

The MAX September | October Events

Ongoing

Through the Looking Glass: Life in Mississippi

August 31, 2019–January 5, 2020

Tuesday–Saturday, 9am–5pm; Sunday, 11am–5pm

Through the Looking Glass: Life in Mississippi is a collection of photographs by Alysia Burton Steele and Betty Press. Neither artist thought they would land in Mississippi nor did they know what to expect. To cope with their new surroundings, they began photographing life in Mississippi. Come see what they discovered! Free with museum admission.

Members Only: Open Ceramics Studio

Tuesdays + Thursdays, 11am–2pm, through November

Spend your lunch hour at The MAX! The ceramic studio is open to our members of all skill levels and abilities. Available space in the studio is first come, first serve. Includes materials and firing. \$40 per month. Registration required by the first of each month.

September

Grandparents' Day Celebration

September 8, 11am–5pm

Come to The MAX and celebrate Grandparents' Day with us! We'll have free refreshments, games, family fun, and more! Bingo games at 1 and 3pm. Discounted museum admission: \$8 Adults + Youth | Kids 5 and under + Members FREE.

First Responders "Thank You"

September 10–13, 9am–5pm

To honor our first responders, The MAX is giving two complimentary admission passes to all Mississippi first responders. Responders can visit The MAX exhibits during this promotion, and use the two free passes at their convenience. We'll have light refreshments and free gifts for these special visitors.

Premiere Party for PBS' Country Music Miniseries

September 15, 6–9pm

The hometown of Jimmie Rodgers, the Father of Country Music, will have a special opportunity to view the first episode of Ken Burns' miniseries, *Country Music*, at the MSU Riley Center. The presentation will begin at 6pm in the Riley Center's Studio Theater. A celebration of Rodgers' life and musical contributions will begin at 6:30pm, followed by the screening of the premier episode of the PBS series from 7–9pm. Free and open to the public.

Brown Bag Lunch: Wayward Jones

September 19, 11:30am–1pm

The duo Wayward Jones is Boswell Media's 2019 Mississippi Songwriter of the Year and guest artist at this month's Brown Bag Lunch concert. Bicycle and Amanda Jones bring an eclectic flavor to their music, heavy with elements of blues, country, folk, and rock. Free and open to the public.

For more information or to register for events, visit msarts.org.

Book Signing: MaeMae's Grandmother Book with Marilyn Tinnen

September 19, 2–3pm

MaeMae is a Southern grandmother who shares a few well-learned life lessons straight from the heart. With reflections from her own experience, she covers a broad range of subjects with humor, grace, and an ample dose of truth. Books available for sale in The MAX Store. Free and open to the public.

Ideas on Tap:

The Future of Public Education in Mississippi

September 19, 5:30–7pm

Join The MAX, the Mississippi Humanities Council, and the Phil Hardin Foundation for the first in a special two-part Ideas on Tap series on public education in Mississippi. An ideologically diverse panel of education policy experts will discuss different approaches to improving public schools. Panelists include Rachel Canter (Mississippi First), Grant Callen (Empower Mississippi), and Nancy Looome (The Parents' Campaign). MHC executive director Dr. Stuart Rockoff will moderate.

A follow-up program addressing public education in Meridian will take place on October 17. Both programs are part of a yearlong series on public education in communities around the state. Light refreshments + cash bar. Free and open to the public.

WineDown: Pinot Noir

September 26, 6:30–9pm

This September WineDown's featured wine is Pinot Noir.

Rules of the Game: Put together a team of 1–3 participants. Bring three identical bottles of Pinot Noir—two will be anonymously bagged, the third placed in "the pot." Participants are provided a score card and complimentary MAX wine glass and will taste and score the wines. The team with the highest score wins the entire pot...except one bottle. The lowest-scoring team's bottle will be returned! Registration required. \$15 per person | Free for MAX Members.

October

Mississippi Day: Military Salute

October 5, 9am–5pm

Join us for a salute to our men and women in uniform! The MAX is home to many artists with military connections—find out about them in our Military-themed scavenger hunt (get the answers right, and you'll win a prize!). Free refreshments. \$5 Adults | \$1 Youth 6–17 | Kids 5 and under + Members FREE.

Grow Anything in Anything + Mini Plant Swap with Felder Rushing

October 5, 9–11am

Flowers, herbs, and veggies can grow in any kind of container imaginable. Join Felder Rushing, host of MPB's *The Gestalt Gardener*, for his presentation on wacky container gardens and participate in a plant swap. **Plant swap rules:** Bring a labeled pest-free seedling or full grown plant, potted or bare rooted. Just promise to give it tender loving care! Free with museum admission. Registration required.

More 

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The MAX Bus Tour to Jackson

October 8, 8am–5pm

Make plans now to travel to Jackson to visit the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum or Museum of Mississippi History. Lunch at Old Capitol Inn and a tour of Pearl River Glass Studio is included. Reservations required. \$55 Non-members | \$45 Members.

Fall Night Market

October 10, 5–9pm

Join us for our second Fall Night Market! We'll have live music; beer and wine; a farm to table experience; and artists, artisans, farm vendors, and food trucks selling their wares. A signature fall cocktail by Cathead Vodka will be available for purchase. Free and open to the public. A partnership with Meridian Council for the Arts, Go Green Meridian, and The MAX.

Blues Series: Eden Brent + Bob Dowell

October 11, 6–9pm

Another night of music at Maxie's Juke Joint showcases Eden Brent + Bob Dowell. Known for rowdy piano and raspy vocals, Eden is recognized as one of today's leading blues artists continuing the legacy of Mississippi's female blues trailblazers. Born and raised in London, Bob has worked with myriad artists in multiple genres from jazz, pop, blues, and latin, to orchestral and theater productions. Upcoming artists in the series include Alphonso Sanders, December 13; Ra'Shad The Blues Kid, February 14; Aa'Keela and The Beats, April 17; and Vasti Jackson, June 5. Refreshments + cash bar available. \$20 Non-members | Free for Members. Funded in part by a grant from the Mississippi Arts Council.

Brown Bag Lunch: Daniel Houze

October 17, 11:30am–1pm

Meridian's own Daniel Houze is a singer, songwriter, and acoustic guitar player who grew up loving southern gospel and country music. Bring your lunch (and a friend or two) and hang out with Daniel in The MAX courtyard for an entertaining hour of music on your lunch hour. Free and open to the public.

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Film Screening—Charley Pride: I'm Just Me

October 24, 6:30–9:30pm

Charley Pride: I'm Just Me traces the improbable journey of Charley Pride, from his humble beginnings as a sharecropper's son on a cotton farm in segregated Sledge, Mississippi to his career as a Negro American League baseball player and his meteoric rise as a trailblazing country music superstar. The new documentary reveals how Pride's love for music led him from the Delta to a larger, grander world. Narrated by country singer Tanya

Tucker, the film features original interviews with country music royalty, including Garth Brooks, Dolly Parton, Brad Paisley, Darius Rucker, and Marty Stuart. After the screening, there will be a Q&A with film maker Barb Hall and musician Marty Stuart. Refreshments + cash bar. Limited seating. Registration required. \$15 Members | \$20 Non-members

Mississippi Murder Mystery: An Exit Plan Escape Room Experience

October 25, 8–10pm

Join The MAX and Exit Plan Escape Rooms for a Halloween Murder Mystery Experience! Enjoy beer and Halloween-themed cocktails (compliments of Mitchell Distributing and Cathead Distillery), and light snacks while you and a team solve a crime. Reservations required. \$15 Members | \$20 Non-members.

Fall Classes

Painting: Watercolor with Rosemary Kahlmus

Tuesdays, September 10–October 29, 2–4pm

Explore Mississippi artist Walter Anderson's favorite painting medium in this eight-week beginner's watercolor course. All materials included in the course fee. Limited to ten students, ages 16+. Registration required. \$150 Members | \$180 Non-members | \$160 Seniors 65+

Ceramics: Wheel Throwing with Dillan Ladner

Tuesdays, September 10–October 29, 6–8pm

In this eight-week beginner's course, create your own one-of-a-kind pottery on the potter's wheel. All materials and open studio time included in the course fee. Limited to six students, ages 16+. Registration required. \$150 Members | \$180 Non-members | \$160 Seniors 65+

Music: Adult Beginner's Guitar with Aaron Windham

Wednesdays, September 11–October 30, 1:30–2:15pm

Music: Youth Beginner's Guitar with Aaron Windham

Wednesdays, September 11–October 30, 4–4:45pm

Groove into one of these eight-week beginner guitar courses and learn the fundamentals of guitar, including techniques, rhythms, chords, picking, and strumming. No experience required, but students must bring their own acoustic guitar to class each week. Limited to 6 students. Youth class open to students ages 9–12, Adult class open to students 18+. Registration required. \$70 Members | \$80 Non-members

Ceramics: Handbuilding with Elizabeth Alexander

Thursdays, September 12–October 31, 2–4 pm

Students will learn techniques to build clay pieces by hand (such as pinching, slipping, and coiling) in this eight-week ceramics course. All materials are included in the course fee. Limited to ten students, ages 16+. Registration required. \$150 Members | \$180 Non-members | \$160 Seniors 65+



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