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More Emergency Relief Funds Available for Hurricane Katrina Losses

The Mississippi Humanities Council has received a second emergency relief award from the National Endowment for the Humanities to assist institutions and organizations affected by Hurricane Katrina. A limited number of grants up to \$2,500 will be available for consultation for volunteer and small groups requiring assistance in preparing larger proposals, and grants up to \$5,000 for various emergency needs. Deadline for application is **December 15, 2005**. An RFP and further details will be available on the MHC web site (www.mshumanities.org) next week.

NEH Aids Nine Mississippi Cultural Institutions

Nineteen emergency grants of up to \$30,000 each have been awarded from the National Endowment for the Humanities to restore hurricane-damaged collections in the Gulf Coast States. Nine of the awards are to Mississippi institutions.

"Major immediate assistance to our damaged cultural institutions on the Coast from our parent institution, the NEH, gives us much to be grateful for this holiday season," stated Barbara Carpenter, MHC executive director. "The Endowment and MHC are committed to immediate, critical relief and to the long-term support that will be needed in the future."

Mississippi recipients of the NEH emergency awards include: William Carey College, Hattiesburg; Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home, Biloxi; Biloxi Public

Library, Biloxi; Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum, Biloxi; Old Capitol Museum of Mississippi History, Jackson; L. Zenobia Coleman Library and Art Collection, Tougaloo College, Tougaloo; Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, Biloxi; Mississippi Sound Historical Museum, Gulfport; and the University of Southern Mississippi's historical maritime science expedition reports and texts.

Two awards to the Mississippi Humanities Council are being distributed in smaller allotments to meet emerging needs of hurricane-damaged groups and sites.

'Between Fences' Tour Continues

"Between Fences," traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibit depicting the settling of the United States, travels Nov. 30 to the Oren Dunn Museum in Tupelo for a one-month run. "Between Fences" is the third Smithsonian Institution travel exhibit to come to Mississippi, via the Mississippi Humanities Council. It is the story of people, pigs, corn and dirt. It is about intimacy and conflict, creativity and industry, restraint and liberation in America.

Dates and locations for the Between Fences traveling exhibit are as follows:

- Nov. 30-Dec. 22, 2005, Oren Dunn Museum, Tupelo, MS (for information about special events and exhibits at this site contact Christy Roberts at 662-841-6438 or museum@ci.tupelo.ms.us)
- Jan. 6-Jan. 31, 2006,
Lincoln Lawrence
Franklin Public Library
(for information about
special events and
exhibits at this site
contact Henry Ledet at
601.833-3369 or
hledet@llf.lib.ms.us)
- Feb. 4-March 7, 2006,
M.R. Dye Public Library,
Horn Lake, MS (for
information about special events and exhibits at this site contact Carson
Culver at 662-393-5654 or carsonc@first.lib.ms.us)
- March 20-April 25, 2006, Mitchell Memorial Library, Mississippi State
University, Starkville, MS (for information about special events and
exhibits at this site contact Glen Berry at 662-325-2029 or
gberry@library.msstate.edu)



Students view 'Fences' exhibit in Decatur

Upcoming Humanities Events in Mississippi

- Dec. 6, 2005, *Lunch Lecture Series*, Eudora Welty Library, 300 North State Street, Jackson MS. Dr. Stuart Rockoff, historian at the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life, along with Bea Gotthelf, a Jackson resident and active participant in local civil rights activities during the 1960s, will present a joint lecture. Gotthelf will provide a firsthand account of being both a member of the Jewish community and a participant in the Jackson civil rights activities. This is one of four lectures in this series, aimed at promoting a dialogue on crucial race-related issues. Bring your lunch to this free lecture.
- Dec. 7, 2005, *Place of Peace: Shelby Foote's Shiloh*, Itawamba Community College campus, Tupelo, MS. Lecture.

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