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APTA Antiques Appraisal Fair October 27, 2007



Curious about your collectibles? Do you have something you have been wanting to have appraised? Then come out on October 27, 2007 and support the **5th Annual Antiques Appraisal Fair** in the Belle Meade Carriage House in Nashville. The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Appraisers will make verbal appraisals at a cost of \$10 per appraisal. Our appraisers will be appraising collectibles, books, silver, cut glass and porcelain, jewelry, guitars, and vinyl records. For information regarding volunteering for or sponsoring this event please call Lin Pendleton at (615) 352-8247. We depend on statewide chapter participation to make this event a success. This event is not only a fund raiser for the APTA, it is also an event to raise public awareness of the APTA and the work its members have done for over 55 years in preservation, restoration, and education.

Preservation Library

One of the future goals of the APTA is to have a preservation library on the Belle Meade headquarters property. This library will house materials on Tennessee history, historic preservation, American architecture, Tennessee architecture, furniture and textiles, conservation of antiques, gardening and landscaping, and any other resources that are relevant to these subjects. Both books and periodicals will be included in the collection. The library will be a non-lending library open to all members of the general public.

This type of library is much needed and will benefit residents of Davidson County as well as Tennesseans from other areas of the state. Part of the APTA's mission is education and this type of facility will help us educate people more thoroughly on historic preservation issues. Part of the library building will also house a new headquarters location for the Association. Our headquarters space is extremely insufficient and not easily accessible to our members. A new facility is long overdue and much needed for the APTA to adequately serve its board and members.



Artist's rendering of the APTA Preservation Library

Congratulations To Our Award Winners!

This year the APTA gave three Volunteer of the Year awards to recipients in West, Middle and East Tennessee. The awards went to **Peggy Mask** from Hardean County for her many years of service and advice; **Sarah Johnson** of Columbia, for her service to both the Maury County Chapter and APTA; and **John Coykendall** of the Knoxville Chapter for his help with the heirloom seed and gardens at Ramsey House.



Peggy Mask

In addition to these awards, a special recognition was made to **Irene and Ridley Wills** for their years of hard work and devotion to the Nashville Chapter and Belle Meade Plantation. The Wills have both served as Nashville Chapter President and have regularly served as board members. Together they have helped the Belle Meade Plantation property become a major tourist attraction in Nashville. For their



Irene and Ridley Wills receive their award

efforts and to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the restoration of the mansion, the Wills received a set of six pewter napkin

rings engraved with the names of the horses that are pictured in the front hall of Belle Meade Mansion.



Susan Berry tries out the Vance Berry memorial bench.

Susan Berry accepted a memorial bench given by the APTA and the Nashville Chapter in memory of her husband Vance who served as a Nashville Chapter president and APTA Board member. The sassafras bench was made by APTA Past President Vic Hood and will sit on the grounds of the Belle Meade property.



Sarah Johnson with her award certificate is surrounded by APTA President Joe Wilson (left) Regional VP for the Southeast Martha Sloan (back), and Maury County President Linda Gupton (right).



John Coykendall working with the heirloom seeds at Ramsey House

A Message from our President

Building on the success and experience of the Rutherford Chapter with their "House Marking Program", the State Board approved a plan to investigate and develop a program for "House Marking" on a state wide basis. The Rutherford County Chapter has been reaching out to surrounding areas and counties to identify historic sites that need some recognition. Taking this idea, the Board will work toward reaching into areas where there is no APTA chapter to find an historic site that could, with the owners cooperation and participation, be identified and studied, and eventually "marked" with a bronze plaque. This will denote the historic significance and APTA's approval and recording. Before this program is in place and active a standardized criteria/ guideline will be developed and the method of registration or permanent recording will also be in place.

It is quite likely we will depend on the Rutherford County Chapter to lead us into this venture. In the meantime, be looking for sites to be included in this program. It is hoped this activity will help spread the word of APTA and the importance of historic preservation.



Joe Wilson, APTA President

RUTHERFORD COUNTY CHAPTER

The Rutherford County Chapter has been busy marking homes over the summer. On July 7, 2007 the chapter ventured to neighboring Cannon County to mark the **Bush Homestead** (1906) in Bradyville and the **Brevard Home** (1900) in Woodbury. This outreach effort is seen as part of the overall plan of the APTA to include counties that have no current chapter presence. Steve Cates, President of the Rutherford County Chapter, presided at the installation of the familiar black and green signs with the APTA insignia. Information about each house is lettered in white and gives the date the house was built and the name of the builder and any other significant owner. Present were APTA members, family members of the original owners, and guests.

Kathryn and Howard Little welcomed the delegation to the Bush Homestead, which they purchased in 1974 from the original family. After the dedication, delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Little. Then Bill Smith and his granddaughters, Blair Smith and Lindsey Patterson (and her husband, Joe), and Andy Duggin welcomed approximately 35 guests to the



The unveiling of the APTA marker in front of the Bush Homestead

Brevard Home for the dedication and the chapter's annual membership meeting. After the unveiling of the marker, Susan Samford of The Filling Station Cafe served a country supper in the home. Later, APTA member John Bridges and two friends provided bluegrass entertainment for those present.



The Brevard House in Woodbury

This fall the chapter will be back in Rutherford County to mark five more homes. In Murfreesboro on October 21, 2007 the **First Baptist Church** (1920), the **home of Matt and Pat Ward** (1903), the **home of Jim and Marietta Bishop** (1922) and the **home of Steve Cates** (1922) will be marked. All of these properties are located on East Main Street. The **home of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Tolbert** (1840) on Vaughn Road in the Blackman Community will be marked on Dec. 2, 2007. For more information contact Steve Cates at appdancer@aol.com or by calling 615-896-3559.

DONELSON-HERMITAGE CHAPTER

On Saturday, September 15, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. the **Buchanan House Fall Folk Festival** will feature many "old time games" and demonstrations of quilting, weaving, caning, blacksmithing, basket weaving, embroidery, doll making and several crafting activities in which children and adults can participate. New this year are re-enactors portraying Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, and Daniel Boone. Storytellers, music and dancing will be the entertainment throughout the day. A Metro fire engine will be on display. Admission is FREE, donations are appreciated. Moderately priced lunches will be available.

KNOX COUNTY CHAPTER

Come to Ramsey House Plantation to get in the Halloween mood. "**Here There Be Ghosts**" is Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. This fun-filled evening of haunted candlelight tours is complete with real Ramsey House ghost lore, storytelling around a bonfire, and children's activities of making corn husk dolls, leaf place mats, and ring around the pumpkin. Refreshments will be available. \$5 admission.

Christmas at Ramsey House begins this year with the always fun "Wreath Making" workshop on Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Come learn how to put together a wreath using fresh greenery and berries. The cost is \$25 and reservations are required. The annual **Holiday Candlelight Tours** and **Christmas Tea Open House** at Ramsey House is Sunday, December 2, 2007 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Experience the beautiful 1797 stone mansion by candlelight in period holiday décor. Refreshments and holiday items will be available. \$5 admission.

HARDEMAN COUNTY CHAPTER

The Hardeman County chapter is kicking off its membership year by hosting **The Palace Band** at the Pillars on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This event takes place during the Forest Festival weekend in Bolivar. Food will be served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and the cost is \$10/person. After 5:30 p.m. parking is available at Wheeler's Appliance with a valet shuttle to the Pillars. This live music event is a great lead-in to the Smithsonian Music exhibit that will be at the Little Courthouse from August 9 - September 30, 2008.

Strategic and restoration plans for the upcoming Smithsonian "**New Harmonies-American Roots Music**" exhibit were made in July and are currently being implemented by the Hardeman County Chapter. Major restoration work on the Little Courthouse is taking place, and Ken Savage is researching Hardeman County musicians to include in the exhibit. There are also plans in place for work at The Pillars. This year is going to be a very busy one for the chapter and anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Cissy Pierce at (731) 764-6243 or at bigmama4@bell-south.net.

Also, plans for the April 19-20, 2008 home tour entitled "**The Bills Street Home Tour and Music Festival**" are being made. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, contact Paula Stanley at 731-376-2153.



Carolyn Tardy in front of the Levi Joy-Baker House during the Hardeman County "Airing of the Quilts" Home Tour

HAMBLLEN COUNTY CHAPTER

Davy Crockett's 221st birthday was celebrated at the Crockett Tavern Museum on August 17, 2007 with 75-100



Participants at the Davy Crockett Birthday Party

guests participating in the event. A big thanks goes to Cindy Moses, Cathy Scott, Julia Jordan, Linda Burke, Wanda Kirby, Roger and Mary Ross, Justin Burke, and Jim Claborn. Also in August, two national newsletters—"The Crockett Chronicle" and "The Direct Descendants of David Crockett & Kin"—contained information about the museum in their publications.

The Hamblen County Chapter is getting a lot of **volunteer help** this fall. Students in the Community Connections group at Carson Newman College will hold a work day at the museum on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007. Community Connections provides short-term and long-term volunteers to charitable organizations. Eagle Scout candidate Holton Goan is constructing a set of steps up along the rail fencing to get museum guests from the new parking area across the street up to the museum yard.

The **Crockett Fall Fest** is on the lawn of the Crockett Tavern Museum on Saturday, September 29, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The event will include frontier and Cherokee reenactors, period food, music, dance, old time and modern crafts, food vendors, children's activities, etc. Local history groups will be present, including the DAR and SAR.

The local chapter will have a display at the **2nd Annual Battle of Morristown**, a living history and Civil War encampment on Friday, September 21, 2007 which is school visitation day. The original John Crockett Tavern (long after the Crockett family vacated it) was used as a smallpox hospital during the Civil War and then burned because of the disease. The chapter is also participating in **Mountain Makin's** at Rose Center in Morristown October 27-28, 2007. It is an annual heritage and craft festival.

The Crockett Tavern Museum is now part of the **Appalachian Quilt Trail** which encourages travelers to follow the "Clothesline of Quilts" in East Tennessee counties, thereby bringing business to local artists, shops, and communities. A 4'x 4' wooden quilt hangs on the rear of the gift shop building. The museum is listed in the brochure as a stopping site to view the quilts along the trail.

NASHVILLE CHAPTER

The Nashville Chapter presents the **22nd Annual Fall Fest** September 16-17, 2007 at Belle Meade Plantation. The two-day event will feature fine antiques, noted crafters, antique cars, and local artists. Child Fest and Music Fest will not be a part of this year's event. Hours for Fall Fest are Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children ages 6-12 and children 5 and under are free. A tour of the mansion is included in the ticket price.

New this fall is the **Carriage House Music Series** at Belle Meade Plantation. On Wednesday, September 26, 2007 world-class singer-songwriters **Brett James** ("Jesus, Take the Wheel," "When the Sun Goes Down") and **Carolyn Dawn Johnson** ("Complicated," "Single White Female") will be performing at 7:00 p.m. The performance will air on **Music City Connection: Heroes Behind the Hits**, a monthly show produced by the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau, exclusively on XM Satellite Radio. The evening will feature a Southern-style meal prepared by famed Loveless Cafe, a cocktail hour, specialty cigars courtesy of CAO International and an old fashioned "pick and pull" with acoustic performances in the historic setting of the 1890's Carriage House. Tickets are limited at \$35 per person and are available by calling 1-866-377-1015. Price includes admission to the show, dinner, and drinks. Tickets will also be available at the gate for \$45 if not sold out. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Music begins at 7:00 p.m. On October 17, 2007 come and see **Bill Anderson and Friends** for another night of great performances.

Celebrate autumn at the **12th Annual Hands on Harvest** Saturday October 20, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Belle Meade's 1790's frontier Harding Cabin. Discover the work of harvest time firsthand and learn to perform chores without the use of modern conveniences. Scheduled activities include dipping candles, spinning and carding wool, churning butter, and quilting. Open hearth cooking will be demonstrated by costumed guides.

The Nashville Chapter begins its **5th annual Halloween event** Sunday, October 28, 2007. A free Halloween party for children on October 28 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. includes games and activities such as pumpkin decorating and making a trick-or-treat bag are sure to entertain children of all ages. Visit all of Belle Meade's historic buildings for trick-or-treating fun. Remember to wear your costume!

There will be a special costume contest on the grounds. Nighttime tours are scheduled for Sunday, October 28; Monday, October 29; and Tuesday, October 30 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. that include a hay ride, spooky stories, and a Victorian seance in the mansion. This tour is not recommended for children under 12 years old. Tickets are \$14.



"**A Victorian Masquerade**" is the theme for Christmas at Belle Meade from November 3 - December 31, 2007. The mansion's Christmas decorations will serve as the backdrop to a snapshot of life at Belle Meade Plantation in the 1880s. Visitors to the mansion will participate in an elaborate masquerade ball thrown by the Jackson family.

The first **Mother/Daughter Victorian Christmas Tea** is on Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Education Room in the Belle Meade Mansion. Proper tea etiquette will be taught just in time for the holidays. Reservations are required. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 years old and under. Call 615-356-0501 for more information.



Fireside cooking at Hands on Harvest

The Christmas Tree in the parlor at Belle Meade Mansion

GLENMORE CHAPTER

Glenmore Mansion is hosting a booth at **Old Time Saturday** in downtown Jefferson City on October 6, 2007. The booth will have Glenmore cookbooks, prints, notecards, bookmarks and other items from the gift shop for sale. Also, in observance of Old Time Saturday, the Sunday, October 7 tour prices at Glenmore Mansion will be half price.

Glenmore celebrates Christmas with a members-only pre-view party on Friday, November 30 at 6:00 p.m. Appetizers will be served during the tree trimming followed by dinner in the dining room and caroling in the parlor. Each member is asked to bring a side dish to complement the entree. Tours for the public are December 1-2 and December 8-9 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. both days. Candlelight tours are 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8. Victorian goodies will be served in the dining room and the aroma of Glenmore wassail will permeate the mansion. Christmas tours are \$5 per adult and \$3 for children under 12 years old.

HAWKINS COUNTY CHAPTER

Hawkins County APTA co-hosts an **“Old Fashion Day of Events Commemorating the Civil War”** with a special tribute to Century Farms on Saturday, September 29 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Fudge and Maple Hill 150-year farms and the Lyonsdale Farm, a 200-year farm, all of which are located in Surgoinsville of Hawkins County. There will be tours of the homes and property, carriage rides, storytelling, costumed reenactments, authentic Civil War era demonstrations, activities and music. Also, there will be a special preview of the Century Farms Museum. This is an invitation only event and all APTA members are invited to attend. Please contact Guerry McConnell, Secretary, HCAPTA at 423-272-8549, guerrymcconnell@bellsouth.net for other details including reservations, by September 14.

The Hawkins County Chapter is participating in **Heritage Days** in Rogersville October 12-14, 2007 with a booth that honors 100-200 Year Farms in Hawkins County. During the weekend, Doc and Guerry McConnell will perform Doc’s “Old Medicine Show” in front of the courthouse.

MAURY COUNTY CHAPTER

Darrell and Kay Kay Sharp are the Co-Chairmen of the **2007 Majestic Middle Tennessee Christmas Tour** to be held in Maury County Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 2, 2007 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. This year’s tour includes the Fuston and Wallace homes on West 6th, the Matthews and Sutterwhite homes on Mayes Place, and the Sharp home on West 9th along with the Athenaeum Rectory. Call 931-381-4822 for more information.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

The Woodruff-Fonatine House will be the location for a noon **Lunch Lecture series** on Thursdays this fall. On September 20, 2007 the topic is **“Fever in the Morning,”** an entertaining look at 19th century clothes and customs during the month that was the high point of yellow fever in Memphis history. **“Walk About - Talk About”** is a tour of Victorian Village on October 18, 2007 with a complimentary tour of the Woodruff-Fontaine House. And just in time for the holidays **“Closet Talk, or Doesn’t Everyone Have Butter Pat Holders?”** on November 15, 2007 explores the many and varied pieces of china deemed necessary for the proper table. Each lecture includes lunch and a beverage for only \$16. Your check is your reservation which must be made by noon the preceding Monday. A minimum of 12 people is required for each event.

Victorian Village, Inc. is hosting the first **Victorian Village Home Tour** on Sunday, October 7, 2007 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Homes include the Mallory Neely House, Woodruff-Fontaine House, James Lee House, Collins C.M.E. Chapel, Wright Carriage House, Laurelhill, and the home of Scott Blake. Food will be provided by area restaurants and musicians will be strolling through the area. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in advance at the Woodruff-Fontaine House or Davis-Kidd Booksellers in the Laurelwoods Shopping Center or on the day of the tour. Victorian Village, Inc. is a development corporation that is proactively working to revitalize this neighborhood and make it once again a premier residential location in Memphis. Please visit www.victorianvillageinc.org for more information.

House Cleaning Day is set for Monday, October 15, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers will be dismantling the Southern Summers exhibit and thoroughly cleaning each room of the house. Supplies will be furnished. A mid-morning break and lunch are planned. All members and friends of members are welcome!

The Memphis Chapter is planning an elaborate **holiday event** for Sunday, December 9, 2007. Following a lavish Christmas party for members, the house will be open to the public who will be welcomed with sights and sounds of Christmas in the 19th century. For more information, call 901-526-1469.

Thanks

We would like to thank **Bill Hall** and **Gwen Stidham** for their work in taking and recording photographs at the Founders Day reception. If you would like to view the photo album of pictures, please call Lin Pendleton at (615) 352-8247.

Events Calendar

- Sept. 6-30..... **Jason Erwin art exhibit** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
- Sept. 15 **Fall Folk Festival** – Buchanan House, Donelson
The Palace Band – The Pillars, Bolivar
- Sept. 15-16..... **22nd Fall Fest** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
- Sept. 20 **“Fever in the Morning” Lunch Lecture** – Woodruff-Fontaine House, Memphis
- Sept. 21 **2nd Annual Battle of Morristown** – Morristown
- Sept. 22 **Student Work Day** – Crockett Tavern Museum, Morristown
- Sept. 26 **Carriage House Music Series** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
- Sept. 29 **Crockett Fall Fest** – Crockett Tavern Museum, Morristown
Civil War Commemoration Day – Hawkins County APTA, Surgoinsville
- Oct. 4-31 **Michael McBride art exhibit** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
- Oct. 6 **Old Time Saturday** – Jefferson City
- Oct. 7 **Victorian Village Home Tour** – Victorian Village, Memphis
Half-Price Tours – Glenmore Mansion, Jefferson City
- Oct. 12-14..... **Heritage Days** – Rogersville
- Oct. 15 **House Cleaning Day** – Woodruff-Fontaine House, Memphis
- Oct. 17 **Carriage House Music Series** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
- Oct. 18 **“Walk About-Talk About” Lunch Lecture** – Woodruff-Fontaine House, Memphis
- Oct. 20 **Hands on Harvest** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
- Oct. 21 **Rutherford County Chapter Historic Home Markings** – Murfreesboro
- Oct. 27 **APTA Appraisal Fair** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
- Oct. 27 **Here There Be Ghosts** – Ramsey House Plantation, Knoxville
- Oct. 27-28..... **Mountain Makins** – Rose Center, Morristown
- Oct. 28 **5th Annual Trick or Treat for Kids** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
- Oct. 28-30..... **Haunting Halloween Ghost Tours** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
- Nov. 1-30 **Joel Anderson art exhibit** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
- Nov. 3 - Dec. 31.... **A Victorian Masquerade at Belle Meade** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
- Nov. 15..... **“Closet Talk, or Doesn’t Everyone Have Butter Pat Holders?”** – Woodruff-Fontaine House, Memphis
- Nov. 22..... **Titanic Exhibit** – Woodruff-Fontaine House, Memphis
- Nov. 30..... **Majestic Middle Tennessee Christmas Tour** – The Athenaeum, Columbia
Members Christmas Party – Glenmore Mansion, Jefferson City
- Dec. 1 **Majestic Middle Tennessee Christmas Tour** – The Athenaeum, Columbia
Mother/Daughter Christmas Tea – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Wreath Making – Ramsey House, Knoxville
Christmas Tours – Glenmore Mansion, Jefferson City
- Dec. 2 **Tolbert Home Marking** – Blackman Community, Rutherford County
Holiday Candlelight Tours & Open House – Ramsey House Plantation, Knoxville
Majestic Middle Tennessee Christmas Tour – The Athenaeum, Columbia
Christmas Tours – Glenmore Mansion, Jefferson City
- Dec. 8 **Christmas and Candlelight Tours** – Glenmore Mansion, Jefferson City
- Dec. 9 **Holiday member event** – Woodruff-Fontaine House, Memphis
Christmas Tours – Glenmore Mansion, Jefferson City

Welcome New APTA Associate Members!

We welcome our new associate members, many who are descendants of the original founders. They are **John Buntin, Betsy Clark-Sacia, Alice Cortner, Frank and Bebe Evans, Elizabeth Payne McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Van Ness, Michael and Margo Hall, and Mrs. Anita Barron.** We appreciate your support of APTA.

Condolences

The APTA sends condolences to the family of **Grace Daniel Gardner**, one of our founders. Mrs. Gardner served on the original Nominating Committee for the Association. She was very active in many other service clubs and charities in Nashville, as well as, her church. Her children are Gretchen Gardner, Ann Arbor, MI; Patricia G. Campbell, Nashville; Edwin S. Gardner V, Charleston, SC.



Grace Daniel Gardner

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