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**HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE PRESENTS INAUGURAL JACK
FRIEND LECTURE & SYMPOSIUM**

The History Museum of Mobile will launch its inaugural Jack Friend Lecture with a symposium held from Wednesday, May 28 to Friday, May 30.

This new biannual event, named in honor of the late Jack Friend, focuses on the Civil War and Reconstruction in south Alabama. Friend was a noted scholar of the era. His book, *West Wind, Flood Tide*, is widely regarded as the definitive account of the Battle of Mobile Bay.

A special *Learning Lunch* on Mobile politicians during Reconstruction will launch the three-day event. On Thursday and Friday mornings, contributors to the new book, *The Yellowhammer War: The Civil War and Reconstruction in Alabama* will discuss their work. Topics will range from Mobile author Augusta Jane Evans to black and white reactions to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

The inaugural Jack Friend Lecture will take place on Thursday, May 30, at 6pm. Lonnie Burnett, a professor of history and an administrator at the University of Mobile will speak on local reaction to the Election of 1860. A reception and book signing with Burnett and the other contributors will follow.

"We're honored to host our distinguished speaker, Dr. Lonnie Burnett, for this year's Jack Friend Lecture," said Dr. David E. Alsobrook, director of the History Museum of Mobile. "Dr. Burnett's topic is one that Jack would have liked and we look forward to another great evening here at the History Museum."

All of the events during the symposium are free.

For a complete list of events please visit
http://museumofmobile.com/pdf/info_jack_friend.pdf

For more information about this event, contact the museum at (251) 208-7652 or e-mail
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Located in the Old City Hall/ Southern Market at 111 S. Royal Street in downtown Mobile, the History Museum of Mobile documents the 300-year history of Mobile and the surrounding region. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. -5 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students.

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