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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 presenting 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

****This year, the National Trust for Historic Preservation asked communities to create an appropriate local theme instead of having a national one for National Preservation Month. We are partnering with Historic Nashville, Inc. to encourage you to Keep Nashville Unique! Follow us on Twitter @MHC_PresAwards for a sneak peek at nominated properties from this year's Awards program, follow @Historic_Nash for news on local preservation efforts, and use the hashtag #KeepNashvilleUnique to help us raise awareness for events, programs, and projects that are preserving Nashville's unique cultural heritage.***

AROUND TOWN

It's that time of year again!!

Amqui Station Farmers Market

Historic Amqui Station- Madison, TN

Sundays 12pm-3pm, May-August

The Historic Amqui Station Museum will be open free of charge during market hours.

Visit www.AmquiStation.com for more information.

12South Farmers Market

Sevier Park- 3000 Granny White Pike Nashville

Tuesdays 3:30pm-6:30pm, May-October

Visit www.12southfarmersmarket.com for more information.

Upcoming! First Tuesday at Metro Archives

*Next Stop on Grandpa's Road: History and Architecture of NC&St.L Railway
Depots and Terminals*

Tuesday, May 5 2:30-3:30pm

Nashville Public Library 615 Church Street Nashville, TN 37219

Attention all railroad history enthusiasts...all aboard! Your stop is Metro Archives on May 5th! Local author and railroad historian Terry L. Coats will be speaking about his latest book, "Next Stop on Grandpa's Road," a history of railways and depots on the NC & St. L line. Contact the Library at 615-862-5800 for more information.

Coming Soon! History of the Cumberland: Where are the Women?

*Part of the River Talks series, an educational series at the Cumberland River Center
Thursday, May 7 12:00-1:00pm*

The Cumberland River Compact, third floor of the Bridge Building

2 Victory Ave. Nashville, TN 37213

Carole Bucy, Davidson County historian & history professor will focus on the women who came to the region and what their lives were like. As the frontier outpost began to grow and became a village, a town, and then a city, what role did the women play in our early history? Why do we know so little about these women? Doors open at 11:30, and a Q&A period will follow the lecture. Parking is free in Lot R of the LP Field parking lot. For more information, email info@cumberlandrivercompact.org or call 615-837-1151. Please visit this [website](#) to RSVP.

Your Chance to Give Back! The Big Payback

Tuesday, May 5

The Big Payback is a community-wide, 24-hour online giving challenge hosted by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. This charitable event will help Middle Tennessee nonprofits raise much-needed unrestricted dollars and bring awareness to pressing needs in our communities. Starting at **12 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5**, lasting 24 hours, donors can make gifts to participating nonprofits located in or providing services in the 40 counties of Middle Tennessee. Donations will be amplified by matching funds, bonuses, and additional prizes. Many of MHC's friends and partners are participating, such as: Historic Nashville, Inc., Cumberland River Compact, Discover Madison, Travellers Rest, Native History Association, TN Historical Society, TN Preservation Trust, Friends of Kellytown, Land Trust for TN, The Hermitage, Conservancy for the Parthenon and Centennial Park, Country Music Hall of Fame, Nashville City Cemetery Association, Nashville Civic Design Center, TN Historical Society, TN State Museum Foundation, *and many more!* Please visit <https://thebigpayback.org/> to see the full list of participating organizations, and give generously to these organizations for all the hard work they do preserving Nashville's heritage throughout the year.

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.

Coming Soon! Tennessee History for Kids tent revival (for K-12 teachers)

Tuesday, June 9

Nashville Public Library

615 Church Street Nashville, TN 37219

Co-sponsored by Tennessee History for Kids and the Tennessee Council for the Social Studies, this free event is intended for public and private school history and social studies teachers, and counts for six hours of teacher training. Topics include the Tennessee suffrage movement, slavery and music, the Wessyngton Plantation and what it teaches us about slavery, Cherokee culture and the Trail of Tears, the Donelson Party journey and early Middle Tennessee history, and much more. Visit <http://www.tnhistoryforkids.org/tentrevival> for more information, and to reserve your seat. Reservations must be made in advance and the \$20 registration fee will be reimbursed on the day of the event.

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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