

# Conference Schedule Whatcha Got Cookin'? Sharing Recipes for Excellence in Museums

## WEDNESDAY

### Pre-Meeting Workshop

**9:30 am - 11 am** A Struggle from the Start: The Efforts to Preserve and Interpret the Parker's Crossroads Battlefield. Additional fee of \$10 for workshop.

9:00 - 3:00 Registration in Lobby  
11:30 - Noon Meeting of Humanities TN Scholarship Winners  
Noon - 1:00 Opening Lunch  
1:00 - 4:00 Exhibit Hall Open

### 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Sessions

**Session 1:** Museum Match Mentorship Program

**Session 2:** Digitizing History with Volunteer Voices: Museums & Tennessee's Digital Collection Project

**Session 3:** Basics for New Museums

### 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sessions

**Session 1:** Happy Staffers: Recipes for Inspiring & Retaining Employees

**Session 2:** Directors' Roundtable

**Session 3:** Developing a Collections Policy vs. the Community Storage Closet

### Evening Events

**4:45 pm** Depart from hotel lobby  
**5:00 pm** Tour of Downtown Art Galleries, International Rock-A-Billy Hall of Fame, and N.C. & St. Louis Depot & RR Museum  
**7:00 pm** Depart for hotel  
**7:30 pm** Dinner at hotel followed by TAM Awards Ceremony

Hospitality Suite will be open Wednesday and Thursday after the evening events.

## THURSDAY

7:00 - 8:30 TAM Board Meeting  
8:30 - Noon Exhibit Hall Open  
8:45 - 4:00 Registration in Lobby  
1:00 - 4:30 Exhibit Hall Open

### 9:00 am - 10:00 am Sessions

**Session 1:** Using Community Partnerships to Research & Interpret African American History

**Session 2:** Education Programming Marketplace of Ideas

**Session 3:** Granted! Sharing Some Grant-writing Pitfalls and Successes

### 10:15 am - 11:15 am Sessions

**Session 1:** How to Start a Membership Program

**Session 2:** Curators' Roundtable

**Session 3:** Ingredients for Award Winning Projects: Tips from 2006 TAM Award Winners

### 11:30 - 1:00 Business Luncheon

### 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Sessions

**Session 1:** Resources in the Field, Part 1: Your Organization & Programs

**Session 2:** The Importance of Accessibility

**Session 3:** Tennessee Department of Tourist Development: Blazing Trails and Preserving History

### 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sessions

**Session 1:** Hiring Project Scholars: How to Choose Them, How to Use Them

**Session 2:** Ingredients for Sustainable Historic House Museums

**Session 3:** The How and Why of Arts & Cultural Advocacy

## THURSDAY cont.

### Evening Events

5:00 p.m. Depart from hotel lobby  
5:30 p.m. Arrive at West Tennessee Regional Arts Center and Humboldt Strawberry Festival Museum  
6:30 p.m. Depart Humboldt  
7:00 p.m. Arrive at West Tennessee Discovery Center for Dinner & Live Auction

## FRIDAY

8:00 - 9:00 Registration in Lobby  
8:00 - 9:30 Silent Auction Payments Due/ Pick Up Items  
8:00 - 11:00 Exhibit Hall Open

### 9:30 am - 10:30 am Session

**Session 1:** Resources in the Field, Part 2: Saving Your Historic Place

**Session 2:** Effective Strategies for Working with Volunteer Affinity and Advisory Committees

### 11:30 am - 12:45 pm

**Luncheon and Concluding Remarks at The Old Country Store in Casey Jones Village in the "Barnside Room"**

### Meeting of Humanities TN Scholarship Winners

Note: Two conference attendees will be chosen at random to receive free registration for the 2009 TAM Conference in Chattanooga. **Must be present at lunch to win!**

Schedule subject to change.

Full session descriptions are included with this newsletter and you can find session descriptions online at [www.TNmuseums.org](http://www.TNmuseums.org)