



**Message from Board President, Phil Howard** - Greetings; how are you liking Fall in Tennessee? One thing the weather has certainly been good for was Halloween at The Mansion; oh my, one of the best ever attended events at Two Rivers Mansion. It was absolutely wonderful to see all of those children and their parents having a great time in a safe environment. Our thanks go out to our volunteers, our table sponsors, and our vendors. Next up on The Mansion schedule is the Holiday Tours on December 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18. Two Rivers Mansion will be at its holiday best thanks to the decorating efforts of The Stones River Woman's Club. Please make every effort to visit the Mansion during December; it will be a great addition to your holiday festivities,

We thank our fantastic partners, Metro Parks and Historical Commission for their assistance and guidance. To learn more about Two Rivers Mansion, scheduled events, and Friends membership please visit the web site at [friendsoftworiversmansion.org](http://friendsoftworiversmansion.org) or call 615-885-1112. As always, we are so very thankful for and grateful to our partners and sponsors. See you at Two Rivers Mansion!

Editors note: Phil will complete his second three year term as a Friends Board member in December as well as his second term as President of the Board. As founder and on behalf of the all current and former Board members I want to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the leadership he has provided and for his many hours of service during Friends events at the Mansion since 2011

**Master Plan Progress** – Since the beginning of the year a Master Plan process has been conducted under the direction of David Curry and the Encore Interpretive Design team. Their work is complete at this time and a presentation of the plan has been presented to the Friends Board and will be made to the Parks Board at their meeting in December for final approval and acceptance. This plan represents a phased approach for Parks and the Friends group to follow over the next 20 years with regard to additional structures and programming. Details of the plan will be shared in coming issues of the newsletter during 2017.

**Music at the Mansion** - The Music at the Mansion events of 2016 represented some of the highs and lows in the history of this offering to the community. The symphony appeared in early June to our largest crowd ever for an event on the property, and according to symphony officials, it was the largest crowd they played before for the 2016 'Music in the Parks' series. Dennis Payne and the Payne Gang followed up a week later with traditional country from the veranda, and then, the rains came. Unfortunately we had to cancel both the August and September events due to rains that came earlier in the day and saturated the lawn thus making it unsafe for both musicians and guests. Currently a study group is working to consider possible changes to this event for the future but the Board wishes to express thanks and gratitude for the last six years of support the membership and community has given to this event.

**Sponsor spotlight** - In the spring of 2000, Kent Borrer opened a new location for Sunbelt Rentals at 1805 Lebanon Road. Sunbelt was formed in 1983 as an equipment company to serve customers in commercial, residential, municipal, and service industries as well as weekend do-it-yourselfers. Sunbelt is a principal subsidiary of UK-owned Ashtead Group and is one of the largest equipment rental companies in North America. The Nashville Sunbelt location is one of a network of more than 550 locations that boast of an extensive fleet which exceeds \$5.0 billion and includes general construction equipment, industrial tools, pumps and power generation equipment, trench shoring, scaffolding, remediation & restoration equipment, and more.



Since the opening of the Lebanon Road location, Kent has overseen the growth of the site which currently includes over \$30 million in inventory and employs 38 people. The location currently generates about \$1.5 million in monthly revenue and is among the top 10 Sunbelt locations in growth of the 557 U.S. locations.

Since 2012 Kent, and the Nashville Sunbelt operation, have provided corporate sponsorship to the Friends group in the form of outdoor lighting for Halloween at the Mansion. This event is free and offered to the community as a safe alternative to Halloween trick-or-treating and continues to be one of the most popular events sponsored by the Friends group.

On behalf of thousands of parents and children, it's appropriate to express thanks and appreciation to Sunbelt Rentals for the light towers that make it possible for attendees to enjoy a late October evening on the lawn without being concerned about the darkness of the night sky that surrounds the event.

**Mary Louise Bransford McGavock's Desk** - At the McGavock estate sale in January of 1966, Carolyn Jones Cross purchased a custom made desk, circa 1900, that was part of Mary Louise's debut furniture.



The desk remained in Mrs. Cross's possession until she sold it to Barry Crockett in 2010. In 2009, Joe and Laura Carrillo had a chance meeting with Barry about the first Two Hearts Antiques Show at Two Rivers Mansion. At that time he mentioned his purchase of the desk and that he thought one day it should come back home to Two Rivers Mansion.

In July 2016 Barry and longtime partner, Glenn Montgomery, were married in a small service at their home in Nashville. The couple wanted to celebrate the union with a gift to Two Rivers Mansion by returning the desk to its rightful home. On Sunday, October 9, a reception was held at the Mansion for family, friends and members of the Board of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion to celebrate their union and bring this very important item back home.

The desk is now a part of the permanent collection of the Mansion and will be on display during the holiday tour season. Dates for the Holiday Historical Tours are as follows: December 9, 10, & 11 and December 16, 17 & 18, 2016.

**Halloween at the Mansion** - This popular community event took place again on Saturday, October 29th. Local businesses and churches occupied the 'Candy Trail' around the circular drive where trick or treating took place and the lines for the hay rides stayed full until all other activity had ceased. Ghost stories were told inside the Mansion and access was granted to the haunted basement for those stout of hearts who dared venture down the darkened steps. Kids enjoyed inflatables and pumpkin painting, there was DJ music, dancing and much, much more. If you missed this fun evening make a point now to put the last Saturday before Halloween 2017 on your calendar. This is a free event provided by the Friends group as a gift to the community.

**Membership** - A membership with the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion is one of the best deals in Nashville. Memberships 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.** Friends members are admitted free at all Friends sponsored events at the Mansion upon presentation of a current membership card. Those events include, but are not limited to, the winter antique show in the Mansion, all Music at the Mansion programs, Halloween at the Mansion and historic tours of the property. Admission to these events range from \$5 to \$10 per person so its easy to see that a basic membership cost far less than the combined admissions. Parking is free and traffic is not a problem, and, your support enables the organization to continue offering more opportunities, while at the same time, continuing the restoration and preservation work that's at the heart of our mission statement.

The **Basic** categories are listed below and anyone interested in using the Mansion for a wedding or other large event can choose from one of **Event Membership or Supporting Membership** categories which will be determined at a 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](mailto:laura.carrillo@nashville.gov) .

The Friends website located at [www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org](http://www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org) has a link that will allow for a membership purchase as well as other items that are available in the Mansion Shoppe.

The membership form below can also be used to secure a membership. The Friends of Two Rivers is a 501c3 organization which means that membership are tax deductible gifts to the organization.

**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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ gift 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

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