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Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum
Historic Soulé Steam Works
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Snow to Fall Dec. 15-19 on Santa's Christmas Factory

Meridian, MS ---- The elves are already busy decorating historic Soulé Steam Works for the fourth Annual Santa's Christmas Factory. Santa's Christmas Factory opens Friday, December 15th and runs each night through Tuesday, December 19th. Regular visiting hours are 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with the last tour beginning at 7 p.m.

"This event really gets our visitors in the holiday spirit," Greg Hatcher, Executive Director, said. "All the beautiful lights, decorations, snow and, of course, Santa help bring joy to everyone who visits the museum during the Christmas season. We remind folks that the museum hosts this event as a fundraiser." The holiday factory theme works well at this historic site. Each year more than 1,600 visitors have enjoyed celebrating the holiday season at Soulé and have helped provide needed funds for museum operations.

Realistic snow flurries fall in Steam Alley as historic Soulé Steam Works transforms into Santa's Christmas Factory. This family-friendly, holiday event features decorations, music and holiday lights. A snow-covered play area (so realistic you think it is real snow) will provide the kids a brief snow experience. A kid-sized Christmas train will be available for the kids to ride. Be sure to bring your camera for great shots as the kids experience the event!

Santa Claus will be on hand to greet the children and the young at heart. A guest appearance by Santa's sister Jean and her trusty rein-dog Disney has been a highlight for the past three holiday seasons.

The Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum at historic Soulé Steam Feed Works features an impressive permanent collection of historic equipment and steam engines that will be decorated for the holiday season.

Admission is \$5 per person. The museum offers a maximum admission of \$25 for families (up to 10 members). All proceeds go to the upkeep and restoration of the Museum.

Soulé Steam Feed Works closed in 2002 and was purchased by a local businessman, Jim McRae, who desired to save this important part of industrial history. McRae and a group of preservationists founded the Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum to preserve and interpret the turn-of-the-20th century buildings and original equipment that remains from a bygone era.

For more information: VisitMeridian.com - 888-868-7720.

Santa's Christmas Factory SLIDE SHOW: <http://wazsup.net/SouleChristmas/>

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