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Mississippi Egg Marketing Board Presents Mustard Seed Easter Eggs to First Lady Deborah Bryant

To celebrate the Easter season, the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board recently presented First Lady Deborah Bryant with seven eggs created by The Mustard Seed “Seedsters.” The board worked with The Mustard Seed, a Christian community for adults with developmental disabilities, to craft the eggs.

Seven Mustard Seed community members were given the opportunity to decorate an egg that represents the various regions of the state of Mississippi and its culture. The egg descriptions and artists were “Coast Mississippi” by Linda Byrd; “Our Magnolia State” by Blair Allen; “Highway 61 Blues Trail” by Russell Cobb, one of the newest seedsters; “Mississippi’s Agriculture,” which featured chicken, of course, by Matthew Davis; the “Mississippi Teddy Bear” created by Bill Brown, the oldest seedster at The Mustard Seed; “Honey Bees” by Rebecca Bratley, and “Mississippi’s Abundant Wildlife and Pines” by Logan Chew.

All seven artists, along with the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board, were invited to the Governor’s mansion to present Bryant with the Easter eggs.

“We have come full circle in our partnership with The Mustard Seed community members. Our first “Easter egg artist,” Amber Carraway is now the Art Instructor,” Board President Ryn Laster said. “It was easy to see it meant as much to the First Lady as it did the artists to honor them for their “eggs”ceptional work.”

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Photo attached



Mississippi First Lady Deborah Bryant accepted seven decorated Easter Eggs from Mississippi Egg Marketing Board President Ryn Laster, along with fellow board members, Gene Robertson, Mark Leggett, and Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. Also pictured are Jennifer Thompson and Mustard Seed community members Blair Allen, Russell Cobb, Matthew Davis, Bill Brown, Rebecca Bratley, and Logan Chew.