

# MAJOR EVENTS OF 1989

**JANUARY**  
**JACKSON** ARTS & CRAFTS DEMONSTRATIONS, Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum  
**MERIDIAN** MISSISSIPPI JUNIOR MISS PAGEANT, Temple Theatre

**FEBRUARY**  
**BILOXI** MARDI GRAS, Floats and marching bands travel through downtown Biloxi, beach area and Highway 90, in morning and afternoon  
**JACKSON** DIXIE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW, Largest livestock show east of the Mississippi, Fairgrounds  
**JACKSON** DIXIE NATIONAL RODEO, Coliseum  
**JACKSON** DIXIE NATIONAL WESTERN FESTIVAL, Featuring blue grass music, clogging, barbecue, crafts and games in conjunction with the Rodeo, Mississippi Trademark  
**JACKSON** MISSISSIPPI GEM & MINERAL SHOW, A&I Building, Fairgrounds  
**NATCHEZ** MARDI GRAS, Downtown and Convention Center  
**TUPELO** ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR, Tupelo Mall

**MARCH**  
**BILOXI** IRISH HERITAGE WEEK AND ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
**COLUMBUS** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of 15 antebellum homes  
**GULF COAST** GULF COAST SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Diamondhead in Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Pass Christian, Gulfport, Biloxi, Ocean Springs, Gulf Hills, Long Beach  
**NATCHEZ** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of 30 antebellum homes  
**VICKSBURG** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of 12 antebellum homes

**APRIL**  
**ABERDEEN** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tour of antebellum and Victorian homes  
**AMORY** RAILROAD FESTIVAL, A celebration of town's railroad heritage includes train rides, arts and crafts, live entertainment, Frisco Park  
**BELZONI** CATFISH FESTIVAL, Arts and crafts, 10K race, tours of catfish ponds, coronation of Catfish Queen, entertainment, catfish eating contest and catfish dinner, around Courthouse  
**CLINTON** BRICK STREET FESTIVAL, Featuring arts, crafts, entertainment, Jefferson Street, Old Towne  
**GREENWOOD** ARTS FESTIVAL, Featuring professional entertainment, arts and crafts, food and jazz in the Park, Civic Center and Flowerwood River Plantation State Park  
**HATTIESBURG** DGB GOLF CLASSIC, Draws top names in golf, Hattiesburg Country Club  
**HOLLY SPRINGS** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of antebellum homes  
**KOSCIUSKO** NATCHEZ TRACE FESTIVAL, Arts, crafts, food, entertainment, 10K run, bake off and fiddler's contest, Court Square  
**KOSCIUSKO** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of Victorian homes and Kosciusko Museum  
**OCEAN SPRINGS** LANDING OF O'BERVILLE, Reenactment of the 1699 landing of O'berville, parade, street fair, historical ball and pageant, live entertainment, flea market and handicraft exhibit, Downtown  
**PORT GIBSON** SPRING PILGRIMAGE, Tours of antebellum homes and churches  
**VICKSBURG** RIVERFEST '89, Featuring street dance, entertainment, food, booths, arts and crafts  
**YAZOO CITY** DISCOVER YAZOO PILGRIMAGE, Tours of antebellum, Victorian and plantation homes

**MAY**  
**CANTON** FLEA MARKET AND ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW, Courthouse Square, Old Jail Museum and on the grounds of Grace Episcopal Church  
**CLEVELAND** CROSSIE ARTS FESTIVAL, Courthouse grounds  
**JACKSON** JUBILEE JAM, Arts and music festival celebrating city's talent and culture  
**MERIDIAN** JIMMIE RODGERS MEMORIAL FESTIVAL, Honoring the late Jimmie Rodgers, known as the "Father of Country Music," Temple Theatre and City Park  
**MONTICELLO** ATWOOD MUSIC FESTIVAL, Featuring regional bands and Nashville artists, arts and crafts, Atwood Water Park  
**TUPELO** GUMTREE FESTIVAL, Arts Festival held at Courthouse Lawn and largest 10K race in State

**JUNE**  
**BATESVILLE** ART MART, Juried art show and arts and crafts sale, food, entertainment, Pecan Grove  
**BILOXI** BLESSING OF THE FLEET, SHRIMP FESTIVAL AND FAIS DO DO, Gaily decorated boats are blessed by a priest, fresh seafood, street dance  
**DEANIS** BEAR CREEK FESTIVAL, Features native arts and crafts  
**RALEIGH** NATIONAL TOBACCO SPITTING CONTEST, Crumpton Farm West of Raleigh

**JULY**  
**GULFPORT** DEEP SEA FISHING RODEO, Small Craft Harbor  
**MIZE** WATERMELON FESTIVAL, Featuring watermelon eating contest, selection of queen, arts and crafts, Sullivan's Hotel  
**PHILADELPHIA** CHOCTAW INDIAN FAIR, The Choctaw Indians present cultural programs demonstrating native arts, crafts, foods and games

**PHILADELPHIA** NESHOMA COUNTY FAIR, Only remaining permanent campground fair in U.S., crafts, harness racing, music and political speaking

**AUGUST**  
**BROOKHAVEN** OLE BROOK FESTIVAL, Whitworth College  
**GREENWOOD** CROP DAY, Arts and crafts, tour of cotton row and barbecue, Cotton Row  
**SMITHFIELD (AMORY)** RUD BRASFIELD FESTIVAL, Festival honors the Grand Ole Opry Star each year on his birthday, music, entertainment, arts and crafts, contact-651-4456

**SEPTEMBER**  
**GREENVILLE** DELTA BLUES FESTIVAL, Featuring blues artist  
**INDIANOLA** INDIAN BAYOU ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL, Downtown  
**PASCAGOULA** FLAGSHIP FESTIVAL, Featuring "anything that floats but a boat race," Riverfront Park  
**WASHINGTON** COPPER MAGNOLIA FESTIVAL, Features native crafts demonstrations, square dancing, carriage rides, food and entertainment, Jefferson College grounds  
**WEST POINT** PRAIRIE ARTS FESTIVAL, Arts and crafts, Sallie Kate Winter Park

**OCTOBER**  
**CANTON** FLEA MARKET, Courthouse Square  
**JACKSON** MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR, Featuring nightly entertainment, livestock show, domestic art exhibits and midway, Fairgrounds  
**JACKSON** MISTLETOE MARKET, Featuring Christmas bazaar novelties from many shops in surrounding area, tearoom with gourmet food, Trademark  
**NATCHEZ** FALL PILGRIMAGE, Tour of antebellum homes

**NOVEMBER**  
**BILOXI** SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES FESTIVAL, Featuring authentic Scottish games, food and entertainment, Hiller Park  
**NATCHEZ** ANTIQUE FORUM, Features antique experts who hold seminars on decorative art  
**OCEAN SPRINGS** PETER ANDERSON ART FESTIVAL, Features carefully selected exhibitors, musical entertainment and international food show  
**STARKVILLE** OCTOBER, Featuring country store, an old-fashioned bazaar with handcrafted items, homebased goods and Brunswick Stew

**DECEMBER**  
**GREENWOOD** DELTA BAND FESTIVAL, Bands from Delta area compete, event is highlighted with a winter carnival parade  
**INVERNESS** LUMINARIA ON THE BAYOU, Spectacular display of minilights and candles placed along Lake Bradley, Memorial Park and surrounding area  
**JACKSON** CHIMNEYVILLE CRAFTS FESTIVAL, Visual and performing arts are displayed at the Trademark  
**JACKSON** CHRISTMAS AT THE OLD CAPITOL, Concerts, puppet shows, films, display of antique toys, period Christmas trees, high decorated tree in the rotunda  
**JACKSON** SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE, Belhaven College Bowl  
**LELAND** CHRISTMAS ON DEER CREEK, Decorated floats and trees travel along the creek bringing Santa to officially open the Christmas Season, Deer Creek  
**MERIDIAN** TREES OF CHRISTMAS, Merrehowe and the Williams home are decorated for Christmas. In each room are trees decorated in different themes of other countries  
**NATCHEZ** CHRISTMAS IN NATCHEZ, throughout the month the city is decorated and will be celebrating the Christmas season in the old southern tradition. Antebellum mansions will be decorated and tours to these homes available every day except Dec. 25. Carolers perform each day at noon downtown

