

# Hattiesburg Area Historical Society

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## SOCIETY NEWS...from the President

So much has happened this year that it is really hard to stop and remember everything. First and foremost I must thank all the volunteers who give so much of their time to our organization. Our regular volunteers and our "fill-ins" keep our society going. Members not only volunteer their time, but in many cases donate items of need. The board is constantly trying to come up with ways to make programs and information available to each of you. There is always a need for volunteers so, even if you can't commit to a certain amount of time, we will take whatever time you can give!

A record number of groups have come to the Museum. Ursula Jones, Vice President in charge of the Museum, does a wonderful job of making each tour fun and inviting. If you have not been to see the current exhibit, please take time to stop by and visit. I think you will be pleasantly surprised to see the changes that are constantly taking place.

HAHS is also very proud of our Hattiesburg High School Composite Collection. We currently have from 1922-1959, with the exception of 1954. Byron East added some information for the classes of 1960 and 1961. Jean Welborn donated a large copy of the class of '42. The class of '57 just completed the restoration of their class composite and the class of '48 is working on theirs. If you know of any composite that needs a home, we would love to add it to our hallways.

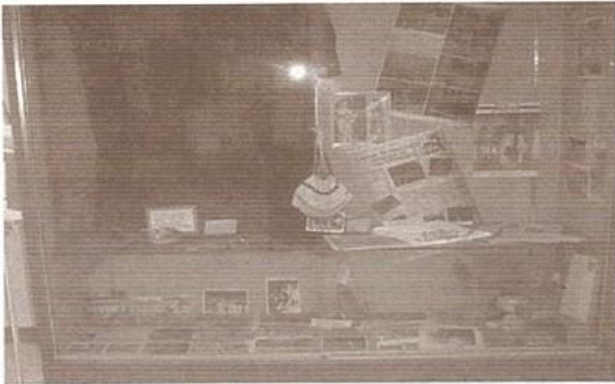
I can not close without mentioning my pet project...the keel boat. We have gotten the formula that we need to start treating it. The boat must first be cleaned, then sprayed with an insecticide, fungicide product. We then wait and spray it with a water seal treatment. All this will be monitored by digital photography by our contact at East Carolina University, a Professor of Nautical Archaeology, Maritime Studies Program. This same process is being done on a steamer hull pulled from Lake Michigan in the late 1970's. Joanne Newcomb has offered to make sure that the first round of the pesticide product is applied. I am still in pursuit of a home for our boat to be put on display. With the tourist traffic a display of this kind would be a great asset to our area.

Paula Harvey, President

*Holiday in the Hub*  
December 14 & 15, 2002  
Hattiesburg's Historical Downtown



A vintage girl scout tent gives our Museum goers a taste of camping life.



### CAMPING KNOTS AND CAMPING NOTS...

What do square knots, campfires, s'mores, and cookies bring to mind? Girl Scouts, of course. What do names like Daisy, Juliette Gordon, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, and Agnes Baden-Powell have to do with Girl Scouting? And what about Savannah, Hattiesburg, Biloxi, Gulfport, Jones County, Forrest County, Camp Dantzer, Black Creek, Gulf Pines, Wiggins, Maxie, and Iti Kana? Do you know about the left-hand shake, Be Prepared, and international friendship?

If you don't know drop by the HAHS Museum, take a trip back through our 90 Years of Girl Scouting exhibit, and find out. Tour through GSUSA history from its national beginning on March 12, 1912 to its Hattiesburg debut in 1934. Learn about the growth of the local council from a 1945 office in City Hall to a 15 county council in 1960 to today's expanded service area of 21 counties that stretches from the Gulf Coast to Meridian and includes two camps.

Many interesting pieces of local and national Scouting history can be seen. There are dozens of old photographs in which to look for yourself or friends. A number of old uniforms are on display. Badges, awards, handbooks, jewelry, and other scouting equipment and collectibles fill the cases. Look for the nail from founder Juliette Low's home and a suitcase that helped a local troop travel across Europe. Step inside the wall tent, on loan from the Gulf Pines Council, and remember what it felt like when you went troop camping.

While you are there try your skill at identifying the Camping Knots and Camping Nots on the activity board. Former Scouts should ask for a biographical sketch form to fill out for the Girl Scout Alumnae Register we are trying to create. No one should feel left out for it is a well known fact that Girl Scout campouts and events often included fathers, brothers, and boyfriends. If you were ever a participant with a troop, we would like to know.

When Juliette Low decided to form the first troop she told a friend, "Come right over. I've got something for the girls of Savannah, and all of America, and all of the world, and we're going to start it tonight." For those of you who think Girl Scouts have nothing to do with your life, it might interest you to know that the HAHS President, Vice President, Secretary, and several of the HAHS Board members were (and some of them still are) Girl Scouts.

With over 45 million living GSUSA alumnae, surely every person living in the United States today has been influenced by a Girl Scout. If you haven't, drop by the HAHS Museum today or call for a group reservation. We'll try to "Be Prepared" to help you.





### GIFT IDEAS 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

"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: 2002 - Hattiesburg Cultural Center - \$10.00

2000 - Saenger Theatre - \$12.00      2001 - Main Street United Methodist Church - \$12.00

Note Cards by Patty Talbot: \$10.00/pack of 5. Original drawings of Hattiesburg High School, Old Frost Top, Beverly Drive In and Old Hattiesburg Library. Her paintings can also be ordered.

### Thank You, Volunteers

Magnolia Questers have signed up to volunteer again this year. The members have been making an inventory of the Hattiesburg High School Class composite pictures and are putting the names in the computer to generate an alphabetical list so those hunting pictures can find them. HAHS wants to thank these ladies for their invaluable help. They do other projects as well and work with our "regular" volunteers, Barbara Curry, Tat Ott, Beth Meador, Lelia Wilson, Earline Roseberry, Jeanne Herring, Brian Blair, Laurie Crowson and Ursula Jones.



Pictured above are Linda Morris and Gwen Clinton members of Magnolia Questers



DEAR SANTA,

HAHS NEEDS A BETTER COPIER. THE COPY MACHINE REPAIR MAN HAS TOLD US THAT HE CANNOT DO MUCH MORE FOR THE ONE WE HAVE SINCE IT IS 18 YEARS OLD.

IF ANY MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A COPIER OR MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PURCHASING ONE WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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 A vacuum cleaner with special filter - Barbara Aldridge Curry  
 A speaker's lectern and *The Journal of MS History* - Tat Ott  
 A work table for the office - Paula Harvey  
 1939 Hattiesburg Directory - David Garraway  
 Two Scrapbooks plus extra clippings of articles written by  
                               Sarah Gillespie, three books on Mississippi, architectural  
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 Book shipped to above address unless other specified Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

See page 3 for other items for sale.