

Metropolitan Historical Commission

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MHC/MHZC UPDATE

HUGE Success! 2013 Old House Fair

The second annual Old House Fair was a terrific success with almost 400 people in attendance! Sponsored by the Historical and Historic Zoning Commissions, the MHC Foundation, and the Tennessee Preservation Trust, this year's event took place at the Cohn School in Sylvan Park. Thanks to our generous co-sponsors and exhibitors for donating more than \$9,000 in materials, services, promotion, and raffle items.

Missed the fair or just didn't get around to all of the tables? Visit [Old House Fair](#) to learn more about our co-sponsors and exhibitors.

A few highlights from the event:

- Guests from across the street and across the region!
- Delicious food and drink from Smoke Et Al and Trailer Perk food trucks.
- Children's activities courtesy of Vintage Millworks, Inc. and MHC staff. We saw some marvelous bat houses and cardboard home replicas!
- "Packed house" presentations and demonstrations!

Many attendees have already helped us with improving our planning of the event by providing suggestions on exhibitors, sessions, and organization via an online survey. If you have additional comments, please send them to robin.zeigler@nashville.gov

Visit [Old House Fair](#) in future months to see what's in store for next year's event!

New! Civil War Sesquicentennial Symposium

Saturday, April 13—8:30 a.m. to Noon

Church of the Holy Trinity

615 Sixth Avenue South

Join the Metropolitan Historical Commission for a Civil War Sesquicentennial Symposium featuring Dr. Bobby Lovett and Dr. Susan O'Donovan. Dr. Bobby Lovett will speak on contrabands in Nashville, their work on building Fort Negley, and the establishment of African-American communities in Davidson County. Dr. Susan O'Donovan will talk about Emancipation, and its effects in Tennessee. The program will conclude with a performance by The 1861 Project featuring original music inspired

by the American Civil War. For more information, visit [Civil War Sesquicentennial Events](#).

PRESERVATION AWARDS

New! 2013 Preservation Awards

Mark your calendar and make plans to join the Historical Commission and friends for the 38th Annual Preservation Awards program on Wednesday, May 29, 2013. The annual event, held each May during National Preservation Month, will return to the Nashville Public Library Conference Center, 615 Church Street. The theme for National Preservation Month 2013 is “See it. Save it. Celebrate it.” We can’t wait for you to see some amazing preservation projects and *celebrate* some of Nashville’s *saved* treasures.

Our judging team will visit all nominated properties on Tuesday, April 16th. Nominees, look for scheduling information from us in the next few days.

To learn more about the awards program, visit [Preservation Awards](#). For more information about National Preservation Month, check out the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#).

IN THE NEWS

Happy Birthday! Metro at 5-0!

Saturday, April 6—Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Historic Courthouse Public Square

Everyone in Nashville is invited to a birthday party celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the creation of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County. The party is the culmination of a nine-month celebration and education campaign commemorating Metro Government’s 50th anniversary.

This special citywide event will include: musical performances from historic and contemporary multi-genre artists; exhibits on the history and future of Nashville during the past 50 years; food from local restaurants and food trucks; exhibits from local shops, vendors and artisans; Kidsville, a kids area with great activities; and Dogville, a dog-friendly area with activities for dogs and their owners.

This event is free and open to the public. We hope you can make it to the big celebration! Stop by the MHC table in the History Tent and say “Hello!” Look for our large-scale timeline of Nashville and Davidson County history.

If you missed any of the incredible Metro@50 events from the past nine months, visit the Nashville.Gov [Metro@50 Video Gallery](#) for videos on a variety of topics, from the early days of the Metro Council to “Retro Metro.” Plan to hear fascinating stories, see terrific historic photos, and learn a lot!

Let’s join together in celebrating our great city! Find “Metro at 50” on Facebook or visit www.MetroAt50.org to learn more.



New! Nashville Public Library to host Community StoryBooth and Exhibit

NPL's Special Collections Division now offers the public a single place to stop on their Metro@50 celebratory journey to share audio and video remembrances of the consolidation of Metro Government. In March 2013, the Division began the oral history project with its "Women in Politics: 50 Years of Metro's Women" series. The series will not only preserve the voices of how Nashville's women navigated local government, but also provide the framework for what lay ahead for the next 50 years in Metro Government.

Additionally, through May 19, the Main Library will host the exhibit "Metro@ 50: Progress, Problems, Projections." The exhibit includes selected items from the Beverly Briley Collection and the Jack Knox Political Cartoon Collection as well as works from the Special Collections Division and Metro Nashville Archives highlighting the history of Metro Government as it paralleled with a decade of one of the most turbulent times in history.

For more information, please contact Andrea Blackman at 615-862-5842 or andrea.blackman@nashville.gov.

New! Retro Metro

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the consolidation of the City of Nashville and Davidson County governments, the Metro Arts Gallery is hosting "Retro Metro," an exhibition of ephemera from arts and cultural organizations that were in existence at the time of the merger.

Playbills, posters, photographs and other memorabilia from the vaults of Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art, Circle Players, Country Music Hall of Fame, Nashville Public Library, Nashville Public Television, and the Nashville Symphony offer a glimpse of Nashville's arts and culture scene in 1962-63.

The show runs until April 26th in the [Metro Arts Gallery](#) located on the 4th floor of the Metro Office Building at 800 2nd Ave South.

What's New? NashvilleNext.Net!

As we celebrate Metro@50, do you wonder how Metro will look at age 80? Work continues on a new Nashville General Plan which will provide a vision for our city's

future over the next 30 years, along with guidance for growth and development in Davidson County and much of Middle Tennessee. Called "NashvilleNext," this is an ongoing, integrated plan for Nashville's future - and information about the plan is now available on a constantly updated webpage which includes contact information, volunteer opportunities, details of the plan so far, and video comments from some of the many community leaders who are already part of the NashvilleNext initiative. Visit www.nashvillenext.net or find Nashville Next on Facebook for the "next" big news!

CONFERENCES, EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

New! First Tuesday at the Archives

Tuesday, April 2—2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Government Archives

3801 Green Hills Village Drive

April's "First Tuesday" lecture series will feature Barbara Marthol discussing "African-Americans in Confederate Service." Sponsored by Friends of the Archives. This event is free and open to the public.

"First Tuesday at the Metro Archives" meets on the first Tuesday of the month, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please contact the Archives at 862-5880 or Ken.fieth@nashville.gov for more information.

***Be sure to "Like" Metro Nashville Archives on Facebook for your daily fix of fascinating photos!

New! Tennessee Women Progressives Beyond the Nineteenth Amendment

This special series will be held in conjunction with the University of Tennessee Press and its new 2013 publication of *Tennessee Women in the Progressive Era: Toward the Public Sphere in the New South*, edited by Mary A. Evins. Featured speakers are authors of essays in *Tennessee Women*. THS members will also receive a discount on the new book.

All programs will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Fort Negley Visitor Center, 1100 Fort Negley Boulevard, Nashville 37203. Reserve your spot by emailing the THS at membership@tennesseehistory.org or calling 615-741-8934.

~Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Stretching Old South Limits of Propriety:

Progressive Women in the Church and in Athletics

Church of Christ Women: The Fight Fought and Lost in the Late 19th Century

Carole Stanford Bucy, PhD, Volunteer State Community College

Sports and Social Mobility: Women's Sports as Leading Edge

Mary Ellen Pethel, PhD, Harpeth Hall

~Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Religious Values, Societal Responsibilities, and the Public Work of Progressive Women

The Urban Settlement Movement in Tennessee and Women's Roles in Race Relations

Janice M. Leone, PhD, Middle Tennessee State University
The Public Work of Women Who Stood Firm against Lynching in Tennessee
Paula Hinton, PhD, Tennessee Tech University

New! Scottish Heritage Festival and National Tartan Day Celebration

Saturday, April 6—10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Nashville Public Library

615 Church Street

The downtown Nashville Public Library will host a Scottish Heritage Festival and National Tartan Day Celebration on Saturday, April 6th from 10 AM to 4 PM. This event is free to the public.

In 1998, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution recognizing April 6th as National Tartan Day. April 6th has a special significance for all Americans, especially those of Scottish descent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320, and later influenced the American Declaration of Independence.

Tartan Day honors the major role that Scottish-Americans have played in the founding of this Nation. Many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the first man on the moon were of Scottish descent. Scottish-American contributions have led to America's preeminence in the fields of science, technology, government, medicine, architecture, literature, arts, law, and much more. Today, over twenty million Americans claim Scottish roots.

Bring your family and enjoy the displays, bag piping, highland dancing, children's activities, music, the movie 'Brave', and lectures. Meet Lieutenant Commander John Glynn of Glynstewart, USN (Ret.), President General of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, who is a descendant of six signers of the Declaration of Arbroath and a signer of the Magna Charta.

New! Crawfish Boil at Historic Travellers Rest

Sunday, April 28, 2013

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Historic Travellers Rest Plantation & Museum

636 Farrell Parkway

Nashville, TN 37220

Don't miss the all you can eat crawfish celebration! Enjoy Cajun music set to the backdrop of Historic Travellers Rest, Nashville's oldest historic home open to the public. Purchase tickets online or at the door. For more information, email

info@travellersrestplantation.org, call 615-832-8197, or visit

www.travellersrestplantation.org.

Save the Date! Sevier Park Fest

Saturday, May 4—11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sevier Park

The Belmont-Hillsboro and 12South neighborhoods are partnering to host the Sevier Park Fest on May 4, 2013, 11 a.m.—7 p.m. The purpose of the event is to bring

together the two neighborhood communities to promote their local talent and businesses. Proceeds from sponsorships, donations, and VIP ticket sales will benefit Friends of Sevier Park and will help enhance and support the park's community use and appeal. The MHC/MHZC offices are located in historic [Sunnyside](#) in the center of the park and a new community center is under construction.

Sevier Park Fest will feature entertainment, vendor booths (including handcrafted items) and food trucks. So far, food trucks expected to be at the event include Sum Yum Yum and The Biscuit Love Truck.

General admission to the festival is free. VIP tickets are available in limited quantities and are expected to sell out.

For more information visit, www.sevierparkfest.com.

Save the Date!

The Brick & Mortar Bash: A Benefit for Historic Nashville, Inc.

Thursday, May 16, 2013

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The Bridge Building
2 Victory Avenue
Nashville, TN 37213

Historic Nashville, Inc. invites you to join in the celebration of Preservation Month.
Visit www.historicnashvilleinc.org to purchase your tickets!

Save the Date!

Tennessee Preservation Trust's Statewide Preservation Conference

May 16–18, 2013

Cookeville, Tennessee

Since 2000, the Tennessee Preservation Trust's Statewide Preservation Conference has brought together heritage supporters from across the state for educational sessions, tours, and networking opportunities. The annual conference travels around the state and showcases the historic character of a different community each year. The 2013 conference will take place in Cookeville, May 16–18.

Want to join the conversation and find out first the latest news on the conference? Like Tennessee Preservation Trust on Facebook and share your thoughts. Be sure to visit www.tennesseepreservationtrust.org/conference for program and registration information.

Save the Date!

2012 Memorial Day Dash for Nashville City Cemetery

Memorial Day, May 27th -- 8:00 a.m.

Greer Stadium

534 Chestnut Street

Lace up your sneakers and start training now for this annual event! All proceeds benefit the restoration of the Nashville City Cemetery. Visit

www.thenashvillecitycemetery.org to learn more.

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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