

Hattiesburg Area Historical Society

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Society News...from the President

As I last reported, the Hattiesburg High School composite for the class of 1948 was being refurbished. It is now complete and again hanging with the others in our collection. The Magnolia Questers volunteers have completed the listing of the pictures in all the composites, and the names are in alphabetical order in a binder. HAHS appreciates the work these ladies have done.

The storage unit that we rented to put the "stuff" that was in Jack Riley's upstairs building has been emptied thanks to the volunteers who made that possible. The negatives have been relocated to a rent free building in Sumrall.

A nominating committee will be appointed soon to fill several positions on the board. We have both officer and board positions open. Please let us know if you will help. Call Paula Harvey at 268-0234.

And, of course, let me mention the keelboat. The first coat of the recommended insecticide, fungicide product and water seal treatments have been done. Special thanks to Joanne Newcomb for getting the first round of spray on the boat. A digital photography log is being maintained and will be monitored by our contact at East Carolina University, a Professor of Nautical Archaeology in the Maritime Studies Program.

Richard Roman has been making contacts in an effort to find a home for the "Leaf" to get it out of the weather. Andrew English

will be in town and is planning on appearing on WDAM on the Daybreak program around the 4th of July. We really need to find a home for the "Leaf" and get it relocated.

Paula Harvey, President



Shauna Harvey is a student member of HAHS and the daughter of our President. She became very interested in the boat and, after examining all the original boat materials, has made it her project to photograph and document each stage of the coating. She has also done internet research on other historic boat attractions. Her preservation project on the "Leaf" earned her the Girl Scout Gold Award. Shauna continues to visit the boat regularly and will be putting her award winning

HAHS Appreciates These Recent Monetary Contributions

October 28, 2002 - May 5, 2003

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Early Piney Woods Life

Thirty pictures of Piney Woods life were discovered in a closet at the Interaction Factory (Old Walthall School) by Lee Walker who contacted HAHS. Ursula Jones moved the photos to the museum where Jeanne Herring and Earline Roseberry cleaned and reframed them. These pictures, by D. C. Young and Stephen Young, were sponsored by the now defunct Hattiesburg Heritage Foundation.

"The Piney Woods, which covers most of the southern third of Mississippi, was the last part of the state to be developed commercially and industrially. It evolved from a wilderness of yellow pine forest dotted with a few small farms to the diverse economy and society of today," according to the accompanying text. This evolution is chronicled in these photographs and, as we have room, the museum will display these pictures a few at a time. We invite you to come by and see them.



SPECIAL THANKS

HAHS cannot operate without the continual support and assistance of its friends and members. **THANK YOU:** Charles Scruggs, Joe Kight, Chris West, Ursula Jones and Melissa Jones for helping us move out of the storage unit and into the old Sumrall Jail. Photo from left: Joe Kight, Ursula Jones, Charles Scruggs and Chris West. Two unnamed helpers "saved the day" by helping run the stairs.



GIFTS

(19 Nov 2002 - 24 May 2003)



- ☆ Photograph album c1966-68 of youth activities at the old Teen Center (now Sigler Center) - T.B. Little.
- ☆ Piano Recital Programs and 1920 picture of Rotary Picnic.
Book: Hattiesburg Our History in Photos. - Sarah Gillespie
- ☆ Metal wall picture holder - H. G. Talbert
- ☆ All original mahogany settee featuring carved skirt and ornately carved dragons on the arms. - anonymous donor.
- ☆ Framed invitation to HHS 1948 Graduation -
Joan Stockstill Godsey.
- ☆ Typesetter and check writing machine owned by Chancellor Lumber Co. Newton, Maxie & Hattiesburg, MS 1925-1945 -
Mrs. George A. Chancellor, Sr.
- ☆ Two scrapbooks Class of 1943 and 50th Reunion of the HHS Class of 1943 - Mary Lurline Shields and Beth Steadman Meador.
- ☆ Six gallons of Water Seal and 1 package of Timbor to preserve the Keelboat - Paula Harvey.
- ☆ 1920 picture of Ward 3 School, 1927 pictures of HHS composite - Lester Clark.
- ☆ Early City Ice Company canvas bucket - Sally & Garland Sullivan
- ☆ Wood quilt rack - Celeste Young
- ☆ Three c1962 formal dresses, 1 hoop - Cheryl Breland
- ☆ Book: The Dark Road Home by Jerry Paul Roberts, Class of 1958
- ☆ Two HHS class rings, 1925 belonging to Wilette Smith and Lt. Col. Lawrence B. Hudson M.D. and ten of his military medals. One HHS class ring, 1953 - Anne Hudson Carpenter.



**COMING SOON!
HATTIESBURG HIGH
SCHOOL
EXHIBIT
BY BRIAN BLAIR**

**Early photographs and
memorabilia!**

PROGRAMS

The community continues to call the museum with requests for programs. Our staff has provided the following:

- ◆ Seminar on the History of Hattiesburg for the Institute for Learning in Retirement.
- ◆ History of Hattiesburg program with booklets for Woodley Elementary School REACH students.
- ◆ Tour for ADP Group and tour for USDA Workshop.
- ◆ History of Area Scouting program and viewing Girl Scout Exhibit for local Girl Scout troops.
- ◆ Panhellenic Heritage of Hattiesburg Women program for HAPA and area graduating seniors.
- ◆ Hattiesburg's Women of Distinction program for Delta Kappa Gamma.
- ◆ Museum tour for Hattiesburg High School Class of 1958.