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## Mississippi Egg Marketing Board Presents Mustard Seed Easter Eggs to First Lady Reeves

**JACKSON, Miss.** – Today, the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board presented 12 eggs created by The Mustard Seed “Seedsters” to First Lady Elee Reeves. The Board worked with The Mustard Seed, a Christian community for adults with developmental disabilities, to craft the eggs.

Twelve Mustard Seed community members were given the opportunity to decorate an egg that represents 12 museums throughout our great state. The museums and artists included were Vicksburg Military Park, artist Russell Cobb; the B. B. King Museum, artist Steven Bryant; the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, artist Taylor Moore; the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum, artist Allie Ruffin; the Mississippi Museum of Art, artist Heather Frazier; the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience, artist Lindsay Hamilton; the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, artist Sarah Simonson; the Delta Blues Museum, artist Will Gibbes; the Mississippi Aquarium, artist Robin Smith; the Ohr-O’Keefe Museum of Art, artist Michele Trebotich; the Grammy Museum, artist Mary Claire Fairbank; and the Jim Henson Museum, artist Gabrielle Chambers.

“The Mustard Seed and the ‘Seedsters’ have brought so much joy to our family and to many across our state over the years,” said First Lady Elee Reeves said. “I have been looking forward to seeing the creativity and the talents of the ‘Seedsters’ at this year’s Easter egg presentation. I’m proud to help promote and honor these Mississippians as they have worked to share the wonder and beauty of our great state.”

The 12 artists were invited to the Governor’s Mansion to personally present their Easter eggs to the First Lady and to enjoy cookies and juice following the presentation. “It’s an honor to present these beautiful eggs to First Lady Reeves,” said Ryn Laster, president of the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board, “and to witness the joy and excitement as the ‘Seedsters’ describe their creations with such enthusiasm is very heartwarming. It means so much to the artists to gift these ‘eggs’ceptional pieces of art.”

For more information about the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board, contact Jennifer Thompson at (601) 359-1144 or email [jennifer@mdac.ms.gov](mailto:jennifer@mdac.ms.gov).

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**Photos attached.**



**The Mississippi Egg Marketing Board presented First Lady Elee Reeves with 12 eggs created by The Mustard Seed “Seedsters.” Mrs. Reeves was joined by Ryn Laster, President of the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board; Mark Leggett and Gene Robertson, Members of the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board; Andy Gipson Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce and member of the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board; and this year’s Mustard Seed “Seedsters.”**



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