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ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF TENNESSEE ANTIQUITIES

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President's Message

by Bob Notestine, President

As we begin the 2009 New Year, I am thankful for many things despite the gloomy economy. The APTA continues to provide a unique look into the history of Tennessee, and although money is tight our sites and chapters have been innovative in finding ways to fund and operate programs. As we move into 2009, I urge anyone interested in Tennessee history and the APTA to consider the following:

- The State APTA is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your donations to the APTA will be tax deductible and your donations will be used to promote historic preservation in this state.
 - If you are aware of endangered historic sites, let us know if we can help in any way.
 - Remember our historic marking program. We are accepting applications through March 15, 2009. The application form is on www.theapta.org.
 - We appreciate our members. We hope you will consider membership. The application form is on our website.
 - The Nashville Chapter has agreed to renovate the APTA office in the Gardener's house on the grounds of Belle Meade Plantation. The office will be closed due to this process from December 10 through late January or early February. The office phone will be forwarded to the Executive Director. E-mail service will continue uninterrupted. In the interim, the fax number will be (615) 297-2413.
 - The APTA Board approved future e-mailing of the newsletter. Members, please provide the Executive Director with your e-mail address.
 - We have opportunities for volunteers and some vacant Board positions. Contact us if you wish to serve the APTA.
- Most of all, thank you for your interest in the APTA. I wish each of you a prosperous and happy New Year.

A Tribute to Frances Harris

*by Cherrie H. Hall
Chair, Friends of the APTA*

Always an ardent APTA supporter, former APTA president and member of the Friends of the APTA, Frances Harris was an outstanding historic preservationist.

Her most notable achievement was founding the APTA Endowment Trust fund in 1982.

During her presidency Frances and her husband George traveled extensively throughout Tennessee—visiting APTA chapters. She learned that some chapters were in desperate need of restoration funding. Her solution was to establish an endowment fund from which all APTA chapters could receive grants for repairs on their historic sites.

She selected a committee to help her: Vance Little (who became the first president of the APTA Endowment Trust), Jack Gwaltney and Anne Pirkle. Frances was tireless. Even after she retired as APTA President, she devoted long hours to raising money for the Endowment Trust. She and those she inspired were very successful at raising funds. At one point, the Trust exceeded a half a million dollars and was able to make many grants to APTA preservation projects throughout the state.

Frances was much beloved during her lifetime. She is sorely missed.

Frances will always be remembered as a guardian of historic preservation in Tennessee.

Visit us at www.theapta.org

DONELSON-HERMITAGE CHAPTER

by Joe Wilson, Past President, APTA

Our Heritage Days bicentennial celebration in July to benefit the Buchanan House was a tremendous success, as was one of our best Fall Folk Festivals in September. Mark your calendar for the Fall Folk Festival on September 19, 2009.

Due to a generous offer by member Nikki Alexander, our Christmas membership meeting developed into a bake sale, gift packages sale and a Ginger Bread House decorating contest, with Santa as the final judge. As an annual tradition, members decorated the Buchanan House for Christmas.

Some of our Board members are meeting with Myers Brown, Curator of Exhibits with the Tennessee State Museum, working toward a strategic plan for the Buchanan House and for the development of the Addison Buchanan House as a House Museum. Mr. Brown brings a wealth of experience and professional ideas to our efforts for the preservation of the Buchanan House and will hopefully increase the financial support for chapter activities.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

by Peggy Lovell, President Memphis Chapter APTA

The Memphis Chapter saw the New Year come in with a bang and a Mystery Dinner! Fifty-three folks from Florida arrived via coach bus around 8:30 p.m. during a "progressive" mystery dinner tour of Memphis. Earlier, portions of the trip took them to historic Ernestine & Hazel's Restaurant where the clues for the mystery murder were first introduced. Then, off to the Memphis Train Station for another set of clues. After arriving at Woodruff-Fontaine, the guests were greeted with a glass of wine and served a choice of Beef or Salmon Wellington. The Mystery continued with our own Jeanne Crawford giving a history of the house, followed by a docent-led tour where other clues were given. The evening ended atop Clark Tower where the group watched fireworks. The final Who Done It was exposed and the group celebrated 2009! The Woodruff-Fontaine House was delighted to be a part of this exciting evening.

Historic Marker Program

During 2008 APTA placed a marker on four sites across the state and we are taking applications for sites to be marked in 2009. Applications will be taken up to March 15, 2009.

SITES MARKED IN 2008



Republican Primitive Baptist Church – Ripley, TN



Nellums-McKee House – Spring Hill, TN



*Yancey's Tavern
Kingsport, TN*



*The Dome Building
Chattanooga, TN*

Calendar of Events

Ongoing Fundraiser **Maury County Chapter** – Ghostly Dinners Fundraiser. \$35 per person for 15-20 persons. Includes dinner, tour and ghost experiences. Call Linda Gupton at 931-381-4822.

Feb. 7, 2009..... **Glenmore Chapter** – “Victorian Valentines” Event, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Materials will be provided for you to create Victorian valentines; assistance will be provided. Assorted teas and scones will be served in the dining room. \$12.00 per person. Reservations by Wed., Feb. 4, 2009. Call 865-898-4940, 865-475-5014 or make reservations online at www.glenmoremansion.org.

Feb. 21, 2009..... **APTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 10:00 a.m., Athenaeum Rectory**

Feb. - Early spring **Memphis Chapter** – The wonderful quilt collection of the Woodruff-Fontaine House will be on display at the Brooks Museum and will coincide with another quilt show. Everyone with a fetish for quilts is sure to enjoy this beautiful display.

March 24, 2009..... **Knoxville Chapter** – Fashion Show and Fundraiser, 11:30 a.m., Cherokee Country Club. \$40 per person.

March 28, 2009..... **Maury County Chapter** – Appraisal Fair, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$10 per item.

April 18-19, 2009..... **Hardeman County Chapter** – Historic Bolivar Homes Tour. For information call Cissy Pierce at 731-518-7148.

April 22, 2009..... **Nashville Chapter** – Entirely Entertaining, Belle Meade Plantation

April 25, 2009..... **Arlington Chapter** – “Arlington in April,” 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. All sites will be open with a blacksmith attending and an Appraisal Fair.

April/May 2009..... **Nashville Chapter** – Belle Meade Golf Tournament

May 1-2, 2009..... **Maury County Chapter** – Ladies Weekend. For information call 931-381-4822 or visit web-site, www.athenaeumrectory.com.

May 2, 2009 **Glenmore Chapter** – Garden Market, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Get a start on spring gardens with the many lovely plants on Glenmore mansion grounds for sale. There’s no charge to attend. Vendors will be on site and garden-related lectures during the day, plus the ever popular Tennessee strawberries for sale. For further information, call Sharon Redden, 865-932-4193 or 865-475-5014.

May 2, 2009 **Nashville Chapter** – Belle Meade Plantation, Kentucky Derby Party

May 15, 2009 **Donelson-Hermitage Chapter** – Annual Fish Fry, Buchanan Log House, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

May 16, 2009 **Donelson-Hermitage Chapter** – Appraisal Fair, Buchanan Log House

May 19, 2009 **APTA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Belle Meade Plantation Carriage House**

May 22-24, 2009 **Hardeman County Chapter** – James K. Polk Family Reunion on Memorial Day Weekend. Dinners, genealogist workshops, entertainment. Call Cissy Pierce, at 731-518-7148 for information.

Sept. 19, 2009 **Nashville Chapter** – Belle Meade Plantation Stakes Race

Sept. 19, 2009 **Donelson-Hermitage Chapter** – Fall Folk Festival, Buchanan Log House

Oct. 10, 2009 **Nashville Chapter** – Belle Meade Plantation Fall Fest

A Tribute to APTA members who died in 2008

Frances Harris, Founder of the Endowment Trust
Anne Pirkle, the first APTA Volunteer of the Year
Rosemary Rogers, Past APTA State President
Mildred Gulbenk, Past APTA State President

Welcome To Our New Board Members

We welcome Gwen Stidham to the Endowment Trust Board; M. C. Sparks, John Lovett, Barbara Perutelli, Frank McMeen, Bebe Evans and Lydia Wiggins-Azimi to the Board of Directors. We thank them for serving the APTA.

Mark Your Calendars Important Dates!

The next Board of Directors meeting will be on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at The Athenaeum Rectory, Columbia, TN at 10:00 a.m.

APTA Annual Membership Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 in the Carriage House, Belle Meade Plantation.

Board of Directors 2008-2010

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Board Members at Large

All APTA Chapter Presidents serve on the Board of Directors.

Mission Statement
The Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (APTA) promotes and encourages active participation in the preservation of Tennessee's rich historic, cultural, architectural and archaeological heritage through restoration, education, advocacy and statewide cooperation.

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