

Hattiesburg Area Historical Society

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HAHS WINS FRANK E. EVERETT, JR. AWARD

The Hattiesburg Area Historical Society was selected to receive the Frank E. Everett, Jr. Award for 2002. The Mississippi Historical Society presents this award as merited to a local historical society that has made an outstanding contribution to the preservation and interpretation of Mississippi history.

This recognition comes to HAHS largely as a result of Jacq Jones' diligence in pursuing the many avenues necessary to document and deliver the essential materials to apply for this honor for HAHS. The great bulk of work and effort toward winning the Everett Award was accomplished in spite of Jacq's declining health.

Jacq was a charter member of HAHS and an active participant and officer since its organization in 1970. She worked tirelessly for HAHS to help preserve our local history and heritage. From 1976 until her death in June of 2001, Jacq was the



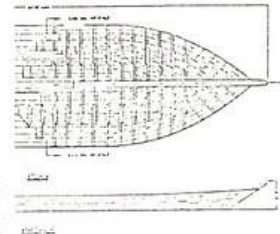
Martha Ann McLeod Gunn recently completed an oil portrait of Jacq Polk Jones. At the request of HAHS members and with the permission of the A J Jones family it will be on loan to the museum.

the driving force behind the HAHS: publishing The History of Hattiesburg Coloring Book; establishing the HAHS Museum; coordinating the publication of The History of Forrest County, Mississippi; engineering two museum moves; and holding the Society together through it all.

The Frank E. Everett, Jr. Award, which carries with it a cash prize, was established by the Mississippi Historical Society to memorialize Mr. Everett, who served as the first President of the MHS following its reorganization in 1953. Mr. Everett was instrumental in establishing the Vicksburg and Warren County Historical Society that spearheaded the preservation of the Old Warren County Courthouse and served for many years as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History.

The HAHS's selection as the recipient of the award was formally announced at the Awards Luncheon at the Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society on Saturday, March 2, 2002, at the Hattiesburg Holiday Inn. Dr. Thomas N. Boschert (past MSH president and visiting assistant professor of history at Delta State University, presented the award of merit to Paula Harvey, HAHS President, "for exemplary contribution to the preservation and interpretation of the history of Hattiesburg and its surroundings." The certificate will be on display at the HAHS Museum, and the Board of Directors has voted to apply the cash award to the fund for the preservation of the Keel boat, Leaf, one of Jacq's favorite projects.

This acknowledgment by the Mississippi Historical Society is evidence that HAHS is fulfilling its mission: to help preserve the history and heritage of the Hattiesburg area, to disseminate historical information, and to cooperate with other state historical societies and the State Department of Archives to make these materials available to the public.



KEEL BOAT UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who has expressed interest in our Keel Boat. We have received valuable input each time we mention it. I have been in contact with Annalies Corbin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Nautical Archaeology, Maritime Studies Program, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. I took update photos of the boat's condition and emailed them to her. She is very interested in the boat. At the March Board of Directors meeting we set aside funds to bring Dr. Corbin and her conservationist to have a "hands on" visit. After which she will provide us with a full recommendation on moving and restoring the boat. If you would like to make a contribution to (Cont. Page 4)

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Thank You Volunteers!!

Magnolia Memories Chapter - Questers has been volunteering each month since January. These ladies have been making an inventory of the Hattiesburg High School composit pictures. After they finish, the names will be put in the computer, alphabetized and printed out. A list will be available to help locate graduates.

Thank you Pam Boor (President), Molly Graff, Ann Darby, Lois Mills, Mary Farley, Mary Lou Poole, Doris Renfro, Faye Barlow, Evella Vivian, Linda McMillan, Brenda Garretson, Hilda East, Peggy Langnecker, Linda Morris, Gwen Clinton, Judy Williams and Betty Shelman! Your help is invaluable.

Our regular volunteers are available to help visitors, answer questions, sort materials and handle the business of the society. Thank you Barbara Curry, A J Jones, Ursula Jones, Tat Ott, Beth Meador, Earline Roseberry, Jeanne Herring, Laurie Crowson, Walt Cartier, Joanne Newcomb, Eloise Jones and Shirley Davenport. Of course we couldn't get along without our president, Paula Harvey.

Visitors Flock to the Museum

The following organizations have visited the HAHS museum and Cultural Center by appointment: Cub Scouts, Brownies, Business After Hours, Institute For Learning in Retirement, and Delta Kappa Gamma. Drop ins have come from Mobile, Florida, Louisiana and North Carolina. Local residents have come seeking information; former residents have come to visit; and many phone calls have been received..

Gifts to the Society



Oil portrait of Forrest County District Attorney, Edward Alexander Currie, Sr. (1886-1947), painted by renown artist Charles Edward Ambrose, given to HAHS by granddaughter, Susan Currie Suthon. The portrait is on loan to the Hattiesburg Arts Council and can be seen on the second floor near the elevator.



Walthall School and PTA pictures along with dolls dressed to represent PTA presidents from Frances Thornton Smith via her sister, Dee Abbott. Also King's Daughter material.

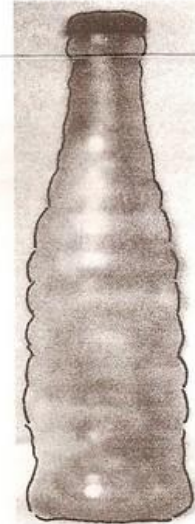


Jay Estes gave HAHS an old railroad level, soil conservation level and old bottles.



A gift from Dorothy Thomsen of her HHS Class of 1927-28 Reunion Scrapbook compiled May 15-17, 1987.

Dick Potter photos and plaque by Melissa Potter's sister, Jan Beall.



Mystery of the Month!

Clear Glass

Do you recognize this?
Where was Forrest Beverage
Co.?

What drink did this bottle hold?
Marking on bottom of bottle:

9 7

Duraglas
3737

CONGRATULATIONS to student member Shauna Harvey. Shauna has been selected as a delegate to Magnolia Girls State to be held at USM June 8-15!

HAHS Appreciates These Recent Monetary Contributions

Oct. 10 - Mar. 31, 2002

Donors:

Questers-Magnolia Memories
 Shirley H. Davenport
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FROM OUR SALES COUNTER

The History of Forrest County, Mississippi by HAHS - Hardback - \$70.00

The Faith That Compelled Us: Court Street United Methodist Church, Hattiesburg, MS
 by Frances Thornton Smith Hardback - \$30 Softback - \$20
 Make check to the Name of the Book: "The Faith That Compelled Us."

"All Off for Gordon's Station." A History of the Early Hattiesburg, MS Area by Andrew English - \$29.95

The Hanging of Willie Ross "Boss" Weatherford in Purvis, MS at the Lamar Co. Jail 12-01-1932
 by Charles Scruggs - Softcover \$10.00

Reprint of Otis Robertson's Facts About Hattiesburg, Dec. 1898 - \$5.00 donation

Signed and Numbered Prints of Hattiesburg High School (sepia tone) - \$35.00 donation

Historic Downtown Association Ornament Series: 2000 - Saenger Theatre - \$12.00

2001 - Main Street United Methodist Church - \$10.00



On January 28, 2002, Sacred Heart Catholic School presented HAHS with a framed "Thanks" and a huge tin of cookies to commemorate Catholic Schools Week. The 6th Grade class was accompanied by the principal and spent some time seeing the museum.

HATTIESBURG AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Note: Thank you for supporting HAHS. The status of your membership is found after your name on the address label-the year dues have been paid or "L" for Life member.

Did you know HAHS Museum is now listed on the World Wide Web under:
www.hattiesburg.org. Click on Attractions!

2002 HAHS MEMBERSHIP

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Individual \$10 _____ Couple/Organization \$15 _____
Student \$2 _____ Each Life Membership \$100 _____
Memorial to: _____ Amt. _____
Honorarium _____ Amt. _____

(Please make checks payable to HAHS)
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KEEL BOAT from Page 1 - the Keel Boat fund, simply mail it to HAHS and mark it "Boat Fund." In the next few months, we will be making strides to get the whole community involved in saving our boat. I have also talked to Dr. Allen Saltus (and sent him the same photos) regarding the current condition. If you are familiar with the boat's story, you will remember that Dr. Saltus was the one who identified and dated the boat for us originally. Keep your ideas and input coming...more news as it develops. Paula Harvey, HAHS President.