



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011

The Art Garden at the Mississippi Museum of Art is Under Construction



In the summer of 2007, the Mississippi Museum of Art celebrated the opening of its new home—a \$14 million dollar, state-of-the-art facility created for the community and made possible by the community. Flanked by the Jackson Convention Complex and several of the city's most active cultural organizations, the Museum is now the cornerstone of an arts district that—once unified by a vast, outdoor public space—will become the thriving epicenter of downtown Jackson. To achieve this vision, the Museum has developed The Art Garden at the Mississippi Museum of Art—a 1.2 acre park where community and culture convene.

The Art Garden is surrounded by Jackson's foremost cultural organizations, all of which contributed invaluable to its development. Thus, The Art Garden's myriad features are designed to engage visitors not only in the visual arts, but in all the arts. Versatile performance spaces will accommodate productions of all kinds—from an elaborate staging of the full Mississippi Symphony Orchestra to a spontaneous rehearsal for Ballet Mississippi. Outdoor terrace dining, native garden beds, and soothing fountains will attract Thalia Mara Hall ticket-holders before and after shows, thereby enhancing the theater-going experience. And intimate outdoor galleries and "classrooms" will host music and dance lessons, as well as festivals, art fairs, and other community events.

Like the Museum itself, The Art Garden is designed to be an inviting space in which everyone—from the longtime Museum member to the out-of-town tourist—can engage comfortably with art. Given our proximity to the Jackson Convention Complex, we anticipate introducing thousands of first-time visitors to the city. While on

DID YOU KNOW

Saks Fifth Avenue has its Operational Center located on Hwy 80 in Jackson, MS. All calls are fielded in Jackson through Saks call center.

Only four buildings are downtown that were not destroyed by fire during the Civil War or demolished thereafter? (Governor's Mansion, City Hall, the Old Capitol Museum, and the original Methodist Church that is now Galloway) Did you know that the reason is that they were used as hospitals for both the North and South together, and at the same time?

During her prime, the Farish Street Historic District was home to four movie theaters.

The Standard Life Lofts are close to completely leased, which will mean that all apartments downtown are filled.

The "Dickies Building" downtown was one of the largest producers of pup tents during World War II.

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INCREDIBLE "FOUND FILM" FROM 1945...VJ DAY

VJ Day, Honolulu Hawaii, August 14, 1945 from Richard Sullivan on
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FOOD TRUCK IS AN INCUBATOR ON WHEELS.... THANKS BOB WILSON!

RECENT COMMENTS

Cannot wait for Whole Foods to get here!
With the Farish Street Project getting ready to op...
Always a good time! Hannah Foreman Hlfreman@memphi...
This would be a great date night! Allison Hurley...
Hope to be there. eamundson2@comcast.net Eric Amun...

break between meetings or events, they'll have the opportunity to sample Mississippi's rich artistic heritage, while strolling, sitting, or sunning in The Art Garden.

Downtown Jackson employees and residents have long lamented the lack of a public outdoor space in which they can enjoy their lunch breaks, meet up with friends, or relax after hours. The Art Garden, with its lush plantings and portable seating, will offer just that: a central social space suitable for gathering with friends or relaxing alone. Along with the Museum's own Palette Café by Viking and The Walker West Garden, downtown employees and residents will at long last have access to a multi-use public space that can accommodate both the weekday worker and the relaxing weekender.

Check out the Art Garden on [Facebook](#) and look at construction photos.

[Click here](#) to view the Art Garden brochure.

Posted by John Gomez at 12:30 PM

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- Business Week # 11
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- Southwest Spirit
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- St. Paddy's Parade

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- Clarke Jewelers
601.944.1188
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601.355.4007
- Kirkland Hair
601.354.3482
- Kolb's Grand Cleaners

DOWNTOWN DINING

- Basil's Downtown
- Bistro 200
- Bodega
- Chick-Fil-A
- Chimneyville
- Congress Street Bar & Grill
- Cups on Capitol
- Elite
- F. Jones Corner
- Fuego Mexican Cantina
- Hal and Mal's
- Keifer's Downtown
- King Edward Grill
- Lamar Restaurant
- Martin's
- Mayflower Cafe
- McAlister's Select
- Miller's Grill
- Old Capitol Inn
- Ole Tavern on George Street
- Palette Cafe by Viking
- parlor market
- Parlor Market
- Peaches
- Scurlock's Donuts & Eatery
- Seattle's Best Coffee
- Steve's Downtown Deli
- Subway
- Sugar's Place
- Taste of the Island
- Caribbean
- Two Sisters' Kitchen
- Underground 119
- Wired Espresso Cafe

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AREA RESTAURANTS

- Aladdin's
- Bill's Greek Tavern
- Bon Ami
- Bonsai
- Bravo
- Brent's Drugs
- Char
- Crechale's
- Fenian's Pub
- High Noon Cafe
- Julep
- Keifer's Belhaven
- La Cazuela
- Lenny's Fondren
- Lumpkins BBQ
- Monte's
- Nick's
- Olga's
- Que Sera Sera
- Quiznos Fondren
- Rooster's
- Sakura Bana
- Sal & Mookies
- Sophia's
- Walker's
- Wingstop

DOWNTOWN NIGHTLIFE

CLARION-LEDGER

- Mistletoe Marketplace a vendor favorite
- Writer Josephine Haxton, aka 'Ellen Douglas', dead at 91
- Brandon: Stuff the Bus coming to Kroger store on Nov. 15

WLBT - NEWS

- Whole Foods Market to open in Jackson
- Parents upset over anti-abortion rallies outside high schools
- American Heart Association says eat healthy

MARSHALL RAMSEY

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WAPT

- Stocks tumble on fiscal cliff fears
- Prep's all-time leading rusher brings home Player of the Week honors
- Bond denied pair in