



THE FRIENDS OF
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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. The restoration has been completed on all the wood on the south elevation and the final painting phase has begun. The colors chosen for the exterior were the same colors that were chosen when the mansion received its first paint job in 1872 after the initial construction took place in 1859. These colors were taken from the paint sample analysis done in 1972 by Building Technologies for the National Park Service. The base woodwork color is a dove gray, much lighter than the present battleship gray and much more appealing to the eye. The window frames are red and the shutters and the wood porch deck a red/brown. The mansion was initially painted white when first built. The painting phase will be finished in April.

The demolition work has begun on the East elevation. This includes removing the column trim and handrails that were installed in 1997 and replacing them with new appropriate trim. The original cornice trim will be removed and chemically stripped the same as was done on the south elevation. The original trim will be reinstalled and only the pieces judged to be too deteriorated for re-use will be replaced.

New handrail balusters will be fabricated from Alaskan Yellow Cedar and the railings and trim from mahogany and Spanish cedar. The windows will be repaired with reclaimed vintage poplar wood. The foliated carvings over the second story windows will also be reproduced. They are extremely deteriorated and delicate but they will be replicated to an exact match for replacement. The original carved corbels will be restored and the brackets at the cornice will either be chemically stripped if possible or replicated using vintage poplar and then reinstalled.

After the trim has been removed, the lead abatement phase will begin sometime in April and take about three weeks to complete. During that time fabrication of the balusters and trim and restoration of the window sashes will take place. After the lead paint has been abated, the

column frames on the front porch will be repaired, followed by the installation the new trim. If all goes well and the weather is favorable, the work should to be finished on the East elevation in late August or early September, at which point, the restoration of the north elevation will remain.

Phil the House with Art and Friends– One year ago the ‘Friends’ held the inagural event at the Mansion with “Phil the House”. The was conducted as an wine and cheese open house format and featured the orgional art work of Phil Ponder and Phil Claiborne in addition to the classical gituar music of Bruce Patterson. In addition, the newly designed website, a limited edition print and other art work of the Mansion and 1802 House were introduced.

This year “Phil the House” will continue with the paintings of Shirley Fachilla and the piano stylings of Jake Hill. Shirley is a member of the Chestnut Group which is a group of local artist that focus on environmental themes in a style that is reminiscent of the Impressionist style of painting. The format of the event will remain as an open house ‘come and go’ and emphasis will be on membership, new and renewals. The date is **Sunday May 20 from 2 pm to 5 pm.**

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:

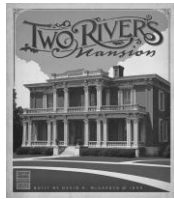
Phil the House with Art and Friends	Sunday, May 20 th
Music at the Mansion – musical mix	Saturday, June 30 th
Music at the Mansion - bluegrass	Saturday, July 21 st
Music at the Mansion - R and B	Saturday, August 18 th
Halloween at the Mansion	Saturday, October 27 th
Open House Christmas Tours	Friday, 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 – As a volunteer organization that has the aggressive goal to provide the opportunities listed above, there are many opportunities for ‘Friends’ members to serve in a volunteer capacity at one or more of the upcoming events. Folks are needed to help with set up, work membership/merchandise tables, help with parking and admission, etc. The Board members do a tremdous job of giving their time and efforts to the organization but they can’t do everything. I urge you to consider volunteering for at least one of the 2012 events. Anyone interested in serving on one of the standing committees or just working at one of the events should contact President Phil Claiborne by calling 889-2907 or via e-mail at phil.claiborne@nashville.gov .

Friends Fund Raising Merchandise - 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 as well as at the Mansion during events or by arrangement. In addition, note card sets of the Mansion and 1802 House, sets of vintage square nails c.1850 that were salvaged from the current restoration work on the Mansion, salvaged decorative corbels from the upper cornice and a number of the balusters from the

rear veranda are also available. This is a great opportunity to help your organization and to own a piece of history.



Memberships – Many who came to the “Phil the House” event last May showed their support of the organization by taking a one year membership. That means it’s time to renew and perhaps consider a longer term which offers a cost savings. 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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Phone _____ Email _____

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

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

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,
Founder and President*