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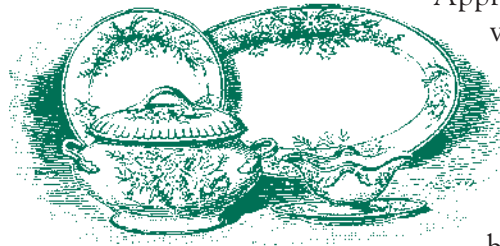
The oldest statewide historic preservation organization in Tennessee

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF TENNESSEE ANTIQUITIES

FALL 2006

APTA Antiques Appraisal Fair October 28, 2006

Curious about your collectibles? Do you have something you have been wanting to have appraised? Then come out on Sat., Oct. 28 and support the **4th Annual Antiques Appraisal Fair** in the Belle Meade Carriage House in Nashville. The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Appraisers will make verbal appraisals at a cost of \$10 per appraisal. Our appraisers will be appraising collectibles,

books, silver, cut glass and porcelain, and jewelry. For information regarding volunteering for this event, please call Lin Pendleton at (615) 352-8247. We are depending on statewide chapter participation to make this event a success. This event is not only a fund raiser for the APTA, it is also an event to raise public awareness of the APTA and the work its members have done for over 50 years in preservation, restoration, and education.



Appraisers busy at the appraisal fair

Founders Update

In our last newsletter we identified the founders of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities. We are delighted to report that we have heard back from descendants from the following families: Mrs. Allan Van Ness, Mrs. Clark Hutton, Sr., Mrs. Cecil Rogan Allen, Mrs. Oscar Noel, Mrs. Dan McGugin, Mrs. Fred Cassetty, Mrs. J. W. E. Moore, Mrs. Carr Payne, Mrs. Roy Avery, Mrs. Jesse Overton, Mrs. Frances Warfield, Margaret L. Warden, Mrs. W. Allison Buntin, Mrs. Meredith Caldwell, Miss Isabel Howell, Martha Lindsey, Mrs. Edwin S. Gardner, Mrs. Rufus E. Fort, Mrs. Battle

Rodes, Mrs. William H. Wemyss, Mrs. J. A. Pittman, and Mrs. Jack M. Bass.

If you have any information that you can give us on the following founders, we would like to hear from you as well: **Mrs. George Gale, Mrs. Patrick Milam, Mrs. Guilford Dudley, Mrs. T. Graham Hall, Miss Matilda Porter.** Please call Lin Pendleton at (615) 352-8247 if you have any questions or need any assistance. To learn about the founding of APTA and see pictures of our founders, go to our website at www.theapta.org.



BERRY, James I. Vance – Of Nashville and Maury County, passed away on August 8, 2006. Born November 25, 1925, Mr. Berry was the youngest of four children born to the late Allen Douglas Berry and Agnes Vance Berry. A graduate of Yale University, he attended the University of Virginia Law School before returning to Nashville, and Vanderbilt law School for the completion of his law degree. He was a Partner in the law firm of Boulton, Cummings, Conners & Berry. Mr. Berry is survived by his wife of 56 years, Susan Rhodes Berry; son, James I. Vance Berry, Jr. of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL and daughters, Nettie Berry Houghton of Concord, MA and Susan Berry Bloomfield of Annapolis, MD. Also survived by grandchildren, Holles Berry Houghton, Henry O. Houghton III, James I. Vance Berry III and Grace Constance Bloomfield; his brother Allen D. Berry of Franklin, and his brother-in-law, Willoughby Rhodes of Grosse Pointe, MI. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Currell Berry Oliver of Cleveland, OH and brother William Wells Berry of Nashville. Visitation hours will be Friday, August 11, 2006 from 4-7 p.m., at The Rokeby, 3901 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2006 at 10 in the morning, Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements by MARSHALL, DONNELLY, COMBS (615) 327-1111.

—from The Tennessean

Condolences

Our sincere condolences go out to the family of **Vance Berry** who died on Aug. 8. Mr. Berry served as the Nashville Chapter President and was currently serving on the APTA Executive Committee as Regional Vice-President for the Southeast Region. Mr. Berry was a highly regarded lawyer and was a partner in the law firm of Boulton, Cummings, Conners & Berry. His presence is already being missed.

Endowment Trust Memorials & Gifts

MEMORIAL FOR VANCE BERRY

Helen Gray
Maury County Chapter of APTA

HONORARIUM FOR FRANCES HARRIS

Helen Gray

Donations Made to the APTA

MEMORIAL FOR VANCE BERRY

Joe and Dale Wilson
Anne Pirkle
Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Berry, Jr.

Remembering loved ones with a memorial gift is just one way to leave a legacy to the APTA. Here are some others:

- Leave a gift in your will.
- Create a charitable trust that has tax advantages for you and your heirs.
- Purchase a life insurance policy and name APTA as the beneficiary.
- Create a commemorative endowment or fund.
- Give a portion of your assets such as stocks, bonds, CDs, real estate, or other personal property.

To notify us about your plans to include the APTA in your estate planning, contact Lin Pendleton at (615) 352-8247.

The APTA is Sponsoring Tennessee History Day

The APTA is proud to announce that they are sponsoring **Tennessee History Day** this year. The theme for 2007 is "Triumph and Tragedy." Students in grades 6-12 compete on local, regional, and statewide levels to go to the National History Day event at the University of Maryland in mid-June. Participants may enter dramatic performances, imaginative exhibits, multimedia documentaries and research papers based on research related to the annual theme. Tennessee has four district coordinators: East Tennessee, **Lisa Oakley**, ETHS, 865-215-8828; Middle Tennessee, **Rebecca Conard**, MTSU History Dept., 615-898-2423; Southeast Tennessee, **Gail Pollock**, Chattanooga Regional History Museum, 423-265-3247; and West Tennessee, **Becky Hodges**, University of Memphis, 901-678-2515.

We encourage all our chapters to participate with their local schools in this event!

NASHVILLE CHAPTER

The Nashville Chapter presented the **21st Annual Fall Fest** Sept. 16-17 at Belle Meade Plantation. The two-day family event featured fine antiques, noted crafters, musical performances, jewelers, children's games and entertainment and food for all tastes.



Face painting is very popular at Fall Fest.

Celebrate autumn at the **11th Annual Hands On Harvest** Oct. 7 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Belle Meade's 1790's frontier Harding Cabin. Discover the work of harvest time firsthand and learn to perform chores without the use of modern conveniences. Scheduled activities include dipping candles, spinning and carding wool, churning butter, and quilting. Open hearth cooking will be demonstrated by costumed guides.

The Nashville Chapter will host its **4th annual Halloween event** Oct. 27 and 29. A nighttime tour on Oct. 27 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. includes a hay ride, spooky stories, and a Victorian seance in the mansion. This tour is not recommended for children under 12 years old. Tickets are \$11. A free Halloween party for children on Oct. 29 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. includes games and activities such as pumpkin decorating and making a trick-or-treat bag are sure to entertain children of all ages. Visit all of Belle Meade's historic buildings for trick-or-treating fun. Remember to wear your costume! There will be a special costume contest on the grounds.

"**A Child's Christmas at Belle Meade**" is from Nov. 11 - Dec. 31. You are cordially invited to step back in time to the Victorian Era. The mansion's Christmas decorations will serve as the backdrop to a snapshot of life at

Belle Meade Plantation in the 1880s. Explore Victorian children's traditions and pastimes. Family activities available.

Explore the joy, excitement, sorrow and sadness of generations of women (and men!) at Belle Meade on Feb. 14, 2007 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Learn personal stories of their romantic lives. This tour through the mansion is unlike what you have experienced before and is perfect to set the mood for your modern day romance. Stay for a performance of **Victorian Magic** performed by local artist Rick Green. No coupons will be accepted for this special museum theater event. \$11 per ticket.

Now Playing

The **Second Thursday Film Series** is offered by the Nashville Chapter every second Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Education Building. This free program features films from the Tennessee Humanities Council film library. On Sept. 14, *Hoxie: The First Stand* tells the story of the small Arkansas town of Hoxie that voluntarily integrated its school system before the federal government issued its mandate of integration. After *Hoxie*, stay for a brief showing of *200 Years of Buena Vista and Nashville History*. This documentary was produced by and stars the fourth grade class at Buena Vista Enhanced Option School and was funded by a grant from The History Channel.

On Oct. 12, *Gandy Dancers: Last of Southern Black Railroad Crews* documents the occupational folklore of the crews that repaired and straightened rail lines for southern railroads. Enlivened by demonstrations from retired crew members, this program explores the relationship among task-related work chants, synchronized actions, and the psychology of difficult physical labor. **This film is not recommended for children.**

On Nov. 9, *To Render a Life* documents the lives of a poor, rural family over a three-year period and explores the ethics and legitimacy of the documentary process.

On Jan. 11 enjoy *Music Masters & Rhythm Kings*. This film shows what happens when an old-time string band from North Carolina, an Alabama blues man, and a Miami Afro-Cuban ensemble go on tour together, each demonstrating the vitality, diversity and historical roots of these Southern music traditions.

On Feb. 8 *O Freedom After While* is an award-winning film that chronicles events in 1939 when 1,500 sharecroppers sought economic justice through a prolonged demonstration along the roadsides of the Missouri boot heel through the dead of winter.



Docents (from left) John Lamb, Jan Ingram, Jenna Gilliam, and Mark James pose in traditional winter costumes by the Christmas tree in Belle Meade Mansion.

DONELSON-HERMITAGE CHAPTER

On Sept. 16 the **Buchanan House Fall Folk Festival** featured many “old time games” and demonstrations of quilting, weaving, caning and several crafting activities in which children and adults participated. Frontier reenactors, storytellers, music and dancing was the entertainment throughout the day.



The Nashville Old Time String Band plays for the Fall Folk Festival at the Buchanan Log House

HARDEMAN COUNTY NEWS

The Hardeman County chapter had a **quarterly membership meeting** Sat., Sept. 16 at The Pillars. There was a barbecue supper, entertainment, and historic games. An Amazing Maze was set up for all to try. This meeting coincided with the Hardeman County Forest Festival, an annual countywide festival.

The Little Courthouse will be the venue for the **Hardeman County General Sessions Court** on Sept. 20. The Honorable “Chip” Cary will be presiding over court that day which will be the first day since 1827 that civil court will be held there.

Ghost stories, a ghost tour, and the Amazing Maze will be the Halloween event at **The Pillars** on Sat., Oct. 28 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. The Christmas Open House at The Pillars is Dec. 19 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Local government officials and business people will be invited as well as APTA members. Come see The Pillars all decked out for the holidays!

MAURY COUNTY

Martha Sloan has been named Chairperson of the **2006 Majestic Middle Tennessee Christmas Tour** to be held in Maury County Dec. 1-3. This year’s tour will feature Zion Presbyterian Church, The Athenaeum, Rippavilla, the James K. Polk Home, Elm Springs, and Ferguson Hall. On Sun., Dec. 3 restored businesses and lofts in downtown Columbia will be open to the public. Baked goods and a lunch by reservation will be offered at The Athenaeum every day. Call Becky Logue at 931-381-4822 for more information.

A reception was given at The Athenaeum Rectory Aug. 6 to thank members of the President Polk Society and Tennessee DAR Chapter for their donations of time and funds to build the much-needed **Garden House** which is currently being used for storage. The event was hosted by the Maury County APTA Board of Directors. Martha Sloan headed up fund-raising and coordination of the installation of the chapter’s new “Garden House.” This project involved the



Maury County Board members, Boys Scouts, and members of the President Polk Chapter of the CAR stand in front of the new Garden House at the Athenaeum.



Polk Academy participants tour the Athenaeum.

President Polk Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution who secured the funds. Eagle Scout James Sloan, also a member of the CAR chapter, and President Polk Society President Jordan Dale oversaw the project.

The Athenaeum Rectory in Columbia partners with the James K. Polk Ancestral Home’s Polk Association each summer to assist with their **Polk Academy**. The Polk Academy is offered each summer in three different sessions for children who have completed the third, fourth or fifth grades. A highlight for the day campers is their field trip to The Athenaeum Rectory where they learn the history of the site and are treated to a tea, learning about etiquette as well as tea history and customs.

GLENMORE CHAPTER

The Glenmore Chapter had its **annual membership meeting** in August. David Duncan, APTA Regional Vice-President for the Northeast, and Sally Baker, Hamblen County Chapter President, were in attendance. Glenmore President Helen Gray was honored for her years of service to Glenmore by the donation of a Drexel game table from Sylvia Blanc and Dolores Bettis. The game table is in the front hall where all visitors to the mansion can easily view it.

Glenmore Mansion is hosting an **Old Time Saturday** on Oct. 28. The fall decorations will be out on the porches and in the tents. In the evening there will be storytelling at the Mansion in the Storytelling Tent at 6:00 p.m. for children and 8:00 p.m. for adults.



Sally Baker (left), Hamblen County President; Helen Gray (middle), Glenmore President; and David Duncan (right), Regional Vice-President for the Northeast at the Glenmore annual membership meeting in August.



Sylvia Blanc (left) presents the Drexel game table to Helen Gray (right).

Glenmore celebrates Christmas with a **members-only preview party** on Dec. 1 at 6:00 p.m. Appetizers will be served during the tree trimming followed by dinner in the dining room and caroling in the parlor. Each member is asked to bring a side dish to compliment the entree. Tours for the public are Dec. 2-3 and Dec. 9-10 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. both days and 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 10. Victorian goodies will be served in the dining room and the aroma of Glenmore wassail will permeate the mansion. Christmas tours are \$5 per person.

All good things must come to an end and in that spirit the Glenmore Chapter members will be taking down and packing up Christmas decorations on Sat., Jan. 13, 2007. Homemade soup and sandwiches will be served. The Service Learning Class will come the following Tuesday to cart all boxes to the attic.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

Victorian Village, Inc. has been founded by Memphis Chapter member Scott Blake. Members, including the Woodruff-Fontaine House and Mallory-Neely House, are dedicated to making this area THE "happening place" east of downtown Memphis. The association is meeting on a weekly basis and Peggy and Dr. LaVerne Lovell, along with Scott, are representing the Memphis Chapter. This development comes as a great encouragement to homeowners and businesses in the area.

The Memphis Chapter recently honored **Mrs. Mildred Lynn** and her late sister Mrs. Ruth Connell. Mrs. Lynn and her sister are descended from the prominent Memphis family of Thomas L. LaMalta who was the president of the Chickasaw Machine & Foundry, Memphis' oldest foundry. Mrs. Lynn has given countless hours of docent support and financial assistance to every Chapter endeavor and still serves as a docent once a week. The Chapter presented a bronze plaque that will be installed in the center panel of the dining room door at the Woodruff-Fontaine House.

House Cleaning Day is set for Mon., Oct. 9 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers will be dismantling the Southern Summers exhibit and thoroughly cleaning each room of the house. Supplies will be furnished. A mid-morning break and lunch are planned. All members and friends of members are welcome!

The Memphis Chapter is planning an **elaborate holiday event** for December. Following a lavish Christmas party for members, the house will be open to the public who will be welcomed with sights and sounds of Christmas in the 19th century. For more information, call 901-526-1469.



Memphis Chapter President Maureen Pera (left) presents the plaque to Mrs. Mildred Lynn (right).

HAMBLEN COUNTY NEWS

Davy Crockett's 220th birthday was celebrated at the Crockett Tavern Museum on Aug. 17. Reenactor Justin Burke portrayed Crockett as approximately 150 guests toured the museum and enjoyed refreshments. Thanks to Linda Burke, Cindy Moses, and Kay Senter for their help!

The **200th Wedding Anniversary** of David and Polly Crockett was a huge success on Aug. 19. Several Crockett descendants attended the event in Dandridge. The day included music, food, dancing, colonial reenactors, and a drama of the courtship and marriage of the couple.

During the 2006 season, visitors from 42 states and 15 foreign countries have enjoyed using the brick walkway which was constructed by **Eric Shugart**, an Eagle Scout from Troop 91 of First United Methodist Church of Morristown. Eric built a walkway from the rear of the museum to allow visitors to get to the restroom and gift shop building without walking on the wet grass. The bricks used came from a 1939 grocery store. Some were used in 1995 to build a walkway to the front door of Crockett Tavern Museum. Eric had over 350 hours in the project! He received his Eagle Scout award in February.



Troop 91 Scoutmaster Larry Swinson (far left) talks with Eagle Scout Eric Shugart (second from left).



The Conestoga wagon with its new cover at the Crockett Tavern Museum.

A new wagon cover has been placed on the Conestoga wagon at the museum with funding from the Christian Bible family descendants. The wagon was donated by their ancestor, Jesse Bible of Greene County, in 1958. Julia Jordan has been assisting the museum in the loom room with her expertise in spinning and weaving. She is in the process of "dressing" the large loom and has demonstrated spinning and the process of weaving to school groups and guests of the museum. A fireplace mantle from an 1860s home has been donated to the Crockett Tavern Museum. The old mantle came from the George McFarland home built in Hamblen County on land purchased in 1812.

PDS Consulting, a computer business located near the Crockett Tavern Museum, has signed a long-term lease with the City of Morristown to allow the Hamblen County Chapter to use their large parking lot for extra parking for the museum. The property owner received some clean-

up from the city and the museum gained additional parking. Thanks to both!

The local chapter will have a booth at the **Battle of Morristown** at historic Bethesda Church, a living history and Civil War encampment on Sept. 23-24. The original John Crockett Tavern (long after the Crockett family vacated it) was used as a smallpox hospital during the Civil War and then burned because of the disease. The chapter is also participating in **Mountain Makin's** at Rose Center in Morristown on Oct. 28-29. It is an annual heritage and craft festival.

ARLINGTON CHAPTER

The Arlington Chapter is holding a **Harvest Festival** on Sat., Oct. 21. The blacksmith shop will be open and operating and there will be other demonstrations of spinning, weaving, broom making, etc. A bluegrass band, hay rides and food vendors will also be on hand. Plan on coming out and having a fun day with the Arlington Chapter APTA.

A **Holiday House Walk** is planned for Sat., Dec. 2. Tours will start at Wilson's General Store and will include at least five of some of the oldest homes in Arlington. A Christmas ornament depicting the blacksmith shop will be available for purchase at this time.

KNOX COUNTY CHAPTER

Come to Ramsey House Plantation to get in the Halloween mood. **"Here There Be Ghosts"** is Fri., Oct. 27 and Sat., Oct. 28 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. These two fun-filled evenings of haunted candlelight tours are complete with real Ramsey House ghost lore, storytelling around a bonfire, and children's activities of making corn husk dolls, leaf placemats, and ring around the pumpkin. Refreshments will be available. \$5 admission.

The annual **Holiday Candlelight Tours and Open House** at Ramsey House is Dec. 3 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Experience the beautiful 1797 stone mansion by candlelight in period holiday décor. Refreshments and holiday items will be available. \$5 admission.

Events Calendar

- Sept. 7-30.....**Kim Barrick art exhibit** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Sept. 16**Fall Folk Festival** – Buchanan House, Donelson
Hardeman County Membership Meeting – The Pillars, Bolivar
Fayette County Cotton Festival – Somerville
Sept. 16-17.....**21st Fall Fest** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Sept. 20**Hardeman County General Sessions Court** – The Little Courthouse, Bolivar
Sept. 23-24.....**Battle of Morristown Reenactment** – Morristown
Oct. 5-31**Michael McBride art exhibit** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Oct. 7**Hands On Harvest** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Oct. 9**House Cleaning Day** – Woodruff-Fontaine House, Memphis
Oct. 12**2nd Thursday Film Series** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Oct. 13-15.....**Heritage Days** – Rogersville
Oct. 21**Harvest Fest** – Blacksmith Shop, Arlington
Oct. 27**Haunting Halloween Ghost Tours** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Oct. 27-28.....**Here There Be Ghosts** – Ramsey House Plantation, Knoxville
- Oct. 28.....APTA APPRAISAL FAIR** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
- Oct. 28**Old Time Saturday** – Glenmore, Jefferson City
Halloween Event – The Pillars, Bolivar
Oct. 28-29.....**Mountain Makin’s Festival** – Rose Center, Morristown
Oct. 29**4th Annual Trick or Treat for Kids** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Nov. 2-30**Joel Anderson art exhibit** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Nov. 9.....**2nd Thursday Film Series** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Nov. 11 - Dec. 31**A Child’s Christmas at Belle Meade** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Dec. TBA.....**Holiday member event** – Woodruff-Fontaine House, Memphis
Dec. 1-3.....**Majestic Middle Tennessee Christmas Tour** – The Athenaeum, Columbia
Members Christmas Preview Party – Glenmore, Jefferson City
Dec. 2**House Walk** – Arlington
Dec. 2-3.....**Christmas at Glenmore** – Glenmore, Jefferson City
Dec. 3**Holiday Candlelight Tours & Open House** – Ramsey House Plantation, Knoxville
Dec. 8.....**2nd Thursday Film Series** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Dec. 9-10.....**Christmas at Glenmore and Candlelight Tours** – Glenmore, Jefferson City
Dec. 19.....**Hardeman County Open House** – The Pillars, Bolivar
- 2007**
Jan. 11**2nd Thursday Film Series** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Feb. 1-28**Brenda Siegel art exhibit** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Feb. 8.....**2nd Thursday Film Series** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
Feb. 14.....**Valentine’s Day Tours** – Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville

HAWKINS COUNTY

The Hawkins County Chapter will host a booth during **Rogersville Heritage Days** Oct. 13-15 to showcase APTA and the historic sites within Hawkins County, such as 100 year farms, First Families and Maxwell Academy. Postcards of area spots such as the now-gone “The Tennessean” restaurant and Pressmen’s Home area will be sold from the booth and a walking tour of historic downtown will be conducted.



This school building built in 1901 was used as the home for Maxwell Academy and then later as a public school before it was closed in 1942.

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