



The Buchanan Log



December 2012/January 2013

The Buchanan Log House Chapter Association for the

Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities

President's Message

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Endings are sad; beginnings are exciting. While 2012 is ending, I refuse to be sad. We, in the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA, have enjoyed a fun-filled-successful year. The history lectures have continued with outstanding speakers; our annual fish fry, silent auction, folk festival and Buchanan Market Place were bigger than ever; the Addison Museum was renovated and additional lighting was added in the Nave Room & Kitchen-Den area of the Log House with private funding; we began a "Destination Luncheon" program (see explanation of this program in this newsletter), we added a Christmas Bazaar, we are participating in community activities by serving on several Boards & committees - the list goes on. YOU, our members and other volunteers, have earned us our success.

2013 begins a new year, and we are looking forward to another successful year. However, YOUR support is needed. Let us know what you would like to see happen at the Buchanan Log House - which programs will you support? Should we continue the monthly history lectures? What other programs will you support? We need YOU, our members, our volunteers, our friends and families - need

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The mission of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities is to promote preservation, education and interpretation of historic sites in Donelson, Hermitage, Middle Tennessee, and Tennessee.

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your time, ideas, efforts, energy and financial support - to accomplish our programs. How will you help us in 2013?

This is our December 2012 - January 2013 newsletter. During this time, we will be celebrating the Christmas holidays and celebrating the beginning of a new year. I wish for each of you, a happy & healthy two months of celebrating and enjoying time with your family and friends. May all of your dreams come true during this special time of the year!

Merry Christmas and Happy New year. Be safe. And, please do let me hear from you as to what programs you would like at the Buchanan Log House, and what programs you think we should omit in 2013. My phone: 615-370-9415. My email: mwhit1930@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Cordially, Lu

October & November Activities

Metro's ArtObert Events at Buchanan Log House

To highlight the many artistic talents in the Donelson area, many artists were featured in the area throughout the month of October. The Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA showcased three musical groups and a display of heritage quilts.



On October 11th, The Rayla Ray Band served chili and entertained with a two hour performance at the Buchanan Log House, celebrating the Metro Arts Commission's Artober events.

On October 14th, an Old Timey Music & Heritage Quilt Festival was held at the Buchanan Log House. The Nashville Old Time String Band provided a performance; and the Grand Old Dulcimer Club provided a

performance. To the enjoyment of all, the two bands joined their musical instruments & talents to entertain with a joint performance. Mrs. Mindy Edwards showcased many heritage quilts.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT BLH

From cup cakes to elaborate decorations, the Buchanan Log House Christmas Bazaar had it all. Special thanks go out to Judy Vecchione for her efforts in pulling this together and to those like Sue Sutton and Keli Nolf Childers (see photos below) who made this such a special event.



A patriotic Veterans Day memorial ceremony was held at the Buchanan Log House on Saturday, Nov 10th at 11:00 a.m. Participating were Jamie Brown (WWI Soldier), Addyson Brown and Joey Kelley (USAF Sgt).

MUSIC VALLEY RED HAT LADIES

Judy Claiborne and her Music Valley Red Hat Ladies enjoyed a luncheon at the Buchanan Log House on Saturday, November 24th. Mrs. Nancy Seifert, a member of the Grand Old Dulcimer Club, presented a program of beautiful dulcimer music, and Mrs. Kathy Blums gave a short presentation on the Buchanan Log House and its builder, James Buchanan. The ladies also toured the Buchanan Log House Complex. Judy Vecchione, BLH's hostess, did an outstanding job in planning the event.



Judy Claiborne, Nancy Seifert, & Judy Vecchione at the Red Hat Ladies Luncheon at the BLH Photo by Lu Whitworth

FOND FAREWELL TO SUE SUTTON

Many friends and members of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA and of the Grand Old Dulcimer Club gathered Sunday afternoon, Nov 25th, in an informal *fond farewell* to APTA member, Sue Sutton. Sue has been a pivotal force in many of the activities of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA; the Grand Old Dulcimer Club; the Stones River Women's Group and many other groups for the past few years. She served on the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA's Board of Directors and managed its Gift Shop. Her endless energy and continual ideas definitely enhanced the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA's programs. Sue has relocated to Chicago, IL to be near her family.



Judy Beier, Neda Lewis, Sweet Sue, Gloria Kirkland, Carolyn Wick, and setting Nancy Seifert Photo by BLH's Lu Whitworth

DESCENDANTS VISIT BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE & CEMETERY

The family of *Loleta & Noble Brown* of Coles County, Illinois came for a tour of the Buchanan Log House and Cemetery on Friday November 23rd, hosted by Gloria McAbee. Agnes Bowen was first married to James McFerrin, who was killed by the Indians at Catawba in Oct. of 1857. They had one son, John McFerrin (1756-1807), who married Mary Hughart. Loleta is a descendant of John McFerrin.



Descendants of Archibald and Agnes Buchanan visit the James Buchanan Graveyard. Photo by Gloria McAbee.

Archibald Buchanan married Agnes Bowen McFerrin in 1761 and adopted young John McFerrin. When the family moved to the Cumberland, young John came with them. Archibald & Agnes Bowen McFerrin Buchanan are the parents of James Buchanan, builder of the historic Buchanan Log House.

Loleta and her family were proud to see the resting place (James Buchanan Cemetery) of their "Grandmother Agnes."—Gloria McAbee

December & January Activities

BLH Saturday "Open" Schedule in December.

The December schedule will provide an excellent "Christmas Photo" opportunity in the beautifully decorated Buchanan Log House. Mrs. Kelli Nolf Childers, an interior designer & decorator, has the Log House adorned with early 19th century decorations. Come by during the Saturdays listed below.

Saturday, December 1st. opens 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. General & Mrs. Jackson are special guests. Enjoy Christmas music and apple cider.

Saturday, December 8th. Open 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. President & Mrs. Lincoln are special guests. They will be telling us about their Christmas in the White House. Enjoy Christmas Music and Apple Cider.



Christmas Decorations at the BLH. Photo by Nicole Clemmons, NRC Photography

Saturday, December 15th. Open 11: 1.m. - 3: p.m., Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan are special guests. They will be there telling us about Christmas in the historic Buchanan Log House. Enjoy Christmas music and apple cider.

Saturday, December 22. Open 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Santa Claus will be special guest.

Bring children, grandchildren, young-age friends & make a picture of the children with Santa. Santa will have a candy cane for each of the children. Enjoy Christmas music and apple cider.



Buchanan Log House Holiday Open House

Sunday afternoon, December 9th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Special guests at the annual Holiday Open house are our members, volunteers, families, friends, and neighbors - the entire community who support the Buchanan Log House year-after-year. We are looking forward to visiting with each

one of you. Entertainment will include a special group of carolers who will be singing favorite Christmas carols; James & Lucinda Buchanan will be greeting & visiting with guests. Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus will be visiting with children - a perfect time for you to make a holiday photo of your children with Santa. Refreshments will be available. No admission fee and plenty of free parking. —Lu Whitworth

Website Links

- [Addison Museum History](#)
- [Buchanan Log House History](#)
- [James Buchanan Cemetery Architectural Significance](#)
- [Be a Volunteer!](#)
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buchananloghouse.com

Mountain Dulcimer Workshops and Concert by Stephen Seifert

Hosted by *The Grand Old Dulcimer Club*

Sunday, December 16, 2012

Buchanan Log House, 2910 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN

Everyone invited to attend & participate. No reservations required. Fees to be paid at the Workshop & Concert. Charge is \$35 for the first session, \$16 for the second session, or \$45 for everything. Mini-concert is free to workshop attendees and \$5 for everyone else.



1:15 - 3:30 Join the Jam (Fee \$35.00)

Using a number of tunes, we'll work on memorizing, smooth strumming, simplifying the melody, efficient fingerings, melody and harmony in three octaves, rhythmic variety, chop chords, bass lines, and endings. Whether you're playing alone or with a group, I want to help you to make accurate, passionate, and interesting music.

3:30 - 4:00 Mini-Concert (Fee \$5.00. Free to workshop attendees.)

4:00 - 5:00 Pig Ankle Rag (Fee \$16.00)

The Pig Ankle Cabaret was one of the earliest clubs in New Orleans jazz musicians remember playing at. All sorts of great jazz, old-time, and bluegrass musicians have played this tune over the last 100 years. Every note of it fits perfectly on the dulcimer. We have every chord we need. It's just the piece for folks who want to improve their strum especially when it comes to swing and syncopation.

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GRAND OLD DULCIMER CLUB CELEBRATES HOLIDAY SEASON

The Grand Ole Dulcimer who 'jam' on the 2d Sunday afternoon of each month at the Buchanan Log House, celebrated the beginning of the Holiday Season with music, fun & food on November 11th. Members of the Club participated



Jeff Marks, Carolyn Wicks, Don Wicks jam at the BLH.

in the Veterans Day Memorial Service at the Buchanan Log House. They will resume their monthly jams on January 13th, and are always happy for all dulcimer players to join their jams. Mr. Ethan Chastain is leader of the group.

PHOTO SUMMARY



Christmas Decorations by Mrs. Kelli Nolf Childers, interior designer. Photos by Nicole Clemmons, NRC Photography



Old Time Dulcimer Club and Nashville Old Time String Band join to perform during Artober Fest at the Buchanan Log House.

NEWS

BUCHANAN'S STATION CEMETERY—Progress is still being made in support of the Buchanan Station Cemetery. Messrs. Dick Davis and Mike Slate continue towards the goal of the Friends of Buchanan's Station Cemetery to move the cemetery to Metro Parks and Recreation hands. Littlejohn Engineering will perform a meets and bounds survey soon. This survey is extremely important as it will allow the owner the ability to transfer the cemetery to the City. In addition, Archaeologist Dan Allen will be providing his final report on the archaeological survey, which Mr. Slate and others will use to nominate the BSC to the National Register of Historic Places.

MCCAMBELL HOUSE—We had a great event last night (11-6-2012) - the highlight for me was meeting Allen McCampbell & hearing his stories about the house. Peggy Snow did a fabulous job on the painting!! Thanks to everyone who attended & for your continued interest and support in restoring & preserving the McCampbell House. Special thanks to Dan Pomeroy from the State Museum, State Representative Jim Gotto & District 14 Councilman Bruce Stanley for their attendance and kind words. And bravo to Lois Smith and the neighbors for organizing the reception. Good job!—Sherry McAllister Anderson



The Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA extends an invitation to organizations and to host/hostesses of private luncheons to enjoy a Buchanan Log House Destination Luncheon, 2910 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville TN 37214.

Our program includes a box lunch, costumed docents providing house tours, music and door prizes, all for \$25.00 per person. Reservations must be pre-paid and received by the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA one week prior to the date selected and a minimum of 15 guests are required for the caterer. We offer free parking to our guests.

The log house will be decorated from November 18, 2012 to January 7, 2013 for the upcoming holiday season by floral designer Keli Nolf. She will decorate with a primitive theme that will reflect an early nineteenth century Christmas. This is the perfect time to visit this historic site.

If you prefer, plan and arrange your own luncheon, dinner or party. Rental rates are \$40.00 per hour during the week or \$100.00 per hour during the weekend.

Our Events Coordinator will work with your group for an available date.

Our Event Coordinator's contact information:

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL HAS BEGUN FOR MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2012-2013. We need you and your support--**PLEASE**. So if you have just put off joining or submitting your annual dues, kindly do so now. As a non-profit self supporting chapter, we receive no funds from Metro Government and totally depend on the Donelson-Hermitage Community to support our projects and programs. **Annual membership dues are \$25 for one year, and may be mailed with your name, address, email address and phone number to: Treasurer, Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA; 2910 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN 37214. You are very important to us and we truly need your support.**