



NEWSLETTER Number 11

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

Message from Phil Howard, new Board President – “The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion Board of Directors held its first meeting of 2013 on the evening of January 28th. It was wonderful to celebrate the progress of the restoration of Two Rivers Mansion and to find that several items “original” to the mansion are beginning to find their way home. Add to that a few generous donations and sponsorships and the stage is set for another fantastic year at Two Rivers Mansion; our very own treasure.

If you have never been to the mansion or if it has been 3 months plus since you have visited, your next opportunity is the Two Hearts Antiques and Crafts Show; February 15 and 16 and remember Friends of Two Rivers Mansion “members” are admitted free. Not yet a member, you can sign-up on-line at friendsoftworiversmansion.org or you can visit the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion membership table at any of the “Friends” sponsored events.”

Restoration Work at the Mansion Nears Completion –The restoration project that started about this time last year is complete with the exception of the final coat of paint on the north facade. When the last of the millwork was completed in November the temps were dropping lower than was favorable for proper curing of the paint so two primer coats were applied to get the work through the winter. Within the next few weeks the painters should be back to complete this final step in the process.

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. Since then a list of priorities have been completed that includes exterior lighting at the front entry and on the east façade, a new shake shingle roof on the gazebo, restoration of all exterior woodwork at the 1802 House, masonry restoration on the 1802 House, repairs to the gutter system on the Mansion roof and the installation of an ADA compliant handicap ramp at the north elevation of the Mansion.

This phase 4 work will begin this month and any dollars that are left in the restoration budget will then be used to address a couple of interior issues for the Mansion.

Two Hearts Antiques and Craft Show – The first Friends sponsored event at the Mansion for 2013 will be the Two Hearts Antiques and Crafts Show. The dates and times are: February 15 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., February 17 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Participating in this event are twenty art and craft vendors in addition to a coffee Shoppe. The parking is free and the admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children \$2. Appraisals will be available for \$5 per item. Friend’s members will be admitted free by presenting a current membership card.

2013 Friends Events Calander – In order to not miss out on any of the exciting activities at the Mansion for the 2013 program year you need to go ahead and mark your calendar now for the following dates:

Sunday, May 19 - Phil the House with Art and Friends (annual membership meeting)

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

Plans are currently under way to have the Mansion open for tours on a limited basis during the late spring and summer. Details should be available for the April newsletter.

Mansion History – In the months to come I would like to share some of the history of the Mansion and the family that occupied it for three generations. David Buchannan obtained a land grant and built the first house on property that would eventually be known as the Two Rivers Farm in 1802. William Harding purchased the 1802 House and the surrounding land in 1819. William was the brother of John Harding who was the owner and builder of Belle Meade Mansion to the west of Nashville. The farm was named after the “Two Rivers” that formed the east and west boundaries of the 1100 acre estate and which are located approximately one mile apart: the Stones Rivers to the east and the Cumberland River to the west.

William married Elizabeth Clopton and moved into the 1802 House shortly after their marriage in 1830 and he died shortly before their first child was born in 1832. The couple had anticipated that a son would be born and plans had been made to name the child after his father. When the baby was born, she was a girl and her name would be William (Willie) Elizabeth Harding. She would become the first grand lady of Two Rivers Mansion.

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.

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.

New Merchandise and Credit Cards – Friends related merchandise will be available at all Friend’s sponsored events as well as from the website. Items available for purchase includes prints of the Mansion and 1802 House, note cards, Friends of Two Rivers T-shirts in a variety of colors, tote bags as well as a number of salvaged items from the restoration. We are able to accept credit cards for the purchase of Friends merchandise as well as for membership fees. The website at www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org or www.friendsoftworiversmansion.com also offers a PayPal link for the purchase of merchandise in addition to paying for memberships.

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