



THE FRIENDS OF
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The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, a 501(c)(3) organization 3130 - McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214

“Music at the Manison” which was held on Saturday evening September 22 was the inaugural music event for the lawn of the Mansion. The evening featured music by members of The Nashville Blues Society and was successful beyond the expectations of all those who were part of the evening. Close to 450 people turned out to enjoy a night of blues music, food, and community fellowship on the back lawn of the Mansion! The frequently asked question as people were leaving the event, and since, has been, “When are you doing that again?” With the success of the event we will look toward next summer with the intent to plan a monthly offering of Music at the Mansion that will showcase a variety of musical stylings.

The second community wide “Friends” sponsored event will take place on Saturday, October 29th from 4 pm to 8 pm. This is called **Halloween at the Mansion** and will feature hay rides, pumpkin painting, music, costumes, the Haunted Basement and ghost stories in the 1802 House. One of the highlights of the event for the children will be the Candy Trail along the circular drive where various merchants and businesses from the area will be stationed to provide sweet treats for the kids and information about their business for the parents. Tables for the Trail are available for a \$50.00 tax deductible contribution to the Friends of Two Rivers and can be arranged by contacting Laura Carrillo with the Mansion at 885-1112 or Phil Claiborne at 889-2907.

While it’s not a Friends sponsored event, the **Tennessee Beer Festival** is returning to the Mansion grounds again on Saturday, October 15 from noon to 5 pm. This event will feature craft, seasonal, micro, and High Gravity Craft Beers, seminars, and food and product vendors. Tickets are \$25 thru October 14 and \$35 on the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased on the festival website at www.tnbeerfestival.com .

Promotions - The publications committee is currently finishing their work on a promotional piece that will be used primarily with the Events Membership categories which include a one time usage of the Mansion during the membership year. This piece has photos of different

events the Mansion can accommodate along with requirements and guidelines for usage. Event vendors can purchase business card size ads in the back of the piece for \$200 and the income from these ads will cover the cost of production for the piece.

Website – If you haven't visited the new website it's time you did so. The site is located at www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org or www.friendsoftworiversmansion.com. The site is reflective of the stately atmosphere that made Two Rivers Mansion a show place in its day and includes a wealth of information regarding the "Friends", its purpose, membership and much more. Pay Pal now appears on the site and makes it possible to purchase the Mansion and 1802 House prints as well as pay for membership costs. Contributions to the "Friends" can also be made using the PayPal links.

Picture This Gallery – Prints of the Mansion and the 1802 House are available in a variety of sizes, matted or framed and matted at Picture This Gallery which is located next to Publix in the Oakwood Commons Shopping Center in Hermitage. A larger version of the Mansion with three detail views of some of the more decorative aspects of the exterior millwork is the subject of a signed and numbered limited edition print that is also available.

Memberships – Memberships for the "Friends" group are available in categories that range from \$20 a year to corporate membership up to \$2,000 a year. **All membership fees are considered donations and are, therefore, tax deductible.** The **Basic Memberships** are listed below and those who might be interested in using the mansion for an event can choose from one of **Event Membership** categories which can be determined at the time of a consultation with the Two Rivers Mansion Events Coordinator, Laura Carrillo. She can be reached at 615-885-1112 or laura.carrillo@nashville.gov

BASIC Membership for Friends of Two Rivers Mansion includes:

- I. Senior citizen or Student - \$20 annual or \$55 for 3 years
- II. Individual - \$25 annual or \$65 for 3 years
- III. Family - \$50 or \$125 for 3 years

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Enclosed is \$_____ for my tax-deductible membership.

Make check payable to: **The Friends of Two Rivers**

Mail check to: 3130 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214

Restoration Update – Grau Historic Restoration has been awarded the contract for the condition assessment of the Mansion. His firm has an excellent track record working on historic buildings and, in fact, had the contract for the replacement of the roof on the 1802 House earlier this year.

The condition assessment began the week after Labor Day and will be completed in the second half of October. The assessment report will include costs, itemized by facade, to perform the restoration work. Once this work is finished we can go forward immediately with restoration work. The highest priority location will be the rear porch and facades, then the front porch, then side facades as far as our dollars will go.

Spread the word – Consider making copies of this newsletter to give to others you think might be interested in becoming a member and be on the lookout for businesses and organizations that could use the Mansion as a site for a meeting or event. If you know of a bride that's looking for a wonderful wedding venue, Two Rivers Mansion is the only place locally where the rental fee can be considered **a tax deductible membership donation**.

Phil Claiborne, President