



NEWSLETTER Number 10

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

Restoration Work at the Mansion Nears Completion –The restoration project that started at the beginning of this year to bring the Mansion to a restored condition is nearing completion. In the next couple of weeks the remaining newly constructed windows and shutters will be installed leaving the final paint for completion of the project. Due to the coming colder weather the north façade has been primed with two coats of primer paint and the final paint coat will be delayed until spring when the temps are more appropriate. Based on the assessment of Gary Grau, the owner of Grau Construction, the Mansion exterior is in better condition than it has been in since the original construction in 1859.

As mentioned in the last newsletter approximately \$170,000 is still available to address some needs for the 1802 House in addition to a couple of other priority items related to the property. Estimates are almost complete that will allow Parks and Historic to determine just how much the remaining dollars will be able to accomplish.

December Historic Tours of the Mansion – The last scheduled Friends event of 2012 will take place December 14 – 15 -16. The Mansion will be decorated for the holiday season and open for tours from 5 – 8 pm on Friday, December 14; 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday, December 15; 1 – 4 pm on Sunday, December 16. Cost of admission is \$5 per person and Friends members will be admitted free by presenting a current membership card.

2013 Friends Events Calander has been approved – The following Friends sponsored event schedule has been approved by the Parks Board for the 2013 program year and will include an additional Music at the Mansion evening for a total of four. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss any of these opportunities to enjoy the new Two Rivers Mansion.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 15, 16, 17 – Two Hearts Antiques and Crafts Show
Sunday, May 19 - Phil the House with Art and Friends

Saturday, June 15 - Music at the Mansion

Saturday, July 20 - Music at the Mansion

Saturday, August 17 - Music at the Mansion

Saturday, Sept. 7 - Music at the Mansion

Saturday Oct 26 - Halloween at the Mansion

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, December 13, 14, 15 - Historic Holiday Tours

New Board Changes for 2013 – Two new members will be added to the Board beginning in January. Their appointment will replace vacancies created by Robin Wall who has served since the beginning of the organization in 2010. Robin is the Executive Principal of McGavock High School and has taken on additional responsibilities in the system that would make it difficult for him to continue into a second term. The other vacancy was created by a resignation from the Board.

The new Board members are Nancy Walker, Manager of the Metropolitan Police Department Community Credit Union located on Old Lebanon Road in Donelson and Shannon Sullivan who serves as the External Communications Manager for Ryman Hospitality Properties located at One Gaylord Drive. In addition to these two new Board members Phil Howard, Kroger Corporation, will become the new Board President for 2013.

New Corporate Sponsor – In November the Thornton’s Corporation which is located in Louisville, KY, announced that they intend to continue their relationship with the Friends and renew their status as a corporate sponsor for 2013. Their support of the Friends was made possible by the opening of the Thornton’s location at Lebanon Rd and Donelson Pike in the spring of this year and they were the primary sponsors of last summers Music at the Mansion series. They will join with SunBelt Rentals, the M.P.D. Community Credit Union, Gaylord, Picture This and Big Mean Kitty Website and Graphic Design to provide the financial backing and support for the events calendar listed earlier in the newsletter.

End of Year Gifts – For those who might be considering an end of year gift for tax purposes I would like to encourage consideration of the Friends group. As a federally recognized 501 tax exempt organization all gifts to the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion (monetary or in-kind) are fully tax deductible. This is an excellent way to invest in the future of this historic landmark and receive credit for doing so at the same time. If you’re interested in exploring that as an option I’ll be glad to begin the conversation with you.

Memberships – Memberships for “The Friends of Two Rivers” are available in categories that range from a minimum of \$20 a year up to corporate memberships of \$2,000 a year. **All membership fees are considered donations and are, therefore, tax deductible.** The **Basic Memberships** are listed below and anyone that might be interested in using the Mansion for an event can choose from one of **Event Membership** categories which will be determined at a time of consultation with the Two Rivers Mansion Events Coordinator, Laura Carrillo. She can

be reached at 615-885-1112 or laura.carrillo@nashville.gov . Corporate membership levels and benefits can be explained by contacting Mrs. Carrillo or any member of the Friends Board.

New Merchandise and Credit Cards – New Friends related merchandise will be available during the December Historic Tour dates. The items that are being added to the prints and note cards are Friends of Two Rivers T-shirts in a variety of colors. Tote bags will also be available featuring the image of the Mansion and the Friends logo. Recently we entered into an agreement with a credit card processing company and will now able to accept credit cards for the purchase of Friends merchandise and for membership fees. The website at www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org or www.friendsoftworiversmansion.com also offers a PayPal link for the purchase of Friends merchandise as well as paying for memberships.

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

Most events at the Mansion that have an admission fee are free to members who show their membership card.

Message from the President – In 2009 when I invited the director of Parks and the director of Metro Historic to meet with me and a couple of representatives of the Stones River Women’s Club I had no idea of what the outcome of that conversation would be. I had hopes of what I wanted to take place but I certainly never dreamed that it would lead to the founding of a very successful Friends group that’s been responsible for a \$1.25 million dollar renovation of the exterior of the Mansion. Much of the success the organization has experienced goes to a dedicated group of individuals that have comprised the original Friends Board since November 2010 when the organization was giving federal recognition. Their dedication to the task has been remarkable. A second key element to our success must go to our membership which continues to grow at a steady pace. Without the support of the loyal members our efforts as a Board would be futile and of little consequence.

I am humbled to be the founder of what has become a well recognized Friends group and I am thankful to the Board for allowing me to serve as President for these first two formative years. With the closing hours of 2012 I will turn the leadership role over to Phil Howard whom I have the upmost confidence in to carry the organization forward with even greater growth and success. I will continue to be actively involved as a member and also as the district Councilmember in an ex-officio role on the Board. Thank you again for your support and for your help in returning this remarkable historic mansion to her former glory.

I encourage you to consider making copies of this newsletter for your friends or forwarding it to others you think might be interested in becoming a member of the "Friends" organization.

Phil Claiborne

Founder and President