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What's New with the MHC and MHZC?

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Love Research, Writing, and Nashville History? If so, Nashville Needs YOU!

The Metropolitan Historical Commission and Davidson County Historian, Dr. Carole Bucy, are teaming up with other Metro departments including the Mayor's Office, Information Technology Services, Metro Government Archives, and the Nashville Public Library to embark upon a comprehensive on-line ***Encyclopedia of Nashville and Davidson County***. We need your help! If you are interested in researching and writing one or more articles of approximately 500 words pertaining to people, places, or events significant in Nashville history, sign up to become a writer! Check out <http://writers.nashville.gov> for more information and the "Guidelines for Writers" -- then email encyclopedia@nashville.gov to sign up!

Save the Date! Memorial Day Dash 5K

Monday, May 25, 2015

Race begins at 8:00 am at Greer Stadium

Join us for a morning of food, fun, and patriotism at the annual [Memorial Day Dash 5K](#) to raise money for the restoration of the Nashville City Cemetery. Early registration (through May 23) is \$30 and day of registration is \$35. Door prizes, individual race winners and Best Patriotic running attire will all be awarded. To register, click the link above, go to www.active.com or stop by the MHC office. For more information, contact Clay Bailey at 615-319-3505.

Join us! Fort Negley Memorial Day Observance

Saturday, May 23 at 11:00am

1100 Fort Negley Blvd.

Nashville, TN 37203

Join us at Fort Negley on Saturday, May 23 to honor all members of the U.S. Armed Forces and to commemorate those who gave their final devotion to their country. After,

stay for a candidate meet-and-greet focused on historic preservation and green space. For more information, contact the Fort Negley Visitors Center at 615-862-8470.

2015 PRESERVATION AWARDS

Save the Date! 40th Annual Preservation Awards

Tuesday, May 19 at 4:30 pm

Nashville Public Library

615 Church Street

Reception to follow at the L&C Tower

401 Church Street

Join us on Tuesday, May 19 as we celebrate National Preservation Month by honoring the best preservation efforts across Davidson County. In addition to honoring commercial, residential, infill, and educational/institutional property winners, we will also be awarding the Commissioners' Award to the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere, the Achievement Award to Mike Curb, and the Preservation Leadership Award to Mayor Bill Coke. After the ceremony, stroll down Church Street to enjoy delicious food and a spectacular view of the city from the L&C Tower observation deck. Make sure you bring your camera!

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

AROUND TOWN

Upcoming! Music Row Meeting with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Music Industry Coalition (MIC)

Thursday, April 2 6:30-8:00 pm

The Quonset Hut

34 Music Square East

As Music Row marks its 60th year, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Music Industry Coalition (MIC), and their partners are undertaking definitive, in-depth research to document Music Row's history. The Music Row history document will have many uses including informing the new Music Row Design Plan to be developed by the Metro Planning Commission, Music Row Neighborhood Association and other partners. The research will also be a resource for new ways to share Music Row's story with visitors and residents. Join speakers from the National Trust, MIC, Metro Planning Commission, and Metro Historical Commission on April 2 to discuss details of this exciting new project and find out how you can help!

Save the Date! Tennessee Statewide Preservation Conference

April 30 - May 2 at The Read House Historic Inn & Suites in Chattanooga, TN

This three day Conference brings together heritage supporters from across the state for educational sessions, tours, and networking opportunities. This year the Conference will have sessions on the benefits of preservation, preservation successes in the state, and the adaptive reuse of historic buildings. To see a current list of topics

visit the [2015 Program page](#) on our website. [Click here to register now](#) or contact the Tennessee Preservation Trust at 615-963-1255 or programs@preservetn.org for more information.

Save the Date! Tennessee Decorative Arts Symposium hosted by Belmont University

May 15 6:00-8:00pm Reception at Ravenswood Mansion, Brentwood, TN

May 16 9:00am-4:00pm Symposium at Belmont University

An interesting range of topics will be presented during this year's symposium—from decorative building materials and finishes found in both rural and urban residences in 19th century Tennessee, to distinctive styles of furniture, silver presentation pieces, and reflections on southern elite taking the Grand Tour. You are invited to join scholars, collectors, and historians as they examine and interpret the material culture and decorative arts of the South and Tennessee.

Registration is \$125 and includes the reception, symposium, and the lunch the day of the event. If you are unable to attend the reception, the cost is \$100 for the symposium and lunch. Seating is limited to 100 people and advance registration is required. There will be no refunds for cancellations after April 15.

For more information contact Kate Wilson at 615-460-5459 or kate.wilson@belmont.edu or register [online](#).

Looking Ahead! Events at Two Rivers Mansion

The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion have released their list of scheduled public events for 2015. The next community-wide event will be [Phil the House with Art & Friends](#) scheduled for May 17, with a special Garden Dedication to reveal the restored boxwood maze and the repaired fountain. [Music at the Mansion](#) will return with three dates on June 18, July 18 and August 15, and the Nashville Symphony is also booked to return for a special performance on Thursday, June 18. [Halloween at the Mansion](#) is slated for October 24 and [Holiday Historical Tours](#) will be on December 11, 12, and 13. Tours are offered throughout the year. A complete listing of those dates and times may be found on the [website](#).

Proceeds raised will fund the restoration of the mansion. Friends of Two Rivers Mansion is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization therefore all membership fees are tax deductible. For more information for upcoming events and membership visit the website at www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org or contact Events Manager Laura Carrillo at 615-862-8431 ext. 233.

**Back by Popular Demand! Registration Now Open!
Nashville 101B: Nashville History- The Civil War Years**

Thursdays in April—10:30 a.m. to Noon

Fort Negley Visitors Center

1100 Fort Negley Blvd.

Would you like to learn more about Nashville history? Davidson County Historian Dr.

Carole Bucy will teach **a series of classes to help Nashvillians tie the historic places they see around town to the story of our history.** As the 150th anniversary commemoration of the Civil War is now winding down, Dr. Bucy will provide an in-depth look at Nashville during the decade from 1860-1870, looking at how the coming of the war affected Nashvillians as the state debated secession.

Classes will be held at the Fort Negley Visitors Center for four consecutive Thursdays, beginning on April 9, 2015 (9, 16, 23, and 30), from 10:30 to noon. Space is limited, so reservations must be paid in advance. The cost is \$25.00. All proceeds for this series will benefit the *Encyclopedia of Nashville and Davidson County* project.

Session 1: Secession & the Call to War

Session 2: Bad News Comes Quickly - The Union Occupation of the City Begins

Session 3: Living and Working in Occupied Nashville, 1861-1865

Session 4: The Meaning of the End of the War for Nashville

To register, make your check payable to the MHC FOUNDATION and mail or hand-deliver it along with your [registration form](#) to the MHC Foundation: 3000 Granny White Pike, Nashville, TN, 37204. For registration confirmation, please include an email address (preferred) or phone number with your check. Paying for multiple participants? Please include everyone's name and contact information with your check. Have questions? Please call the Historical Commission at 615-862-7970.

Ongoing! Historic Home for Sale

We rarely, if ever, feature historic home listings in our monthly newsletter, but 3111 Hydes Ferry Road is a special case, so we are making an exception! If you are looking for your next preservation project, consider the Stephens House on Hydes Ferry Road. Built by the Hyde Family, this amazing antebellum home totals 2,580 sq. ft. on a lovely .98 acres. Additionally, the home is known as one of the houses used by Jesse and Frank James during their time in the Bordeaux and Jordonia communities. The owner is very interested in selling the house to a preservation-minded individual or group. The sale price is \$75,000. For more information, call Barbara Wayman at 615-293-1882. Photos are available on our [Facebook page](#) or by request. As always, MHC/MHZC staff is available to offer preservation advice and resources, such as those offered at the annual [Old House Fair](#).

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 jessica.reeves@nashville.gov with E-NEWS in the subject line.

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