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Thank you all for a wonderful meeting last Thursday at the Jackson Zoo!

In case you have not yet heard, our new incoming president, Anne Grinnan, has been offered a wonderful opportunity at a zoo in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is leaving us as of 1/31/12. According to DOVIA bylaws, the VP for Programs becomes President, so the new (new) president for 2012 is Michele Baker. Elizabeth Coleman with the Department of Archives and History will take over the VP for Programs slot.

UPDATES FROM MEMBERS:

GIVE Nominations due 2/15/12

The Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE) Awards ceremony will be held on April 16 (location TBA). Nominations for GIVE Awards are due by February 15. Nominate an amazing volunteer (or volunteers) using this form.

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Tougaloo Rainbow Sustainable Garden workshop 2/18/12

The Tougaloo Rainbow Sustainable Garden is hosting a Shiitake mushroom cultivation workshop on February 18. Download the flyer and get lots more information on the Garden's Yahoo Group and Facebook page.

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The Jackson Zoo's proposal to revamp and reorganize its volunteer program has been accepted for funding - congratulations! Beginning in March, the Zoo will begin the process of re-looking at how it runs its volunteer program. Watch for changes and even more opportunities to volunteer! Click here for Zoo volunteer information.

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Treasurer's Report

DOVIA now as \$661.48 in the bank account. This does not reflect the deposits made following the January meeting.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next DOVIA meeting is February 16, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the <u>Mississippi Museum of Art</u>. You'll be treated to a guided tour of the museum, learn about the volunteer opportunities available, meet some volunteers, and visit the new Art Garden outside (weather permitting).

Afterwards, stay and enjoy lunch in the Palette Cafe featuring Chef Luis Bruno! (Admission to the museum paid by DOVIA; lunch is on your own.)

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Thanks, and email any questions or comments,

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