



THE FRIENDS OF
**TWO RIVERS
MANSION**

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

Restoration Work continues on schedule at the Mansion. Lots of progress with the restoration has been made since the last update in the Dec-Jan newsletter. Some of the major items include: replacement of six rear porch post with new Alaskan Yellow Cedar posts, restoration of the remaining posts that were sound enough to remain, replacement of the 8"x8" wooden sills the posts rest on with air dried sassafras timbers, restoration of the trim and woodwork on the upper cornice, removal of the original wood trim elements that have been chemically stripped of lead paint and the re-installation of 70% of that material, restoration of the windows on the south façade as well as two sashes on the west facing façade, all windows have been returned to operating condition by restoring the rope and counter balance weight system, a cracked and broken glass has been replaced with wavy leaded glass reclaimed from old salvaged window sashes, wood shutters had to be fabricated and are nearing completion, the original hinges have been stripped of layers of paint and will be re-installed, new red cedar decking has replaced the old decking on the rear porch, the fascia and overhang of the rear porch has been restored and new handrails and balusters are currently in the installation process on the rear porch. This list is a highlights list, so it's easy to see that the restoration work is truly bringing the Mansion back to its original condition. Phase two of the work is scheduled to begin on the front façade of the building in mid March.

Two Hearts Craft and Antique Show – This was the first of several Friends sponsored events that will be held at the Mansion in 2012. The dates for this event were Friday – Sunday, February 3-4-5 and the response was great. Vendors were set up in all the lower level and in a portion of the second level. This was a free event for Friends members but there was a door charge for non-members. We were fortunate to have good pre-event coverage on TV and in the print media which helped greatly to generate a good attendance. This event will most likely be repeated next year with the addition of appraisal opportunities included.

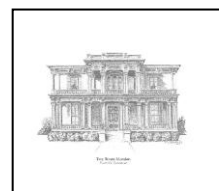
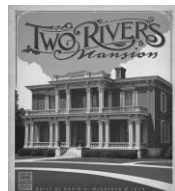
Friends Event Schedule for 2012 – The following list of events have been approved by the Parks Department for the 2012 Friends of Two Rivers Mansion Fundraising year:

Two Hearts Craft/Antique Show	February 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th
Phil the House with Art and Friends	Sunday, May 20 th
Music at the Mansion	Saturday, June 30 th
Music at the Mansion	Saturday, July 21 st
Music at the Mansion	Saturday, August 18 th
Halloween at the Mansion	Saturday, October 27 th
Open House Christmas Tours	Friday, December 14 th
Open House Christmas Tours	Saturday, December 15 th
Open House Christmas Tours	Sunday, December 16 th

You'll not want to miss any of these events so mark your calendars now so they will have a priority place as the year goes by.

Member involmment with events – In the very near future the Membership Committee will be asking for members who wish to be more involed in Friends activities to express their interest and willingness to serve as volunteers during one or more events during the year. This past year the members of the Board shouldered most of the load for the events that were hosted. Based on the success of the 2011 events and looking at anticipated growth this year, more people will be needed to provide the level of support our guests will need to have during their visit. In addition to serving as a volunteer at an event, we have four active committes at present: Events, Membership, PR, and Community Relations. Anyone interested in serving on one of these committees should contact President Phil Claiborne by calling 889-2907 or via e-mail at phil.claiborne@nashville.gov.

Friends Fund Raising Merchandise Continues to Accumulate - In addition to the card sets and prints of the Mansion and 1802 House we now have available sets of vintage square nails c.1850 that were salvaged from the current restoration work on the Mansion. Other items that have been salvaged include decorative corbels from the upper cornice and a number of the balusters from the rear veranda. This is a great opportunity to own a piece of history.



Prints of the Mansion and the 1802 House are available in a varitey of sizes, matted or framed and matted at Picture This Gallery next to Publix in the Oakwood Commons Shopping Center in Hermitage. The salvage pieces are available at the Mansion during events or by arrangement.

New Board Members – Four new Friends Board members were added for 2012 to replace outgoing members. They are:

- Sherri Forrest – VP Professional Affairs, Southern Pharmacy Cooperative
- Gara Pryor – SVP Human Resources, Gaylord Entertainment
- Marilyn Swing – Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Clerk, Retired
- Jeff Syracuse - Account Manager, Licensing Key Accounts, BMI

Each of these folks not only bring with them a love for the Mansion and strong desire to make the Mansion a focal point in this area, they also bring backgrounds and skills that will strengthen the existing Board which has done a tremendous job to make the organization a success in the founding year.

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 _____

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

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Website – Don’t forget to visit the website at www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org or www.friendsoftworiversmansion.com and consider making copies or forwarding this newsletter to others you think might be interested in becoming a member of the Friends.

Phil Claiborne, President