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## Matt Gardner Homestead Museum Quilt Block Unveiling

The MGHM is proud to be the first venue on the Southern Middle Tennessee Quilt Trail. On display at the farmstead is a painted block replica of a handmade quilt that belonged to Matt's wife Henrietta (Ritta) Jenkins Gardner. The block represents a circa 1920 unidentified southern quilt pattern currently unique to Henrietta Gardner. The unveiling took place Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at the farmstead museum. The museum would like to give a

special thank you to Jessie Bains and Todd Camp, students at Martin Methodist College who painted the quilt block.

We would also like to thank the sponsors of our quilt block, the Southern Middle Tennessee RC&D, Connie Odeneal, Carla Potts, Perry Stevens and Michelle Banks. The quilt trail is a sightseeing venue to introduce the public to the many virtues in the area and to encourage tourism growth and community pride. The trail consists of nine counties:

Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, and Moore. The Quilt Trail consists of historic sites, century farms, and places of interest. For more information on getting a quilt block on your site you can contact Michelle Banks at (931) 762-6913 Ext:3 or e-mail: [mbanks@lawcotn.org](mailto:mbanks@lawcotn.org)

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Painted quilt block replica hung on the old smokehouse; original quilt at left.

Photo: Carla Jones

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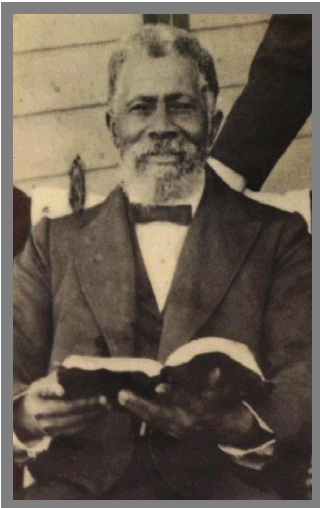


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## Matt Gardner chosen Pulaski Citizen's: February 3, 2009 Citizen of the Week

Since the local paper celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2004, a Giles Countian, or Giles County native, has been honored in each edition as the *Citizen of the Week* for his or her positive contributions to the community. As the Giles celebrates its 200th anniversary this year, the Pulaski Citizen altered the format of its Citizen of the Week honors to include individuals from Giles County's past. "In honor of and to draw attention to Pulaski and Giles County's Bicentennial and its year-long celebration, we've decided to focus our

Citizens of the Week feature to our great citizens of days gone by," says publisher Steve Lake. Faces of those chosen as Citizens of the Week are incorporated into the flag at the top of each PULASKI CITIZEN front page as has been done with each Citizen of the Week over the past five years. A story about each person and his or her contributions to the community are included inside the same edition. Several of the great names from Giles County's history include William Giles, who the county is named after, Count Casimir Pulaski, City

of Pulaski namesake, and George Martin, long time local radio personality are among those included. The 51 honorees for 2009 are nominated just as Citizens of the Week have been nominated for the past five years by the people of Giles County.

We would like to thank **Sheila Holden** community news staff writing for the Pulaski Citizen for nominating Matt Gardner as a Citizen of the Week.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Malcomb and Toni Gardner, Austin, TX (Bronze Patrons)**

**Join Today! On-line at**

[www.mattgardnerhomestead.com](http://www.mattgardnerhomestead.com)

**Merci beaucoup !**

**Muchas gracias !**

**Doh je !**



Photo courtesy Carla Jones

**Or call Carla Jones at 1-317-547-9386**

How many ways can we say "Thank You" to our restoration contractor Tim Miller of Miller Renovations for the supporting and mounting of the quilt block, to our local Wal-Mart in Pulaski for their continued support through a grant received by board

member Gary Gardner, to Elkton Mayor Bill Ware, Donna Baker; Giles County Chamber of Commerce Director, Doug Turner, Elkton City Council, and Tim Miller; Giles County Tourism Foundation for their continuing support of this project, and to Sheila

Holden, for her many wonderful articles in the Pulaski Citizen. These community people were all in attendance along with board members and we just wanted to let them know how very much we appreciate their support!

## MGHM News!

On March 18-20 2009 several members of the MGHM were in attendance at the Tennessee Association of Museum's 49th Annual Conference in Chattanooga. Attending were board member Roosevelt Whitfield and President Carla Jones. Also in attendance for the Elkton Historical Society president Carolyn Thompson who is also a MGHM board member. Whitfield attended the conference on a scholarship provided by Humanities Tennessee. The theme of the conference was "Cast Your Nets, Catch Big Ideas" and all three say they caught some big ideas for each organization and the community of Elkton. "I'm all fired up and ready to go," said Carolyn Thompson, "ready to plan the work and work the plan." The classes that we attended were informative and appropriate for where the museum stands in our process of adhering to our 3 year strategic plan and the opening of the museum to the public on a continuous basis. "I also think the conference reenergizes and motivates all to continue doing the service and work we all do for our community and preserving history," said Carla Jones. The evening events and activities for the conference at Creative Discovery Museum and Chattanooga African American Museum were really great and a lot of fun so much so that Roosevelt one night with the organist as back up sang 'Summer Time' and received applause from everyone as well as winning a free registration to attend next year's TAM conference in Nashville.. Kudos to you, Rosey!



*Pictured (L-R) Roosevelt Whitfield MGHM, Melissa Davis Director TN Community History Program Humanities TN, Carla Jones MGHM, Carolyn Thompson Elkton Historical Society, MGHM and Paul McCoy Program Director Humanities Tennessee*



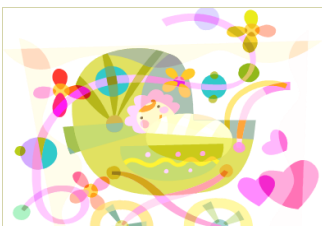
[www.HumanitiesTennessee.org](http://www.HumanitiesTennessee.org)



## NEW ARRIVAL!

On Thursday, March 12, 2009 little Allison Milena Machamer was born to Jeff and Lynn Machamer. Lynn is our website developer at Pixel Influx. Allison Milena weighed 6 lbs. and 10 oz.

**Congratulations, Jeff and Lynn, from everyone here at MGHF.**



### Renovation Updates

Work is progressing on the kitchen and porch.

We'll have pictures in our next edition newsletter.

### Upcoming Events:

**October 24, 2009 - 1st Annual Folk Life Festival** on the farmstead. The festival will feature period demonstrations, history, material and information on the crafts as well as some hands-on activities. There will also be inexpensive vendor sales of the crafts.