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DEAR FRIENDS OF THE DELTA

I believe there lives within each of us the search for joy, the love of knowledge and adventure, and a deep sense of belonging. As I look back on the past seven years, I can truly say that our yearly gatherings have fulfilled these aspirations in a grand manner. I have so many wonderful memories of stimulating conversations, great stories, new and old friends, and the enduring feeling that we are doing exactly what we were meant to do.

We are so grateful for your support, encouragement and participation in the years since we began this beloved day of celebration of what we all know to be the most interesting and important region of our country. Each year we strive to top the year before, and with your help and feedback, we usually do.

Our afternoon breakout sessions were a hit last year, so we’re expanding them. We have an exciting slate of outstanding presenters and topics for our morning session. We hope you’ll join us for what has become everyone’s “favorite day of the year.” Bring a friend, see old friends and new, and help us make the 2013 conference another one to remember. Welcome to the eighth annual THE DELTA – Everything Southern! conference. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you on June 7, 2013.

Sincerely,

Willy Bearden,
Chairman, THE DELTA – Everything Southern!

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Look for information about a special Delta Victorian Village Tour, Saturday, June 8th on our Delta website.
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**FAVORITE FORMAT!**

Last year’s participants loved the new format, so we decided to offer even more intimate sessions this year. Experience the 2013 _The Delta: Everything Southern!_ conference with an outstanding lineup of speakers and panelists by choosing _not two_, but _three_ of five breakout sessions with our experts and additional guest panelists.

### MORNING SPEAKERS

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
**From a Moose to a Delta:**
High Tech Agriculture in the Mississippi Delta

_Slade Taylor_

Mr. Willly Sledge Taylor, III witnessed the remarkable development of high tech multi million dollar complex which has turned farm waste into manure-free, organic cotton, corn, soybeans, wheat, timber and cattle. _Slade Taylor_ will describe the major technological and sociological changes in farming which have helped to make the Delta the most fertile and productive area in the country.

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
**The Vicksburg Campaign**

_Dr. Lindsey Cappelli_

Dr. Lindsey W. Cappelli is an adjunct professor of history/political science at Christian Brothers University. He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in political science, international relations, and a doctorate in history/political science. He received dissertation focused on the role of the Confederacy and Mississippi during the Civil War. In 2009, he was a participant in the United States Army War College’s National Security Seminar. His presentation focuses on the campaign amphibious operations by naval and land forces. The Delta, as a significant geographical feature, was a factor which both sides had to consider.

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
**Two Delta-Know-How Facts About the Delta**

_Jeremy Ogle_

Mr. Ogle is an acknowledged authority in the intemperate of Memphis. He is the owner of the History Channel, which is comprised of community and community engagement management for the Shoeless Joe Jackson Development Board. For the, he’s a fairly dyed-in-the-wool, he’s a master at articulating Memphis history with equal parts edification and deprecation. This ten-minute session promises to be a true treat for the senses.

10:00 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
**The Delta: A Component Perspective**

_Brittany Chauvin_

Ms. Brittany Chauvin is a French magazine photographer and musician. Her family lived in La Cote, Chile, where she was born. The studied at La Sorbonne, where she studied French about the Cherokees Indians and Chickasaw in the Chickasaw language. With her at press trip to Memphis, she was inspired by the blues and formed an attachment to the region, which she recounts in the book _Mississippi: Photography, expansion in a French publication, Blues Magazine. She will share her love for the Mississippi Delta through photographs, interviews and creative use of the landscapes, jazzy pieces, stamps and woods of the land.

10:35 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
**Chickasaw Indians in the Delta and the Trail of Tears**

_Kirk Perry_

Mr. Kirk Perry is the board secretary, Chickasaw Foundation. He is also a legal assistant and served as a board member of the Oklahoma Indian Housing Authority and the National American Indian Housing Authority for over 20 years. Mr. Perry has continued successfully businesses including an architectural planning and consulting oil and gas land leasing, commercial and residential building expansion and development.

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
**Never Let the Truth Get in the Way of a Good Story and Other Lessons I’ve Learned in the Delta**

_Willy Bearden_

A native of Rolling Fork, Mississippi, Mr. Willy Bearden has impressed his love of the Mississippi Delta through his interest and talents in music, books, history, film-making and public speaking. He is best known for his “Memphis Memoirs” programs that are at art at the WRTJ TV (1996). He has directed and produced a full-length motion picture, _Two Foremen, one Story_, adapted by the Delta of the 1940s. Mr. Bearden is the 2013 recipient of the University of Memphis College of Communication and Fine Arts Distinguished Achievement Award in the Creative and Perfor ming Arts.

### AFTERNOON SESSIONS

#### High Tech Delta Farming – UC

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
**Slade Taylor, Burks Farms**

Shonda Warner, Chief Ag Full Harvest Partners LLC

Native American History in the Delta – UC

Sam Brooks, Junior Senator Archaeologist

_Indigenous Delta Music_ – UC

Tyrone Higgins, Jr., band musician

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
**Songs by Jonathan Blanchard**

Blanchard conducts workshops and has held residencies in schools, colleges, celebrating the artistry, history and message of the Negro Renaissance, and Tennessee State University. A strong proponent of arts education, Mr. Blanchard presents programs for the music, books, history, film-making and public speaking.

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
**The Civil War and Its Aftermath in the Mississippi Delta**

_Dr. Charles Crawford, University of Memphis_

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_Tyler Higgins Jr., band musician_

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12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet – University Center

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3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
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