



HOW TO FIND US

The Mobile Medical Museum is located on the campus of the University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital, an 8-minute drive from downtown Mobile. As you turn into the main hospital entrance, take the first left into a parking lot (past Ronald McDonald House on the right). The Museum is at the end of the driveway behind the parking lot.

From Birmingham: Take I-65 to Beauregard St. in Mobile. Continue on Beauregard to Springhill Ave. From Springhill, turn right into the main hospital entrance.

From New Orleans: Follow I-10E to I-65N. Take Exit 5A for Springhill Ave. in Mobile. From Springhill, turn left into the main hospital entrance.

From Pensacola: Take I-10N. Merge onto I-10W to Mobile. Take Exit 27 from I-10W. Continue on US-90W/US-98W/Government St. to Springhill Ave. Turn right into the main hospital entrance.

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THE ROBERT THROWER MEDICINAL GARDEN





ABOUT THE GARDEN

The **Robert Thrower Medicinal Garden** at the Mobile Medical Museum was founded in 2017 to educate the public about multicultural traditions of herbal medicine that have been practiced around the world for thousands of years. The garden features fifty plant species, both native and introduced, representing civilizations from five continents. In October 2018, the garden was formally dedicated to **Robert "Glenn" Thrower, Jr.** (1961-2017), an ethnobotanist who served as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Mr. Thrower was an adviser to the Mobile Medical Museum in the early stages of the project.

The Garden is open to the public seven days a week during daylight hours. Community members are welcome to take products from the garden as needed. The medicinal values of plants are provided strictly for historical context. Please consult with a physician before using any herbs for medicinal purposes.



The Garden features two commissioned sculptures by Mobile artist April Livingston. **Portrait of Bessie McGhee** (above) honors an early 20th century midwife and traditional healer of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. **Motherwork** (below) is a tribute to the vital health care services provided by midwives throughout Alabama's history—the eight pairs of hands in a circle were cast from the hands of real-life midwives, doulas, and obstetric nurses practicing in the state. The creation of these sculptures was made possible by grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.



TOURS

The Museum offers Garden-based tours and activities for preK-12 classes and community groups throughout the year. The Garden provides valuable hands-on learning on topics such as the historical treatment of disease, plant anatomy, ecology and life cycles, nutrition, biochemical analysis, and the impact of the Columbian exchange on global health and agriculture.

To schedule a tour, please contact Daryn Glassbrook, Executive Director, at (251) 415-1109 or admin@mobilemedicalmuseum.org.

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