

Metropolitan Historical Commission

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PRESERVATION AWARDS

New! 2012 Preservation Awards

The Metropolitan Historical Commission celebrated its 37th annual Preservation Awards program on May 31, 2012 at the Tennessee State Museum. Twelve properties received awards and six received honorable mentions. Mayor Karl Dean assisted with presenting awards in the categories of Residential, Commercial, Educational and Institutional, and Infill architecture. After the awards presentation, Tennessee State Museum, Tennessee Preservation Trust, Historic Nashville, Inc., Thomason & Associates, and PLA Media, co-hosted a reception honoring all participants. The awards program and reception also served as the opening event for the Tennessee Preservation Trust's Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, which returned to Nashville for the first time since 2004.

Judges for the 2012 Preservation Awards were Amanda Hall, Preservation Planner with the City of Franklin, Tennessee; Julia Landstreet, Executive Director of the Nashville Civic Design Center; and Patrick Weber, Associate Architect with Smith Gee Studio, LLC in Nashville.

Additionally, the Metropolitan Historical Commission honored the Downtown Presbyterian Church with its Commissioners' Award for the congregation's dedication to the preservation and stewardship of downtown Nashville's history and unique sense of place. The Commissioners' Award recognizes a group, program, or project that enhances Nashville's history and historic resources. It is designed to honor projects that do not fit within the traditional preservation award categories. The Commission presented the Achievement Award, given to individuals who have contributed greatly to the community's knowledge and appreciation of local history and historic resources, to Ann Roberts, longtime Executive Director of the Metropolitan Historical Commission, for her dedication to and advocacy for the preservation of the architecture and history of Davidson County through her work with the commission and in retirement.

The 2012 program marks the thirty-seventh year of the Preservation Awards event, held annually to coincide with the national celebration of Preservation Month. The theme for National Preservation Month 2012 is "*Discover America's Hidden Gems.*"

For a list of winning properties, please visit our website (www.nashville.gov/mhc/preservation_awards.asp) or our Facebook page.

CONFERENCES, EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

New! First Tuesday at the Archives

Tuesday, June 5—2:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Archives

3801 Green Hills Village Drive

615-862-5880

Every first Tuesday of the month, the Metropolitan Archives hosts an afternoon program featuring a different topic in state and local history. The monthly programs are free and open to the public.

On **Tuesday, June 5, from 2:30 to 3:20 p.m.**, join The Friends of the Metro Archives for Thomas Lee Clark's presentation about the life of Harriet Virginia Maxwell Overton, the second First Lady of Travellers Rest and the subject of Clark's new book, *Courage for Living featuring Harriet Virginia Maxwell Overton*. The Civil War brought radical change to Harriet Overton's life. The mother of five children, she was thrust into total management of the 2300 acre plantation when her husband, John, was away at war. Not yet thirty years old, Harriet struggled to nurture her children, direct the work of her fifty slaves, and fend off the challenges of the Union Army troops on her property. During the Battle of Nashville in 1864, the Travellers Rest plantation became the battlefield. Harriet defended her family, home, and property. Her southern pride continued throughout her lifetime.

Thomas Lee Clark lives in the greater Nashville area. After retiring from a career in publishing, he has worked and volunteered as a docent at Travellers Rest Plantation for over ten years.

New! The Stories of North Edgefield History Series

Saturday, June 9—10:00 a.m.

Ray of Hope Community Church

~constructed circa 1926 as the Meridian Street Methodist Church

901 Meridian Street

In the 1780s, David McGavock became the first person to own property east of the Cumberland River across from what is today Nashville's downtown. McGavock's claim began a compelling and variable story 225 years in the making. This summer, history scholars, armchair researchers, and local residents will exchange their experiences with that story during three events organized by the neighborhood associations from historic North Edgefield.

Dr. Bill McKee, professor at Cumberland University, author of the book *North Edgefield Remembered*, and chair of the Metropolitan Historical Commission, will be speaking at **the first event in the three-part series** at 10:00 am on June 9. Attendees are encouraged to bring personal photos of people and places from North Edgefield's past to show and tell. An interactive timeline will also be on display for attendees to

update with their own memories, and video interviews will be playing from residents with lifetime connections to North Edgefield of more than 85 years. Those who bring a brown bag lunch may continue swapping stories following Dr. McKee's presentation.

Organizations interested in sponsoring any of the three events may contact Dane Forlines via e-mail: dane@focusoncities.org or phone: 615-248-1994.

New! Happy Birthday APTA!

Sunday, June 10—2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Buchanan Log House

2910 Elm Hill Pike

Join the Buchanan Log House in celebrating the 60th birthday of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (APTA). The event will feature Birthday Cake & 'APTA' punch, Kell Coulter providing Harp Music, and a display of "James Buchanan's foot prints throughout his neighborhood."

For more information about these and other events at the Buchanan Log House, call 615-871-4524 or email loghouse@buchananloghouse.com. *The Buchanan Log House, a Chapter of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (APTA).*

New! Window Preservation Workshops to be held June and July 2012

Pine Mountain, Kentucky

The Kentucky Heritage Council and Pine Mountain Settlement School will offer 2 one-week workshops on preserving historic windows at the PMSS campus located in rural Pine Mountain, Kentucky.

Steel Windows – June 10-15, 2012

Jim Turner, owner of Turner Restoration (Detroit, MI), will instruct a workshop on preserving steel windows, June 10-15, 2012. Participants will learn how to remove steel window units, repair rusted and bent sections, replace missing components, adjust frames, remove and reapply glazing, remove and reapply paint, and other aspects of steel window restoration. Cost for this workshop is \$950, which includes tuition, meals, lodging, student materials, and safety glasses. For more information, visit www.pinemountainsettlementschool.com/workshops.php?view=details&id=117.

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.



THE FRIENDS OF
**TWO RIVERS
MANSION**

Join us this Summer for
MUSIC AT THE MANSION
Three great shows featuring some of the best live music in Nashville!

JUNE 30 - GROOVE DAWGS, FEATURING GARY GRAU
(general contractor who is restoring the Mansion)

JULY 21 - BLUEGRASS

AUGUST 18 - NASHVILLE BLUES SOCIETY



All shows start at 7pm. The Friends of Two Rivers is a 501(c)3 organization
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 615.862.8431 OR VISIT
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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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