



Message from Board President, Phil Howard - In spite of bad weather on Valentine's Day, 2016 began with a wonderful Two Hearts Antiques and Crafts Show. I thank events manager Laura Carrillo and the Board Members whose work and dedication to Two Rivers Mansion insured a successful event. Next up on the calendar of events is a sold-out April event, "An Evening of Elegance at Two Rivers Mansion." Board member Willie McDonald and his committee have planned and will oversee a reception and formal dinner similar to those hosted in the past by Mrs. McGavock; she loved to entertain. We also have the tremendously good fortune in April to welcome Dr. Carole Bucy, Davidson County Historian, to the Mansion to present an installment of her popular "Nashville 101 - Beginnings to Beginning" lecture series on April 12, 19, and 26 and on May 3. More detail and registration information is included in the flyer that accompanies this newsletter.

The initial meeting of the Mansion's Master Plan, mentioned in the January/February Newsletter, took place on February 24. When completed, hopefully by September of 2016, Metro Parks and Friends of Two Rivers Mansion will have a 20 year plan of preservation, exploration, and enhanced programs that will make Two Rivers Mansion an even more cherished gem in our community. I encourage you to become a part of the planning and excitement by watching for announcements of future meetings.

The mission of Friends of Two Rivers Mansion is to preserve, protect, and promote the Mansion. Improvements already made and those to come are possible through the support and dedication of Metro Parks, Metropolitan Historical Commission, Friends of Two Rivers Mansion members, and our visitors.

Two Rivers Master Plan - The most recent addition to the history of Two Rivers Mansion and the surrounding property is a Master Plan process that will be taking place during the first several months of 2016. The work will be carried out by the Nashville firm Encore Interpretive Design, LLC. Working as the project leader, Encore will direct the process of evaluation, recommendation and design as outlined in the Scope of Work for the development of the Two Rivers Mansion Master Plan.

A kick off information meeting was held the Mansion on Feb 24th by members of the Encore team which includes Moody Nolan, a Nashville based architectural firm, who will assist in evaluating the structures on the property; Ritchie Smith Associates, a landscape architectural firm, from Memphis, who will evaluate the historic landscapes and make restoration and traffic and parking recommendations; Ashworth Environmental Design, from Nashville, who will assist with the integration of interpretive assets into the existing Greenway as well as a site maintenance plan; Thornton and Associates, also located in Nashville, will lead in completing a site survey; I.C. Thomasson Associates, Inc, a Nashville firm, will provide a condition analysis of the site's electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems; Logan Patri Engineering, located in Nashville, will provide structural engineering expertise and Tennessee Valley Archaeological Research, with offices in Nashville and Huntsville, will conduct an archaeological needs-based assessment.

The Scope of Work as outlined in the RFQ (request for quote) includes working with all stakeholder groups to address 10 major areas that will result in a minimum of 15 specific deliverables. These final documents will provide a 20 year phased plan for Metro Parks, Metro Historic and the Friends of Two Rivers to follow in addressing the needs and future uses of the Mansion and surrounding property.

The Office of the Metro Historic Commission was able to obtain the maximum grant from the Tennessee Historic Commission to underwrite this work and one of the requirements of the grant is that matching funds be made available for the work. Those matching funds will be provided by The Friends of Two Rivers and by the Metro Parks Department.

Two Hearts Antique Show - With the turning of the February calendar page the Two Hearts Antique Show is now a pleasant memory for those who were able to

attend. This three day event has been gaining more and more attention since its beginning 4 years ago and this past show marked the highest quality and greatest variety of vendors to date.



Next year the show will be shifted forward by one week, so, go ahead and mark February 17-18-19, 2017 on the calendar and make your plans now to come to the Mansion for the Two Hearts Show.

Nashville 101 - In partnership with Nashville historian Dr. Carole Bucy, Metro Parks and the Friends of Two Rivers is providing a great opportunity to learn about the early history of Nashville. On April 12, 19, 26 and May 2 Dr. Bucy will be giving lectures at the Mansion that covers the early history of our city beginning with native peoples and going through 1861. Space of this seminar is limited to 60 participants and pre-paid registration is required. The attached flyer to this newsletter provides greater detail in addition to the registration form.

Music at the Mansion - The 2016 Music at the Mansion schedule has been finalized and will be kicked off on Tuesday, June 7th when the Nashville Symphony Orchestra makes their third appearance on the lawn of the Mansion. Last year this event drew close to 2000 folks who came out with their lawn chairs and blankets. This is a free event to the community and is sponsored by the Metro Department of Parks and Recreation as part of their Music in the Parks emphasis.

Later that month, Friday the 17th, the sounds of country music will fill the air. This evening of entertainment will be provided by Dennis Payne who is often billed as "Bakersfield's Native Son". Dennis has written numerous song and is well known for the amazing work he does on his Telecaster guitar. During his music career Dennis has traveled with some of country music's greats such as Buck Owens and Merle Haggard, Little Jimmy Dickens, Earl Thomas Conley and Tommy Overstreet.

Donna Chapel will also appear with Dennis and the band. Donna is the step-daughter of Tammy Wynette and has traveled all over the US, England and

Canada. She is super talented and together with Dennis and the Payne Gang this looks to be an evening you will not want to miss.

The Nashville Blues Society will return to the Mansion on Saturday, August 27th will return to the Mansion for the sixth time. This organization provided the first Music at the Mansion in August 2010 and have remained a favorite of all the groups that have taken to the back veranda. Two new groups from the Society will be making history with us this year and you should plan to be part of that history.

The last music event of the summer will be on Friday, September 16th. This night will once again feature the Big Band sounds of the Moonlighters who will be playing the standards from an era where swing was king. From waltz to two step to fox trot to swing, they play a wide variety of favorites and if you like Dorsey, Glen Miller, Sinatra, or Bobby Darin, then you'll love their music.

This is without a doubt the cheapest entertainment opportunity in all of Nashville. Admission is on \$5 per person or \$20 per car load and the parking is free. For those who are members of the Friends of Two Rivers the admission is free and considered a membership perk. Just show you membership card at the end of the drive and get ready for some great evening of music under the stars at the Mansion.

Historic tours of the Mansion - The Friends group is happy to announce that historic tours of the Mansion will be offered once again this summer beginning in June and going through August. Our docents from last summer will be returning in period costume and will be doing tours on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 am to 4 pm. Tours last approximately 1 hour and cover the history of the property in addition to the three generations of McGavocks who have lived in the Mansion. If you have never had the opportunity to come inside the Mansion and walk the rooms, this is a must for you in 2016.



It's one of your membership perks and one that you don't need to waste.

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 or \$3,000 for two years. **All membership fees are considered donations and are, therefore, tax deductible.** The Basic are listed below and anyone interested in using the Mansion for an event can

choose from one of **Event Membership** or **Supporting 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 .

All Friends events are free to members so the cost of membership is more than covered if you attend all the events that are offered during the year. Memberships also make a great gifts for friends and relatives.

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 \$ _____ gtfor my tax-deductible membership.

Checks should be made payable to Friends of Two Rivers Mansion and mailed to: The Friends of Two Rives Mansion, 3130 McGavock, Nashville, TN 37214

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Founder
Friends of Two Rivers Mansion
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Nashville 101— Beginnings to 1861

Back by popular demand is Dr. Carole Bucy, Davidson County Historian, with her popular Nashville 101 series on Nashville history!

The classes will meet on 4 Tuesdays: April 12, 19, 26, & May 3, 2016 at the Mansion. Lectures will begin at 10:30 am and end by 11:45 each day.

During this series of classes, Dr. Bucy will tie the historic places we see around town to the story of our history. Beginning with Native peoples who followed animals to the salt lick near a bend in the Cumberland River, "Nashville 101" will follow the Robertson and Donelson parties who settled the area and founded Fort Nashborough through Tennessee statehood, the influence of the McGavocks and other early families, Nashville's rise as a commercial center, its designation as the state capital, Nashville as the Athens of the South, and its strategic location on the eve of the Civil War.



Friends of Two Rivers Mansion
3130 McGavock Pike,
Nashville, TN 37214

April 12, 19, 26, and May 2, 10:30 to 11:45 am

The Two Rivers Mansion
\$25.00 for the series
(tax-deductible)

Registration is limited to 60 participants. Pre-registration and pre-payment is REQUIRED. We cannot guarantee a spot until payment is received. Dr. Bucy is donating her time to teach these classes. All proceeds are a tax-deductible contribution to the Friends of the Two Rivers Mansion.

To register, please fill out the registration form below and return with payment of \$25 to: Friends of Two Rivers Mansion

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