

The Great Depression Project

The Claiborne Jubilee and the Louisiana Regional Folklife Program invite you to participate in upcoming events marking the 80th anniversary year of the onset of the Great Depression

Learn how to collect community oral history.

Look for and share historic photographs.

Laugh away your troubles by joining us for the Mahogany Ensemble Theatre Presentation of *Steal Away*

Oral History Interviewing Workshop - Tuesday, February 17, 2009 1 - 4 pm Police Jury Office Complex Conference Room, 507 West Main St., Homer, LA .

Dr. Susan Roach, Folklorist, Louisiana Regional Folklife Program, LA Tech, will conduct a workshop on "Collecting Oral History from Your Family and Community." The session will focus on techniques and equipment for collecting, presenting and preserving oral history as well as how to interview people who lived through the Great Depression (1929-1941) The workshop is free. To pre-register call 318-257-2728 or 318-927-2566 or email msroach@latech.edu.

Claiborne Parish Depression Photo Show & Tell - Thursday, February 26, 1-4 pm same location as above. You are invited to bring your Depression Era photos of your family and community to be digitally copied and for the story of the photos to be recorded while you wait. The digital copies and their information will be archived with the La. Regional Folklife Program and selected photos and stories will be in an exhibit later in 2009.

Steal Away - Saturday, February 28, 2 pm at the Homer City Hall, 400 East Main St. The Mahogany Ensemble Theatre will present this comedy set in the Great Depression. Come and see what happens when five upstanding church women run low on scholarship money and turn to a new line of work. If you liked this group's production of "Crowns" you don't want to miss this. Tickets \$7 adults, \$5 those over 65 and for students. Tickets are available at The Raven Bookstore, The Grapevine Antiques and Gifts, and the Homer City Hall as well as at Killgore's Pharmacy in Haynesville.

Contact Cynthia Steele at 927-2566 for more information.

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