

# 2016 Biloxi Preservation in May

Thursday, May 5, 2016

## **Voices: An Introduction to Oral History**

Biloxi Public Library, 580 Howard Avenue

Learn in the ins and outs of oral histories. Participants will be introduced to the concept and importance of oral history projects for families and history. They will also be given practical “how to” advise on how to conduct their own oral histories. This free event is from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, May 12, 2016

## **“The Roll Call” Biloxi Wade in Memorial & Tribute Ceremony**

Dr. Frank Gruich Community Center, 591 Howard Avenue

Join us as we remember the men, women, and children who stood up for equality in Biloxi the late 1950’s and 60’s and fought to desegregate our beach. The program will include presentations from Former Mississippi Governor William Winters and other dignitaries and witnesses to the Wade-In protests. During the program Hancock Bank will make a special presentation to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. Organized by the Biloxi Branch of the NAACP, East Biloxi Community Collaborative, and Back Bay Mission, this free program begins at 5:00 pm and is followed by a reception. The event is sponsored by the City of Biloxi and Hancock Bank.

Thursday, May 19, 2016

## **Historic East Howard Avenue Walking Tour**

Tour begin in the Biloxi Library/Civic Center Courtyard, 578 Howard Avenue

Take a guided walking tour of Biloxi’s newest National Register Historic District, East Howard Historic District. Learn about the eclectic architecture and the some of the colorful people who have called the area home. The tours will begin at 5:30 pm and be followed by refreshments and displays about the area in the Biloxi Library.

Thursday, May 26, 2016

## **Biloxi Historical Preservation Awards**

Ohr-O’Keefe Museum of Art, 386 Beach Blvd.

The month long celebration will conclude with the 2016 Preservation Awards, begins at 5:30 p.m. The bi-annual awards are presented to individuals, organizations, and businesses to recognize those actively working to preserve Biloxi’s historic buildings and well as those working to preserve, promote or expand access to local historic resources. A reception will follow the awards presentations. Award nominations will be accepted through May 15, 2016. Forms are available on the City of Biloxi website at <http://biloxi.ms.us>.

Thursday, June 2, 2016

BONUS Event

## **100th Anniversary of the Sinking of the Emma Harvey**

St. Michael Catholic Church, 177 First Street

100 years ago the Emma Harvey, a Biloxi shrimp boat, was lost with all hands onboard when a hurricane hit the Coast with no warning. Learn the story of the Emma Harvey, which dominated the news for weeks after the storm, through displays and reactors. Following the program at 6:00 pm, St. Michael will hold a Mass to commemorate and remember all local fishermen lost at sea. The program will begin at 5:00 pm in the Michael Parish Life Center and refreshments will be served.

*Preservation in May is organized by the City of Biloxi, Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce, Biloxi Main Street District, Biloxi Public School District, The University of Southern Mississippi, and Local History and Genealogy Department of the Biloxi Public Library. The public is invited to attend all programs, free of charge. Receive a commemorative gift at the May 26 program if you have your “Passport through History,” stamped at 3 of the 4 regular programs.*