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## On Display: Artwork by Charles Herring

12 February - 30 April 2009

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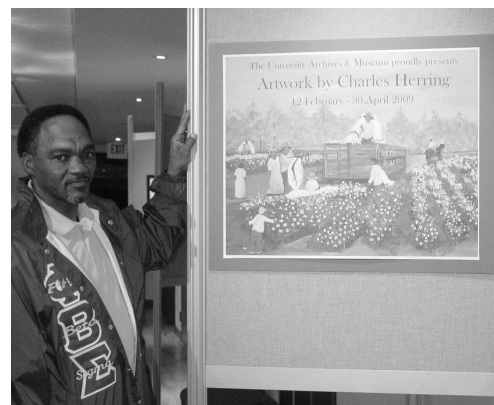
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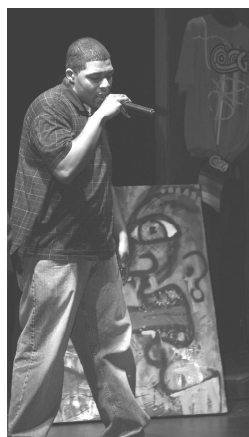
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Charles Herring, a self-taught artist born in the MS Delta recognized he had a talent for artistic expression at the age of seven when he won his first art contest. In high school, an essay and his art work was selected to be published on the cover of a book themed "A Past to Honor and a Future to Mold". For the past 20 years Mr. Herring has been employed with the MS Department of Correction as a Correctional Officer. Mr. Herring's desire is to inspire kids in the community and local schools to explore their own artistic abilities. He uses his artist skills and craftsmanship in wood work to develop the passion in others. Mr. Herring's pieces have been sold in galleries in New Jersey, New York, Alabama and most recently on display in the BB King Museum in Indianola. Mr. Herring is an Artist in Residence for the Delta Arts Alliance Program and a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Mr. Herring's most recent collection of art works will be on display in the Charles W. Capps, Jr. Archives & Museum gallery through 30 April 2009. This exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Archives @ 662.846.4780.



## Opening: Hip Hop in the Delta: An Exhibit

25 February - 30 April 2009



Wyld Bill performing, 2008 Conference.

Music has long been a part of the Delta. Hip Hop is a part of that legacy. Hip Hop has been defined as not just the music it encompasses but the culture as well. Hip hop is about the community, how people talk, how they act, fashion, art, lifestyle, politics and people. In 2008, the Delta Music Institute at Delta State hosted the first annual Hip Hop Conference entitled *Bridging The Gap From Blues To Rap*. This year's conference theme is *Exploitation or Empowerment* and the archives has partnered with the DMI and Family and Consumer Sciences to include an exhibit as part of the conference. The exhibit will include hip hop style clothing designed by fashion merchandizing students under the direction of Dr. Jan Haynes, the tools of the trade, artwork and more. The opening event will feature hip hop performances and a hip hop fashion show on Wednesday, 25 February beginning at 6:00 pm. The exhibit will run through 30 April.

# First Tuesday Program: Dr. John Marszalek

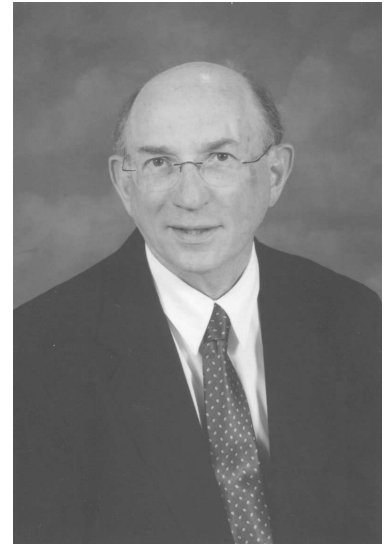
3 March 2009 12:10 - 1:00 pm  
Holcomb-Norwood Building, Room 151

Dr. John Marszalek, Executive Director & Managing Editor of the Ulysses S. Grant Association will deliver a lecture entitled: *Ulysses S. Grant Returns to Mississippi*. This is reflective of the arrival of Grant's papers to the Mississippi State University Library this spring.

Dr. Marszalek is a graduate of Canisius College and the University of Notre Dame. He taught for five years at Gannon University in Erie, PA. before coming to Mississippi State University in 1973 where he retired as the W. L. Giles

Distinguished Professor Emeritus in 2002. Dr. Marszalek is a specialist in the U. S. Civil War, the Jacksonian Period, and race relations; he is the author of editor of thirteen books and over 250 articles and book reviews. He is best known for his award winning books: Sherman, A Soldier's Passion for Order, and The Petticoat Affair: Manners, Mutiny, and Sex in Andrew Jackson's White House, winner of the Southeastern Library Association Non-Fiction prize. His first book, Court Martial, was made into a Showtime motion picture and reissued as a paperback, both under the new title Assault at West Point.

He has lectured widely throughout the nation and has appeared on ABC, CBS, CNN, and NBC Television, the Arts and Entertainment Television Network, C-SPAN, C-SPAN 2, Showtime Television, the History Channel, the Voice of America, Mississippi Public Radio, and radio stations throughout the nation. In 2002, the Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration awarded him the Richard Wright Literary Award (life-time achievement by a Mississippi author). In 2004, the Mississippi Historical Society presented him with its highest award, the B.L.C. Wailes Award for national distinction in history. From 2007-2008, he served as president of the Mississippi Historical Society. From January 2004 through May of 2007, while continuing his retirement from teaching, he was Mississippi State University's Director and Mentor of Distinguished Scholars (the holders of the Schillig and Presidential Scholarships). Marszalek is a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran married to the former Jeanne Kozmer, and they are the parents of three grown sons and have four grandchildren.



Those attending may bring a lunch, coffee will be provided.

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## Dave "Boo" Ferriss Baseball Museum: A Life in Baseball

The baseball season has begun for Delta State and with it the Dave "Boo" Ferriss museum begins another season of regular hours and special tours. The museum is open an hour before every home game and between all double-headers. For a complete list of the home baseball game schedule, click on [www.GoStatesmen.com](http://www.GoStatesmen.com) Special tours can be arranged by calling the Archives at 662.846.4780.



## Delta Dinner Bus Tours:

1 March 2009                      1:00 pm  
 The Big River Musical and Dinner @ Fermo's  
 Greenville                      \$38.00 per person  
 RSVP 26 February                      6642.846.4780

The Big River Musical is based on Mark Twain's classic story of Huckleberry Fin with Roger Miller crafting the production's musical score. This trip includes admission to the musical and dinner following at Fermo's.

Menu:

House Salad

Choice of Entrees

Pasta with Marinara Sauce ~ Angel Hair Pasta with Meatballs ~ Lasagna ~ Eggplant Parmesan ~  
 Meat Filled Tortellini ~ Pasta Alfredo ~ Veggie Lasagna ~ Catfish Fermo's  
 Dessert: Fried Cheesecake with Ice Cream

26 April                      2:00 pm  
 Guided Tour of Tunica's Museum and Dinner @ Paula Deen's  
 Tunica                      \$25.00  
 RSVP 22 April                      662.846.4780

The Tunica Museum interprets the history of Tunica County through exhibits, educational programs, research and collections. Richard Taylor, Executive Director of the Museum, will guide our tour with a special demonstration on historic cotton ginning. Dinner will follow at Paula Deen's Restaurant featuring a wide variety of cooking stations.

16 May                      1:00 pm  
 Heritage Preservation Program  
 Tour to Burrus House and Dinner @ Blue Levee  
 Cleveland, Benoit & Rosedale                      \$30.00 person  
 RSVP 8 May                      662.846.4780

In conjunction with National Heritage Preservation Month, the Archives will host a presentation by Todd Sanders, Architectural Historian with the MS Department of Archives & History. The presentation is free and open to the public but seating is limited. Please call the Archives to reserve your seat. Following the presentation, the DSU bus will leave from the Archives parking lot to drive out to the Burrus House in Benoit where Eustace Winn will share with us about the work that has been done to restore the home. Dinner will follow at Blue Levee in Rosedale.

Menu:

Appetizer of Fried Green Tomatoes

Choice of Entrees

Pork Chops (blackened or grilled) ~ Shrimp (blackened, grilled or fried) ~ Catfish (blackened or fried)  
 All Entrees served with vegetables and parmesan garlic mashed potatoes

# Save the Date: Archives 4th Annual Spring Tea

“Reflections on a Lifetime of Partnerships”  
Sunday, 19 April 2009, 2:00 pm  
Archives’ Back Patio

Bring along your favorite tea cup and saucer as we enjoy  
a pleasant Sunday afternoon entertained and enlightened.



**Year of Partnerships**  
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The Antiquities Law, passed in 1970 and amended in 1983, affirms the State’s interest in locating, protecting, and preserving historic properties. These properties include sites, objects and buildings of historical, archaeological or architectural significant to Mississippi’s pre-history and history and are identified in the law as “Mississippi Landmarks.” Several of Delta State’s buildings are recognized as “Mississippi Landmarks.” Those buildings are Bailey Hall (2007), Broom Hall (1991), Cleveland Hall (1991), Ward Hall (1991), Fielding-Wright Art Center (1991), Whitfield Gymnasium (2007), the Faculty House (2007), and the Old President’s Home(2007) .

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