#### **EVENTS – NATIONAL POETRY MONTH, APRIL 2010**

April is National Poetry Month, so over the next few weeks I will be encouraging everyone to try to write a poem about Mississippi or the Delta and, send it in to us here at Delta Renaissance. I will read a few of them at the end of the month, during Cultural Updates segment.

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And now your cultural arts updates....

## Saturday April 03,

The Pre-Easter Day Blues Festival will kick off at noon, in Baptist Town. The Star Band, from Batesville will perform music by Howlin Wolf and Muddy Waters on the sacred grounds where Honeyboy Edwards and Robert Johnson once performed. This FREE event will be presented at 200 Young Street, just in front of the Hoover Grocery Store, Baptist Town. For more information contact Sylvester Hoover at 662.392.5370

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# Also, Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup>,

There will be a Kid's Fishing Rodeo at the Ferguson Waterfront on Main Street, in Downtown Greenville. The Rodeo is for Kids 12 & Under. The sign-up time is 8 AM, and the tournament will begin at 9 AM

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### **Sunday April 4**

2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Mary Shepard Day, AKA the Queen of Jook. The event will be held at the Club Ebony in Indianola. Special guests include: Bobby Rush, Denise LaSalle, Nathaniel Kimble, Eden Brent and many other wonderful local folks that hopefully includes you. This all begins at 3pm you can call 662.907.9915, for more information.

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### On April 5th and 6th

Auditions for "Sanctified--A Gospel Musical" will be held at EE Bass Cultural Arts Center beginning at 7:00 pm. Visit their website <a href="http://www.deltastage.com">http://www.deltastage.com</a> to get more information. Or call Tim Bixler at 662 820 5489

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#### Monday, April 12,

Mitchell Distributing will host an Anheuser-Busch a beer tasting and crawfish boil from 5-7 p.m. at the Mitchell Distributing warehouse, on Highway 82, in Leland.

The event is free businesspeople and community members are encouraged to attend.

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#### Friday, April 16

Relay for Life will be held on the YMCA track. Activities begin at 5:00 p.m. For more info, Call Janette Garner 347-3641.

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## Mississippi Art Colony: The Colony Travel Show – is on display

At the E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center

Exhibit runs through April 20. Hours are Monday-Friday 8-4pm and by appointment on Saturdays. Contact Cultural Arts Center 662.332.2246

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### **April 21, 2010**

Dr. Cooper Johnson, Dr. Jamye Long, from Delta State University will kick off the Small Business Leadership Series the event will be held in the Economic Development Board Room, at 12:00PM. If you are interested in attending this event contact Carolyn at 662.378.3141

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NOW GO ON OUT AND DO SOMETHING CULTURAL, LIKE WRITING A POEM!!!!!

Be sure to tune in DELTA FOX-10, every Saturday @ 1:00pm. To see the full version of "Delta Renaissance" This week we will talk to this year's winner of the International Blues Challenge Mr. Grady Champion.

Also, remember this Friday, during the 5:00 local news, we will present another Mississippi Historical Moments segment. This week we will talk about the Native Mississippians and how we got our name.

This has been Sade Turnipseed inviting you all to stay connected to your culture, right here on WABG and DELTA FOX-10.

If you have any cultural arts announcements that you would like to share please send them to me at: <a href="mailto:deltarenaissance@aol.com">deltarenaissance@aol.com</a>. And you can always check out all the events on our website www.DeltaRenaissance.com.