



NEWSLETTER Number 8

August - September 2012

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. Restoration work at the Mansion continues on schedule and the current phase that is focused on the east, or front façade, is due for completion within the next 3-4 weeks. The original appropriation for the restoration work was due to run out with the completion of this current phase leaving the north façade untouched. The good news is that an additional \$500,000 was approved in the Metro Capital Spending Plan to complete the total renovation project which means the work will continue without interruption. The total exterior renovation should be finished before the end of the calendar year. In addition to the dollars needed to complete phase three, there will enough left to address two or three smaller needs in a fourth phase. An assessment is currently underway by the Metro Historic Commission to identify, price and prioritize areas that need to be considered for these additional funds.

Music at the Mansion – The first “Music at the Mansion” event of the summer took place on Saturday June 30th which just happened to be one of the hottest days of this year. In spite of the excessive heat over 150 folks turned out to enjoy an evening of great Classic Rock Oldies provided by The Groove Dawgs under the direction of Gary Grau. Gary just happens to be the owner of Grau General Contracting LLC of Williamsport, TN that has the contract for the restoration work on the Mansion. It seems more than appropriate that his band was the one to perform first on the newly renovated double veranda.

The climate for the second evening of music in July was much milder and approximately 200 folks turned out to listen to the Bluegrass sounds of Johnny Campbell and the Bluegrass Drifters and local Bluegrass legend Rowland White and Band.

The third and final “Music at the Mansion” evening is scheduled for Saturday evening, August 18th and will feature three high energy groups from the Nashville Blues Society. The award winning Blues Society was featured last year for the first “Music at the Mansion” event and energized a crowd of 400 plus and prompted numerous requests for a return performance.



This year we have been fortunate to have the corporate sponsorship of **Thornton's** for all three of the summer's music events and we are glad to announce that this final event will have the supporting sponsorship of the Hip Donelson organization. RoseMary Lane Catering will be on site with gourmet sandwiches, sides & beverages to purchase and folks are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, playpens, etc. and enjoy the evening! Admission is \$5 per person or a maximum of \$20 per car. Members who show their membership card will be admitted free.



Remaining Friends sponsored events for the 2012 year include the following:

“Halloween at the Mansion” on Saturday October 27

“Open House Christmas Tours” the weekend of December 14, 15, 16

Each of these remaining events hold opportunities for volunteers to be involved. If you're interested in helping in some capacity at one or both of these you're encouraged to contact me with your desire at phil.claiborne@nashville.gov.

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

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

Website – Our website is www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org or www.friendsoftworiversmansion.com and has a PayPal link for the purchase of Friends merchandise as well as paying for memberships. 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