



Message from the President - As we ring in the new year of 2016, I would be remiss in not once again thanking those who participated in making 2015 a year of stellar events and accomplishments at Two Rivers Mansion; thank you!

With the new year comes a new calendar of events beginning with the Two Hearts Antiques and Crafts Show, a new slate of Board Officers and the addition of some new Board Members. As always, we are so very thankful for our relationship with and support from the Metro Parks Director and Parks Board, the Director and Staff of the Historical Commission, and the members and supporters of The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion.

Our mission is to preserve, protect, and promote Two Rivers Mansion. The Mansion is a treasure to our community to be shared with residents and visitors alike. Be sure to visit our website (www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org) and check us out on Facebook.

New Officers for 2016 Board - The incoming officers for 2016 include Phil Howard who will serve as the Board President. Phil previously served in this role in 2013 and will be returning to lead the organization in a Master Plan process that will occur in the first 6 months of the year. Marilyn Swing, who has served as Secretary to the Board for the past two years will serve in the role of President-Elect and Shannon Sullivan will take the place as Secretary to the Board. Willie McDonald will continue in his role as the Treasurer of the organization for another year.

New Board Members - In addition to the new officers, seven new members will be added to the Friend's Board to replace the vacancies created by those whose terms ended in 2015. New members to the Board include:

Larry Weber who is a life-long resident of Donelson and semi-retired geologist;
Mary Beth Wilson, 20 year plus employee of McKendree Village, including special event planning;

Lindsay Crockett, a preservationist who was married at the Mansion last May;

Pam Huff, Convention Services Manager with the Nashville Convention Center who has an extensive background in events management;

Lanaii Benne, City of Franklin Assistant Recorder who also has an event planning background;

Robert McDonald, Business Development Manager with Cedarstone Bank, Donelson;

Greg Hammond, Asst. Professor of History, Austin Peay State University, and

Lisa Baugh who is a freelance writer.

This group along with the other twelve Board members place the Friends organization in very capable hands for the challenges of growth and change that lie ahead.

Restoration Work Continues on the 1802 House - For several weeks during the late fall, work has been taken place inside the 1802 House to do plaster repairs and complete a thorough cleaning of the walls and woodwork in preparation for painting in early January. Once this phase has been completed the house will be furnished with period items that have been provided by the Fort Nashboro Chapter of the DAR and by the Metro Historic Commission Office. With this addition, the tour history of the property can be expanded to include the time periods that predate the building of the Mansion between 1850 and 1859. The result will allow visitors who come to Two Rivers to be able to get a visual image of what life was like on the property over a span of more than 160 years.

Master Plan Process to begin - By the time this newsletter reaches your inbox, a firm should have been chosen by the Metro Nashville Office of Procurement to conduct a Master Plan process for the Two Rivers Mansion property and buildings. Three firms responded to a Request for Proposal (RFP) and the selected firm will begin work in January that will most likely extend into the summer months before completion. This work is made possible by a grant from the Tennessee Historical Commission which requires matching funds that will be provided by the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion. Once this work is completed Metro Parks and the Friends group will have a 20 year phased plan that will provide guidance for improvements and programs to allow for the efficient use, development and care of the property and buildings. It should be noted that this process would not be possible without the support of individual, supporting and corporate members of the Friends group.

Calendar for 2016 - The calendar for the coming year has not been fully finalized but the events and dates that are known at this time include the following:

February 12, 13, 14 - Two Hearts Antique Show
 May 15 - Phil the House with Art and Friends
 June 6 - Music at the Mansion with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra
 August 27 - Music at the Mansion
 Sept 16 - Music at the Mansion
 October 22 - Halloween at the Mansion
 Holiday Tours of the Mansion - December 9-10-11 and 16-17-18

Historic Tours of the Mansion will be offered again during the summer months of June, July and August on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 am to 4 pm. Friends sponsored events are free to the membership upon presentation of a current membership card. When the admission price of all events are added up they are well beyond the cost of membership which means your membership is a true bargain but it's also essential to the strength and growth of the organization.

Friends of Two Rivers 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** categories 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 .

BASIC Membership for Friends of Two Rivers Mansion includes: Check if renewal a

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.

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

The Officers and the Board of Directors wish you a

