov

Pass this information on to a teen you know!



Thomas replenishing activity sheets

MEET CLARA YELDER



Clara processing a collection

By: Mary Jo Scott,
Private Records Liaison

A volunteer with the ADAH for almost 15 years, Clara Yelder has worked at the department in many capacities. This Prattville native began working in the Hands-On Gallery when it was still called Grandmother's Attic. She then began helping the archival staff with processing manuscript collections. She now splits her time between processing Private Records Collections on Wednesday mornings and greeting visitors at the

front desk in the afternoons. When asked why she continues to volunteer at the ADAH she replies, "I like the people here. Everyone here knows your name and makes you feel so welcome." Clara just recently finished processing Senator Lister Hill's reference files and is now working on the Dallas Craik Read Papers. The Read Papers are approximately 16 cubic feet of letters and documents that were used in the preparation of the book, *All De Deep Family Be Here*.