

Metropolitan Historical Commission

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What's New with the MHC and MHZC?

Marker Mania!

The balmy weather in early December allowed for the installation of the MHC's newest historical markers.

The marker for Jack Clement Recording Studios was installed at the location of the studio, 3100 Belmont Boulevard, and recognizes one of Nashville's most colorful songwriters and producers, "Cowboy Jack" Clement:

Jack Clement Recording Studios

After success in Memphis with Sun Records, "Cowboy" Jack Clement founded Jack Clement Recording Studios in 1969, producing and writing for artists such as Johnny Cash and Charley Pride. It was the first facility of its kind in Nashville, with interiors designed by Jim Tilton. Sold in 1979 and renamed Sound Emporium, artists such as Kenny Rogers, Dottie West, Ray Stevens, Don Williams, John Denver, R.E.M., Robert Plant & Alison Krauss have recorded here.

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The West Nashville Founders' Museum provided funding for another marker honoring the rich history found in West Nashville, with a marker erected at Cockrill School, at the corner of 49th Avenue North and Delaware Avenue:

Cockrill School

Through the efforts of Mark Sterling Cockrill and Lemuel Davis, a school serving West Nashville children in grades 1-8 opened near here in 1888. High school grades were soon added and the school became West Nashville High School. Following

annexation, the school was renamed Cockrill School in 1907. The Public Works Administration constructed the current building at this location, the former Clifton Park. Designed by Marr and Holman, this building opened in 1940.

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Thanks to the generosity of the late George Moore, a descendant of Abby Crawford Milton, and to County Historian Carole Bucy, who wrote the text, the Woman Suffrage Rallies historical marker was installed in Centennial Park near the Centennial Arts Center on 25th Avenue North:

Woman Suffrage Rallies

Centennial Park was the site of May Day rallies held annually from 1914 until 1920, when the Tennessee General Assembly ratified the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing the right to vote to American women. Suffragists marched from the State Capitol to Centennial Park, where thousands gathered to hear speakers such as Ann Dallas Dudley, Maria Thompson Daviess, Sue Shelton White, Catherine Kenny, and Abby Crawford Milton.

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New! Lunch-and-Learn with Dr. Mark Cheatham

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 – Noon

Fort Negley Visitors Center

1100 Fort Negley Boulevard

Join the Historical Commission and Fort Negley Park for a lunch-and-learn presentation on “Andrew Jackson, Southerner” by Dr. Mark Cheatham.

Dr. Mark R. Cheatham, associate professor of history at Cumberland University and the author of *Old Hickory's Nephew: The Political and Private Struggles of Andrew Jackson Donelson* and *Andrew Jackson, Southerner*, will explore how southern society shaped one of American's most controversial figures.

This event is free and open to the public. Bring a lunch to enjoy during the program. Please RSVP to Fort Negley at 615-862-8470. Seating is limited!

Author-signed copies of *Andrew Jackson, Southerner* will be available for purchase after the program.

New! Nashville Conference on African-American History and Culture

On February 14, 2014 join Tennessee State University's College of Arts and Sciences and the Metropolitan Historical Commission for a celebration of the contributions of African Americans to Nashville and Tennessee history. For over thirty years, this award-winning conference has brought together historians, students, educators,

community leaders, and others interested in African-American history and culture. This year's conference will focus on the educational and musical legacies of Nashville's African-American community to our city and state.

Dr. Sonya Ramsey of the University of North Carolina-Charlotte will focus on the legacy of African-American schoolteachers in Nashville, the subject of her recent book, *Reading, Writing, and Segregation: A Century of Black Women Schoolteachers in Nashville*. Several of Ramsey's interviews come from our own Conference attendees! Ramsey's book has been called "groundbreaking" and "fascinating" by reviewers.

Dr. Don Cusic will speak on educator, poet, and activist James Weldon Johnson. Janet Walsh with the TSU Libraries and Beverly Robertson with the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis will highlight the research and interpretation of the African-American experience at their institutions. In commemoration of the Sesquicentennial year of the Battle of Nashville in the American Civil War, Norm Hill will join Dr. Tim Johnson to discuss the Civil War experiences of Nashville's African Americans during the Battle of Nashville.

Please make plans to join us for this exceptional program on Friday, February 14, 2014. The [full program brochure](#) for the 2014 Conference is now available. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged; we regret that we cannot accept registrations over the phone. If you have questions, please contact the Metro Historical Commission at 615-862-7970. Visit [Nashville Conference on African-American History and Culture](#) for updates or find us on Facebook!

Save the Date! Third Annual Old House Fair

The Metropolitan Historic Zoning Commission and partners are pleased to announce the third annual [Old House Fair](#) on Saturday March 8, 2014, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at The Martin Center, 2400 Fairfax Avenue, Nashville.

The Old House Fair is a FREE day-long festival that introduces property owners to new ideas, practical advice, innovative materials, and quality services through exhibitors, presentations and hands-on demonstrations. The event includes door prizes and the opportunity for children to learn more about historic architecture through guided craft projects.

Lectures and hands-on demonstrations focus on enhancing energy efficiency, maintaining and restoring old houses, and appropriate design elements for the architectural styles and eras found here in Nashville. "We will have a full range of sessions," said historic zoning administrator Robin Zeigler, "everything from how to make an old house more energy efficient, to how to navigate the Metro permitting process, to how to repair old windows or make a decision on replacement windows." Even if you are not a DIYer, these sessions will help you know what to look for and what to ask for when planning projects for your old home. The entire schedule of lectures and hands-on demonstrations and exhibitor's list will be available online at www.oldhousefair.org after the first of the year.

Participants will have a chance to talk to exhibitors and get advice and information on their specific projects. Exhibitors include companies that specialize in old houses, and retailers and artists who cater to owners of Antebellum, Victorian, Bungalow, Tudor

and Mid-century Modern homes.

2014 PRESERVATION AWARDS

New! Call for Nominations: 2014 Preservation Awards

We are now accepting nominations for the 2014 Preservation Awards. This is new for us, so please bear with us as we work out the details of a rolling nominations process. We'll provide information about judging and the awards ceremony as it becomes available. In the meantime, feel free to nominate your favorite preservation project as soon as it is complete!

The deadline to submit nominations is **Friday, March 14, 2014**. This is earlier than in years past, so please take note. We will not extend the deadline for photographs or incomplete nomination packets.

To learn more about the awards program, please visit [Preservation Awards](#) or email scarlett.miles@nashville.gov.

IN THE NEWS

Ongoing! NashvilleNext.Net!

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 in progress, 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!

Concerned about what this means for Nashville's historic resources? Read the [Historic Preservation Background Report](#) and the [Historic Preservation Fact Sheet](#), and [share your comments](#) about the future of historic preservation in our city.

New! First Tuesday at the Archives

*Tuesday, January 7—2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Government Archives
3801 Green Hills Village Drive*

The January meeting of "First Tuesday at the Archives" will feature Elizabeth Coker as Granny White. 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, or visit the new [website](#)!

New! Battle of New Orleans Celebration

Wednesday, January 8, 2014—9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Hermitage

Home of President Andrew Jackson

The celebration of Jackson's victory at the Battle of New Orleans every January 8 has become the enduring tradition of The Hermitage. Visitors enjoy free admission on this day, and can participate in a number of activities, beginning at 9:00 am. Living history, period musicians, crafts and educational activities begin at 9:00. The traditional wreath-laying ceremony begins promptly at 11:00. The events of the day conclude at 3:00. Refreshments will be available, and children will want to pick up their Hermitage *PastPort!*

For more information, visit [The Hermitage](#) online.

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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