

Metropolitan Historical Commission

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MHC UPDATE

New Marker!

Visit the Scarritt-Bennett campus to see Nashville's newest Historical Marker!

Scarritt College for Christian Workers

Established in Kansas City in 1892 by the Methodist Episcopal Church South and moved to Nashville in 1924, Scarritt trained laity in Christian education, music, and missions until it closed in 1988. Much of the Collegiate Gothic campus architecture was designed by Nashville architect Henry C. Hibbs. The campus was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

A leader in racial integration in the South, Scarritt integrated its student population in 1952. The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke in Wightman Chapel to the Conference on Christian Faith and Human Relations on April 25, 1957. From its beginning, Scarritt had an international student population that reflected its commitment to a global understanding of racial justice and equality. Its mission and vision continue today through the Scarritt-Bennett Center.

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IN THE NEWS

New! Celebrate Metro at 50!

Fifty years ago, the citizens of Davidson County and the City of Nashville voted to create the first fully unified government in the United States with the passage of the Metro Charter on June 28, 1962. The decision was a revolutionary one, and it continues to serve as model throughout the nation.

On November 6, 1962, Mayor Beverly Briley and the first Metro Council were elected to their respective offices. The creation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson City culminated with the implementation of the government on April 1, 1963,

and it continues to serve our community today.

The Nashville community is coming together to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the creation of Metro Nashville. The nine-month celebration, which kicked off on June 28, 2012, will involve many events and educational opportunities. Please join in celebrating our great city!*

Be sure to “like” Metro at 50 on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MetroAt50) and visit www.MetroAt50.org to find out more about the formation of the Metropolitan Government, learn about celebratory events, share your story, view photos, and more!

*Thanks to MetroAt50.org for the above information!

New! Explore Nashville History During Parks and Recreation Month!

July has been designated Parks and Recreation Month and Davidson County residents are encouraged to celebrate the occasion by exploring the vast amount of activities designed to establish and maintain healthy lifestyles and communities available through Metro’s Parks Department.

With more activities and programs than ever, Metro Parks offers the best opportunity in years for citizens to devote an afternoon or weekend to indoor or outdoor recreation. Metro’s 108 parks, encompassing approximately 12,000 acres of land, offer everything from picnic shelters and horseback riding trails, to golf courses, nature centers, **historic sites**, community centers, swimming pools, tennis courts, ball fields, dog parks, greenways, and areas designated for disc golf and model airplane flying.

“There are several ways people can become more involved with our park system,” said Parks Director Tommy Lynch. “First, we are encouraging people to either go to our website or Facebook page and look at the special calendar we’ve created for the month of July. There are some really helpful suggestions to help folks get and explore what we think is one of the best park systems in the country. There’s something for people to enjoy every day of the week. To give people a little incentive, we are having an *Explore Metro Parks* giveaway package at the end of the month.”

The package includes some terrific prizes, including a six-month membership to the Centennial Sportsplex; one-year family membership to *The Parthenon*; one foursome of golf at any Metro Parks golf course; one family pass to Wave Country for the 2013 season; *Greenway Survival Kit* (carved walking stick, hat, backpack, and T-shirt); two tickets to a *Full Moon Pickin’ Party* at Warner Park; choice of one gallery print from *Anderson Design Group’s Metro Parks Series*; and Lunch with Parks Director Tommy Lynch at a Metro Park facility.

In order to win the Explore Metro Parks give-away package, you must go to a *Metro Park Nature Center, Golf Course, The Parthenon, Community Center, the Sportsplex, Picnic Reservation Office* or the *Administrative Office* at 511 Oman Street. Fill out a brief form and put your name in to win the prize or you can log on to Facebook and go to the Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation page after July 1 to enter. The winner will be announced on July 31. Park Department employees and their families are not eligible to enter this contest.

Visit the Metro Parks website to learn more about how **you** can celebrate Parks and

Recreation Month: www.nashville.gov/parks/!

New! Archaeological Research at the Buchanan Station Cemetery

The Friends of Buchanan Station Cemetery, along with generous donors, recently sponsored a cultural resources survey of the Buchanan Station Cemetery performed by Cumberland Research Group. Dan Allen's archaeological research identified and flagged a total of 67 graves. With this information, The Friends of Buchanan Station Cemetery plans to properly mark each "unknown" grave. The group also plans to construct a fence around the cemetery boundary and is currently considering material, design, and cost options for the project. While The Friends of the Buchanan Station Cemetery awaits its 501(c)3 status, the Buchanan Log House Chapter of APTA is assisting with the management of the protection, preservation and interpretation of the site. For more information about the Buchanan Station Cemetery and how you can help with preserving and promoting this historic site, email the Nashville Historical Newsletter at NHN.slate@gmail.com or call Mike Slate at 293-3832.

PRESERVATION AWARDS

Ongoing! 2012 Preservation Awards

The Metropolitan Historical Commission celebrated its 37th annual Preservation Awards program on May 31, 2012 at the Tennessee State Museum. Be sure to visit our website (www.nashville.gov/mhc/preservation_awards.asp) or our Facebook page to learn more about the winning properties and for details of the event.

CONFERENCES, EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

New! Nashville City Cemetery Work Days

Interested in helping to clean up the City Cemetery? Please visit www.thenashvillecitycemetery.org for the complete schedule of Hands On Nashville's Clean Up Days at the Nashville City Cemetery {usually the second (or first)} Saturday of the month—9:00 to 11:00 a.m.}. The next work day is July 14.

New! Civil War Historian Ed Bearss to Speak at Looby Theater

*Monday, July 16—7:00 p.m.
Z. Alexander Looby Theater
2301 Rosa L. Parks Blvd.*

The Nashville Civil War Roundtable, in cooperation with Metro Parks and the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society, invites you to a special presentation by the legendary Civil War historian Ed Bearss, one of the nation's most prolific Civil War scholars.

The event is free for members of the Nashville Civil War Roundtable, and only \$10.00 for non-members. All proceeds benefit the Nashville Civil War Roundtable and the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society. To purchase tickets in advance and guarantee reservations, send checks made payable to the *Nashville Civil War Roundtable* to: Philip Duer, Cornerstone Square, 530 Church Street, Ste. 400, Nashville, TN 37219.

For more information on the event or on joining the Nashville Civil War Roundtable,

please contact Fort Negley Visitors Center at 862-8470 or fortnegley@nashville.gov.

**New! Window Preservation Workshop to be held July 2012
Pine Mountain, Kentucky**

The Kentucky Heritage Council and Pine Mountain Settlement School will offer a one-week workshop on preserving historic wood windows at the PMSS campus located in rural Pine Mountain, Kentucky.

Wood Windows – July 15-20, 2012

Duffy Hoffman, third generation craftsman and owner of P and R Inc., will instruct a workshop on preserving wood windows, July 15-20, 2012. Participants will follow the sash restoration process from removal of the window, to paint removal, repair, use of epoxies, Dutchman repair, glazing and re-installation. The pros and cons of window weatherization, including the energy savings of storm windows will also be discussed. Cost of the workshop is \$750, which includes tuition, meals, lodging, student materials and safety glasses. For more information, visit www.pinemountainsettlementschool.com/workshops.php?view=details&id=118.

Since 2002, Pine Mountain Settlement School has offered hands-on field schools that emphasize practical preservation techniques that anyone should be able to master. Founded in 1913 as a boarding school for mountain children and as a settlement serving the community through economic, health and cultural initiatives, the school continues to provide instruction in environmental education and traditional arts and culture. More than 3,000 students visit this National Historic Landmark each year to participate in day or week-long programs. Pine Mountain Settlement School is a non-profit institution.

Register ASAP!

Charting the Course: National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Biennial Forum

Wednesday-Sunday, July 18-22, 2012

Norfolk, Virginia

It's not too late to make your plans to join Nashville's own Thomason & Associates and members and staff of the Metropolitan Historic Zoning Commission in Norfolk, VA, for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) eighth biennial National Commission Forum. Forum is specifically designed for historic preservation commissions and property owners. Learn the latest trends and receive valuable training through a combination of educational sessions, tours, and workshops. Discover how to be a good steward of your historic property. Participate in charting the course for the future through working roundtables. Network with your fellow preservationists and professionals in the field.

Visit <http://napc.uga.edu> TODAY for registration and conference details!

New! "Tennessee's Lost Historic Treasures" poster

Just in time for National Preservation Month 2012, Tennessee History for Kids produced a new historic sites poster in conjunction with the Tennessee Historical Commission. This year's poster highlights Tennessee's Lost Historic Treasures and features photographs of the original Cossitt Library, the Polk Place Mansion in Nashville, the Lenoir Cotton Mill, the Bradley County Courthouse, the old University of Tennessee Law School, and more. Visit www.tnhistoryforkids.org to order your copy

today!

New! Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society

Genealogy enthusiasts have a lot to look forward to this month at the FiftyForward Knowles Center, 174 Rains Avenue. For more information about these sessions, visit www.mtgs.org.

2 Day Seminar, Thursday, July 19 and July 26, 2012, Noon to 3:00 p.m.

July 19 -- "Hide and Seek": Finding Hidden Sources and The War of 1812: Its Records and where to find them. July 26 -- "See How They Dressed": Using Clothing Styles to Identify Daguerreotypes and Photographs for both Men and Women; "The Written Words": Records from Bibles, Daybooks, Autograph Books, Scrapbooks and Ledgers. Presented by Virginia Gooch Watson, Genealogist.

Charge: \$10.00 FiftyForward Members/\$15.00 non-members. For more information and to register, contact Deborah Stillwell by phone 615.743.3487 or by email dstillwell@fiftyforward.org.

July 21, 2012, 1:00 p.m. Program: "Volunteer Banners--Tennessee's Civil War Flags and Flag Makers." Presented by Greg Biggs, author and research consultant.

July 23, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Lunch included) Class: "Beginning Genealogy." The class addresses topics such as where to begin as well as organization and using At-Home Records, Vital Records, County Records, Military Records (Revolutionary through WWII), Cemetery Records, Census Records 1790-1940, and population schedules & non-population (farm, slave, industrial, state). Presented by genealogists Virginia Gooch Watson and Martha Orsborn Gerdeman. Cost: \$10.00 FiftyForward Members/\$15.00 non-members. For more information and to register, contact Deborah Stillwell by email dstillwell@fiftyforward.org or by phone 615.743.3400.

New! Help Us Keep Your Memories of Fort Negley Alive for Years to Come!

Do you have memories of Fort Negley before it was a city park? Did you grow up nearby? Was the fort an important part of your childhood? Fort Negley would like to hear your stories!

Although Fort Negley is most often thought of as a Union Civil War fort, the site's history is far richer and more expansive. For generations, people have explored the fort creating memories and stories worth preserving.

African Americans, in particular, left an indelible mark on Fort Negley and its history. While many of the personal stories of those who built the fort are lost forever, we still have the opportunity to collect and preserve the memories of those who came long after the war ended.

Lauren Baud, a graduate student in the Public History program at Middle Tennessee State University, is completing an oral history project and exhibit while interning at Fort Negley this summer. Ms. Baud will conduct personal interviews with local African Americans about their memories of Fort Negley and their neighborhoods.

If you or someone you know grew up in the Fort Negley area and would like to participate in the project or would like to receive more information, please

contact Lauren Baud at the Fort Negley Visitors Center, 862-8470.

New! Curtain Call

Now through September 23, 2012

Nashville Public Library

615 Church Street

Take a break from the heat and stop by the Courtyard Gallery to view "Curtain Call," an exhibit of Nashville's Performing Arts and Entertainment history from The Special Collections of the Nashville Public Library, featuring photographs, memorabilia, and publicity of the eras.

The Metropolitan Historical Commission publishes this monthly newsletter to keep you informed on events and happenings at the MHC. If you have questions, comments, or news to pass along, please email scarlett.miles@nashville.gov, with E-NEWS in the subject line.

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