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**“WEDDING DRESSES THROUGH THE DECADES”  
EXHIBIT PRESENTED BY  
OAKLANDS HISTORIC HOUSE MUSEUM**

MURFREESBORO, Tenn.— Step back to yesterday and see the common threads that weave together the lives of women through the past decades in middle Tennessee and across the country. Enjoy traveling in time from the brocade and satin of the 1870’s to the wartime stories and suits of the wartime brides in the 1940’s at the “Wedding Dresses Through the Decades” exhibit at Oaklands Historic House Museum presented in partnership with the Human Sciences Department of Middle Tennessee State University.

Wedding dresses from many decades will be on display in Maney Hall and can be viewed by the public at Oaklands Historic House Museum from January 15 through February 15, 2012. During this four week exhibit grandmothers, mothers and daughters will have the rare opportunity to view items from not only the museum collection that are put away for safekeeping and not normally seen by the public, also elegant and fashionable wedding dresses worn by ladies from both Murfreesboro and around the country.

“The clothing and textiles are now very fragile and delicate,” said Nila Gober, curator of Oaklands. “We look forward to sharing the hidden collections of Oaklands and others in the community with our visitors.”

This is an excellent way to walk through the past and see the changes in fashions from the different areas, times and cultures. The exhibit will be open during regular visiting hours, Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sundays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is free and open to the public. Museum tours are available at regular rates.

An open house will take place on January 15, 2012 from 2:00-4:00pm in Maney Hall at Oaklands Historic House Museum. The open house is free and open to the public with donations accepted. All donations will go toward the Oaklands Adopt-an-Artifact Program.

“Wedding Dresses Through the Decades” exhibit is in conjunction with “Language of Love and Courtship” tours that will also take place through February 15, 2012, which is included with regular admission to the museum.

Oaklands Historic House Museum, located at 900 North Maney Avenue in Murfreesboro, Tennessee is a nationally registered historic landmark that reflects a time of prosperity in the Old South, as well as the hardships suffered during the Civil War.

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