

Metropolitan Historical Commission

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MHC/MHZC UPDATE

New Year, New Phones, New Website!

Just a reminder about our new phone system. Our main number is still the same (615-862-7970), but now you can reach us directly via extensions and leave personalized voice mail for individual staff members!

Save this list for future reference, or follow the prompts when you call:

79770 = Yvonne Ogren
79772 = Tim Walker
79773 = Melissa Baldock
79774 = Fred Zahn
79775 = Sean Alexander
79776 = Robin Zeigler
79777 = Michelle Taylor
79778 = Scarlett Miles
79779 = Tara Mielnik

The new Nashville.Gov debuted on January 11, 2013. What do you think? The new look should be more user-friendly but if you can't find what you need on our website, please let us know.

Almost Sold Out! "Know Nashville" Classes Offered by County Historian

February 7, 14, 21, & 28—10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Fort Negley Visitors Center

1100 Fort Negley Blvd.

Dr. Carole Bucy, Davidson County Historian, returns with her wildly popular "Know Nashville" lecture series in February 2013. The group will meet Thursdays in February (7, 14, 21, & 28) from 10:30 to 11:45 at the Fort Negley Visitors Center. The fee for this series will be \$25.00, payable to the MHC Foundation.

Winter Series:

1. February 7 - The Wall Street of the South: Business & Politics in Nashville
2. February 14 - Music City, USA: Nashville's Cultural Heritage

3. February 21 - "Doing Well While Doing Good": Health Services & Social Services
4. February 28 - E Pluribus Nashville: Nashville's Neighborhoods, Satellite Cities, and Ethnic Communities

For registration information, call the Historical Commission (862-7970) or email Historian@nashville.gov.

New!

32nd Annual Nashville Conference on African-American History and Culture

Friday, February 8—8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tennessee State University

Avon Williams Campus

10th and Charlotte Avenues, downtown

The 2013 Conference will be held on Friday, February 8, 2013 and will focus on political, social, and artistic legacies of the African-American community in Nashville.

As Nashville celebrates the 50th anniversary of Metropolitan government, Dr. Reavis Mitchell of Fisk University will analyze the impact of the governmental consolidation on the city's African-American community. Additionally, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, Dan Pomeroy of the Tennessee State Museum will examine the effect of the Emancipation Proclamation in Tennessee. The document itself will be on display at the Tennessee State Museum from February 12 – 18, by reservation only (to schedule your reservation, visit www.tnmuseum.org). Other speakers include Ophelia Paine, former staff member at the Metropolitan Nashville Historical Commission and former Commissioner with the Tennessee Historical Commission, and Dr. Stacey Graham of the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University. Mrs. Paine and Dr. Graham will both be discussing aspects of the impact of the Civil War on the African-American homefront community in Middle Tennessee. Victor Simmons, Director of the Fisk University Galleries, will discuss Aaron Douglas and his work at Fisk, as well as curating an exhibit of Douglas's work.

Please make plans to join us for this exceptional program. View the [full program brochure and registration form](#). The registration fee is \$20.00. Pre-registration is closed, but we'll take walk-up registrations on February 8th. Questions? Call the Historical Commission at 862-7970.

Save the Date! 2013 Old House Fair

Saturday, March 9—9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cohn School

4805 Park Avenue

The Metropolitan Historical and Historic Zoning Commissions, the MHC Foundation, and the Tennessee Preservation Trust will hold the 2013 Old House Fair on Saturday, March 9, 2013. The Old House Fair is a FREE day-long festival showcasing new ideas, practical advice, innovative materials, and quality services for homeowners. Vendors and presenters will offer tips on enhancing energy efficiency, maintaining and restoring old houses, how to hire a contractor, choosing suitable materials, and identifying appropriate design elements for specific architectural styles and eras. Learn more about sustainable and historic products and services, and gain tips for planning and executing your project. Exhibitors include companies, retailers, and artists

experienced in working with homes of many ages and styles, from Antebellum to Mid-century Modern. Know a young preservationist? We'll have children's activities, too!

Visit [Old House Fair](#) to learn more!

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Robin Zeigler at robin.zeigler@nashville.gov or 862-7970 ext.79776.

PRESERVATION AWARDS

New! Call for Nominations: 2013 Preservation Awards

Nomination forms are now available for the Metropolitan Historical Commission's 38th Annual Preservation Awards program. **The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, March 22, 2013. This is a little earlier than in years past, so please take note!** *Early entries are always welcome, of course.* We are still planning this year's event, so please check back for more information about judging and the awards ceremony. To learn more about the awards program and to download the nomination form, please visit the Preservation Awards page of our website: www.nashville.gov/mhc.

IN THE NEWS

New! Ponder "Sunnyside Mansion" Ornaments Now Available

Phil Ponder's print "Sunnyside Mansion" is now available as an ornament. Through the generosity of Mr. Ponder and Picture This gallery, sales will support the MHC Foundation. Ornaments are \$6 and are available at the MHC office (checks payable to MHC Foundation). Larger prints are available upon request. Show your "love" for historic buildings with this great Valentine's Day gift!

Ongoing! Be part of planning Nashville's - and our region's - future!

Work is just beginning 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.

Metro Government and many local agencies and organizations are leading the General Plan's development – and a Community Engagement Committee is now forming which will include a wide variety of individuals from all walks of life who are familiar with community/neighborhood/civic engagement processes.

If you'd like to be considered for membership in that Committee or other volunteer initiatives, please visit the Nashville 2040 website: www.nashville2040.com. The website also includes links to Nashville's current General Plan as well as plans currently in place in other major cities, including Raleigh, Cincinnati, and El Paso.

Ongoing! Metro at 5-0!

The Nashville community is coming together to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the creation of Metro Nashville. The nine-month celebration, from June 28, 2012 to April 1, 2013, will involve many events and educational opportunities. Please join us in celebrating our great city! Find "Metro at 50" on Facebook or visit www.MetroAt50.org

to learn more!

CONFERENCES, EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

New! First Tuesday at the Archives

Tuesday, February 5—2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Government Archives

3801 Green Hills Village Drive

The “First Tuesday at the Metro Archives” for February will feature Katie Randall, Education and Outreach Coordinator at Glen Leven, along with Ophelia Paine and Ridley Wills. The group will discuss the Glen Leven home and the exciting things happening there! 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.

While you’re there, be sure to ask the Metro Archives staff about their exciting news. We don’t want to spoil the surprise!

***Be sure to “like” Metro Nashville Archives on Facebook!

New! African-American History Month at The Hermitage

The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson, will host several FREE events throughout February to celebrate African-American history and culture while paying tribute to the enslaved community who lived at The Hermitage. “Emancipation and the Meaning of Freedom” is the theme for the 2013 series. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

SAVE THE DATE

NashvilleNext Kickoff Event

Saturday, February 16 • 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Nashville Public Library
615 Church Street

What's Next for Nashville?

Join fellow community leaders as we kick off NashvilleNext, a countywide vision for Nashville's future. Your valuable input on this plan will shape how we work, play and grow in Nashville over the next 25 years. If you care about Nashville, you're invited!

FEATURING

Nashville Mayor Karl Dean

Former Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening
President, Smart Growth America's Leadership Institute

For more information, call (615) 862-NEXT (6398).



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FREE FOOD, PARKING AND KIDS' ACTIVITIES!

Plan to participate? [Sign up online!](#)



Two Hearts Antiques and Crafts Show

**20 Antique,
Art & Craft
Vendors!**

Coffee Shoppe

Appraisals

February 15 —16, 2013
10 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

February 17, 2013
1:00 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Free Parking

Adults \$5
Children \$2
Members Free!

Sponsored by:
The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion
Metro Parks

Two Rivers Mansion
3130 McGavock Pike
Nashville, TN 37214
615.885.1112
www.friendsoftworivers.org

New! Middle Tennessee Genealogy Society

Saturday, March 16—1:00 p.m.

FiftyForward Patricia Hart Building

174 Rains Avenue (Across from the State Fairgrounds)

Darla Brock, Manuscript Archivist, will discuss "Union Provost Marshall Records at the Tennessee State Library and Archives." Ms. Brock received her Bachelor of Science degree in History from Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville and Master's Degree in History from the University of Memphis. Ms. Brock will speak to her dual areas of research concentration, Civil War History and Women's History. There is no charge for this meeting and refreshments will be served. For more information, please visit www.mtgs.org.

Call for Papers & Save the Date!

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society Annual Meeting

October 10 – 13, 2013

Nashville

The [Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society](http://www.aahgs.org) is pleased to announce that its 34th annual conference is to be held in Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 10-13, 2013.

With the theme “150 Sounds of Freedom,” this year’s conference explores all aspects of freedom, including, but not limited to, such topics as literacy, death, the Emancipation Proclamation, religion, art, sports and music.

The annual AAHGS Conference is the premier opportunity to explore standard and innovative methods, resources, and findings related to the expansive history of African-Americans and the African Diaspora. Scholars and others are encouraged to submit proposals in accordance with the 2013 conference [Call for Papers](#) [submissions are due February 20], also available at aahgs.org.

This year for the first time in AAHGS history, college students and journalists are especially encouraged to participate.

“It is too thrilling for the people who write the first drafts of history to have prominent roles in this historical examination of black freedom,” said Pamela E. Foster, co-founder and secretary of the [AAHGS Nashville](#) chapter and a key organizer of the 2013 conference. “We also for the first time are encouraging college students to embrace family history and be a part of the conference that celebrates the sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation.”

Founded in 1977, AAHGS is a 501 c(3) not-for-profit organization based in Washington, D. C. Via its 30 chapters nationwide, AAHGS promotes scholarly research, provides resources for historical and genealogical studies, assists members in documenting their histories, and creates a network of people with similar interests.

AAHGS Nashville was chartered in 2005 by founding members Dr. Carol Creswell-Betsch, Margarette Robinson Foster Chesser, Dolores Porter Foster, Pamela E. Foster, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Jewel Ann Dillihunt McCallister, Michelangelo McCallister, Sr., Gloria Haugabook McKissack, Lena Brown Prince, Jessie Carney Smith, and H. Henryne D. White.

For more information, please contact AAHGS Nashville chapter president Chajuan Fitzgerald at 1-866-202-6423 or info@aahgsnashville.org.

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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