



The Buchanan Log



October/November 2012



The Buchanan Log House Chapter Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities

President's Message

The beautiful Tennessee fall is beginning to move in, and I am welcoming the cooler weather. Of course, the beautiful fall foliage is a sight-to-be-seen!

My special thanks go to our chapter and to each of our volunteers for the biggest & best Folk Festival we've had. We had more artisans demonstrating the life and times in the early 19th century; more vendors with varied and impressive wares; and the addition of the 19th Alabama Civilian Corps who rolled in on Thursday and camped on site until Sunday. During the Folk Festival, they were singing, playing music, cooking, blacksmithing...all of the chores done in support of soldiers in "the" war - an interesting and enjoyable addition to our Folk Festival. Scoutmaster James Strohmer and his Troup 54, American Legion Post 88 were in charge of directing traffic and parking vehicles - they are to be commended for keeping the parking lot free of congestion. We could not accomplish this event without the support and involvement of volunteers.

Please stop by to visit during the holidays. Our historic home will be decorated by professional decorator, Mrs. Kelly Nolf-Childers, in a theme that would have been used back in the early 19th century. See descriptions of opportunities to "see" the Log House inside this newsletter.

The mission of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA includes the preservation of Tennessee historic sites, ours and others. Currently, we are strongly supporting the "save the McCampbell House on Kent Road" and the

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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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"Buchanan's Station Cemetery" on the corner of Elm Hill Pike and Massman Drive. Each of these places has a "Friends" group, and you are encouraged to join these groups and help support the efforts to preserve these significant historic sites.

Speaking of support, as the calendar year ends, some of us will be looking for non-profit organizations for tax deductible contributions. I, personally, will appreciate your serious consideration to "giving" to the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, and we really do need financial support. Within the past few months we've encountered several unplanned expenditures and have a big one that must be made soon - we need a new roof.

Our present roof over the back portion of the Log House continues to leak. We've had it patched many times, but it still leaks. For appearance, the entire roof should be replaced which will cost about \$27,000.00. However, we could replace only the back portion - the leaky portion of the house for \$12,500. Our rainy day fund was spent on a new 4-T HVAC, pest control, and termite control. We still need to do repairs caused by termites. I am very proud of our Board of Directors for being very conservation in the management of the financial requirements of the Buchanan Log House; however, the time has come to ask for additional financial support to fund a new roof.

Contributions of any amount - small or large - may be sent to the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA Treasurer, 2910 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN 37214.

Thank you very much for considering your financial support to the preservation of the historic Buchanan Log House.

My sincere wishes to you and your family for a healthy and happy thanksgiving!-- Lu Whitworth



August & September Activities



BLH members Patsy Phillips, Lu Whitworth, & Sue Sutton exhibit their artistic abilities at the In Concert Mural September 3rd. Photo by Artist Randall Purcell.

The Buchanan Log House members Kathy Blums, Nancy & Joe Cathey, Natalie Halverson, Patsy Phillips, Sue Sutton, and Lu Whitworth took part in Artoberfest by painting squares associated with the Buchanan Log House portion of the *In Concert Mural*. The mural is located on the Johnson Furniture Building in downtown Donelson. As you can see from the article below and the completed mural, the Log House is a prominent element in this art exhibit that features important structures in Nashville.—Joe Cathey

From News Channel 5: *NASHVILLE, Tenn.*- If music can bring people together, it's no wonder painting musical notes on the side of a building can too.



A building that's been around for 30 years or more in the Donelson community was a blank canvas just waiting. It turned into a masterpiece made by more than 300 volunteers, 10 gallons of paint, and two artists' vision to get a community involved.

Randy Purcell, a creative artist and Matt Fisher, a Metro Arts Commissioner led the project. They transferred the image to the wall using a grid system. Then they divided it into 200 blocks and let

people own each square of the grid.

The masterminds were amazed at how quickly it all came together.

"This work represents what's great about our city," said Nashville Mayor Karl Dean. "It represents the arts and the special place that music has in Nashville. It's my pleasure to formally dedicate in concert the Hermitage Community Mural."

At the dedication, artist Phil Ponder added the finishing touch, his bird "Happy."

That mural is located on the side of the Johnson Furniture building at 2620 Lebanon Pike.

YARD SALE--The August 18th Buchanan Log House Yard Sale was a success with more than 75 people visiting and purchasing garments, hats, pictures, grills, shelving and much, much more. Thanks go to Treasurer Judy Vecchione for planning and executing such a successful event that rose over \$450 towards maintenance of the log structures at the Buchanan Log House. Photos below by Ron Sharpe, BLH Vice President.



FALL FESTIVAL—The September 15th Festival was well attended and the most diverse exhibitors of any festival hosted at the Log House. Sheep farmers, 19th Alabama Civilian Corps demonstrations, pioneers, quilting and weaving demonstrations and the food was wonderful—especially the cornbread and beans!



3 Creek Farm's Sheep and Goat exhibit and Birdie Dickson Cabin Quilter with antique Quilt. October 1 photo by Lu Whitworth, BLH President.



Food was fantastic at this year's Fall Festival, and the 19th Alabama Civilian Corps had their own lunch prepared...pickled eggs!! October 1 photo by Lu Whitworth, BLH President.

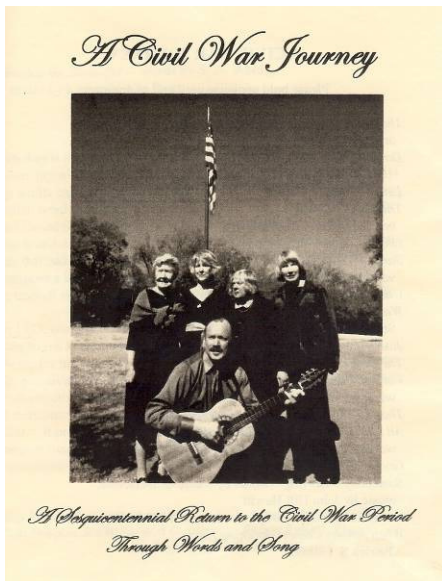
Historical Presentations for October & November

Oct 21st is Dr. Michael Bradley talking about "Preacher Kelley" who was the captain that sunk the Union gunboats at Kelley's Point on their way down to Broadway to shell Nashville in Beaman Park (near Wal-Mart on Charlotte Ave). Without his efforts, we would have no downtown historic buildings as the shells would have burned everything up to 8th Avenue.

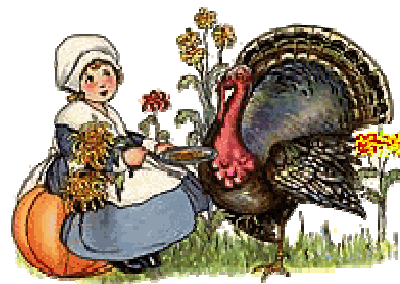
Lecture is held, Sunday afternoon, 2 - 3:30 p.m., in the historic Buchanan Log House.—Bob Allen

Kelley's Point Battlefield is a significant site rarely mentioned in historical accounts of the battle of Nashville. From Kelley's Point the Confederate line arched over 14 miles across the county from west to east Nashville. The actions at Kelley's Point were also the largest sustained battle between the Confederate cavalry and the Union navy. For two weeks prior to the battle, four artillery pieces under the command of Confederate cavalry Lt. Col. D.C. Kelley effectively blockaded the Cumberland River against seven heavily armed Union gunboats.

Nov 18th is Kay Reynolds and her Civil War Journey troupe in an encore appearance from Aug 2011 with new songs and stories. This is not just a wonderful historical account of the Civil War period music, but some great entertainment by very talented artists.



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Thanksgiving Wishes

NEWS

BUCHANAN'S STATION CEMETERY--The Buchanan Log House Chapter APTA once again assisted the Friends of Buchanan's Station Cemetery in planning and executing the 220th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Buchanan's Station. Over 200 people attended from the Donelson Community including Councilman Phil Claiborne, local historical enthusiasts and Buchanan descendents as far away as Asheville, North Carolina.



Dr. Eaton introduces Major and Sally Buchanan with Drs. Inman and McKee setting. 9-30-2012 Photo by BLH Joe Cathey

President of Cumberland University, Dr. Harvill Eaton a Donelson Native and graduate of Two Rivers High School, Tennessee Tech and Vanderbilt Universities was the Master of Ceremonies. Representing the Mayor was the Chairman of the Metro Historical Commission Dr. William McKee and also from the Commission was their Executive Director Tim Walker. The presentations included an excellent account of the Battle and why it occurred by Cumberland History Professor Dr. Natalie Inman.

The program was lead off with some very special songs of the period by Cumberland University Choir under the direction of Dr. Brian Kilian, a prayer from the period was offered by Manskers' Station Mac Ice, Colors and the pledge was presented by Maurice Kellogg and the DeLeusomme Guard, and a special thanks to all the reenactors of John and Sally Buchanan, Jimmy O'Connor, Cherokee Warrior, Creek Woman, John Watts and Joseph Brown.



Dr. Kilian directs the Cumberland University Chorus in songs of the period. 9-30-2012 Photo by BLH Joe Cathey



Dr. Eaton introduces Cherokee Chief John Watts. 9-30-2012 Photo by BLH Joe Cathey



DeLeusomme Guard presents the colors beginning with the Stars and Strips, 13 Star US Flag, and lastly the Flag George Washington carried during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain. 9-30-2012 Photo by BLH Joe Cathey

Those who attended had a special opportunity to learn what the Battle of Buchanan's Station meant for all of us who call Nashville and Middle Tennessee home. The Friends of Buchanan's Station Cemetery are so very thankful to our friends at Cumberland University for supporting them in recognition of this special event that shaped the History of Nashville, Middle Tennessee and our Country.—Joe Cathey

Upcoming Events

ARTOBER EVENTS--During the month of October, artists in all aspects of "art" will be featured at different places, at different times throughout the Donelson-Hermitage area. The historic Buchanan Log House will be the musical scene for the following groups.

On October 11th, 2 - 4:00 p.m., the Rayla Ray Band will be playing original music & songs during a showcase at the historic Buchanan Log House. This band is well-known in the downtown area where they are the house band for Tequila Cowboy (Cadillac Ranch) and in Printers Alley at Cowboy Kewi.

The Nashville Old Time String Band will open it's Thursday, Oct 11th jam to the public, and everyone is invited to stop by the Log House to visit with them & listen to their great music. If you bring your string-instrument, they probably will allow you to actually play with them!

On Sunday, October 14th, The Grand Old Dulcimer Club will open its regular jam to the public and everyone is invited to stop by to listen to their beautiful early 19th century music. To add to their fine performance, The Nashville Old Time String Band will be at the Log House on the 14th, providing their enjoyable music to the public. Each of these bands will play separately; and they will join together in a concert.

While you are listening to these outstanding musical performances, take a look at the lovely "old" quilts on display in the Buchanan Log House, displayed by the Cabin Quilters.—Lu Whitworth



VETERANS' DAY COMMEMORATION--The Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA will commemorate Veterans' Day on Saturday, November 10, 2012, with a flag ceremony at 11:00 a.m. by Revolutionary Soldiers re-enactors to honor our Veterans. The Buchanan Log House will be open for visitors from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to share its history as a frontier home built by Pioneer James Buchanan in the early 1800s. The stately home has stood the passing of time for more than two hundred years on the knoll above Elm Hill Pike in the heart of Donelson. Join us as we honor soldiers from the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the War of 1812, and each war to the present day.

This is a free event with free parking. For information, contact Events Coordinator, Mrs. Kathy Blums, 615-521-9219.

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BUCHANAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR--The Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA will host a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 3d, 2012, at the historic Buchanan Log House, 2910 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, from 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. Many beautiful items will be available to include handcrafted jewelry, stained glass art, dried flower arrangements, vintage hats & Holiday Gifts, jewelry & wreaths, mobiles and knit accessories, Baskets & bead designs & ornaments, glycerin soap creations, specialty jewelry, picture gallery paintings & frames, holiday crafts, veranda gifts and of course, our own Buchanan Log House Gifts. A real shopping experience!

DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS--Join us as we decorate the outside of the Buchanan Log House and the Addison Museum for the holidays. **Time: Sunday November 25th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

HOLIDAY SPIRIT AT HISTORIC BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE--The Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA gets in the holiday spirit in November when Ms. Kelly Nolf-Childers, decorator, works her magic by decorating our log home in the time period of the early 1800s. We have special plans to give

the community the opportunity to visit and enjoy her beautiful work and enjoy the Buchanan Log House as a family home.

We will have the beautifully decorated Buchanan Log House open each Saturday in December from 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. With music and special guests which will include Lucinda & James Buchanan, Rachel and General Andrew Jackson, President & Mrs. Lincoln and others. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will stop by one day. Each Saturday will feature a musical presentation as well as one of our special guests. Mark your calendar and remember, parking is always free at the Buchanan Log House. Holiday dates are December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22^d, and 29th.



CELEBRATE YOUR HOLIDAYS IN THE HISTORIC BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE--

The historic Buchanan Log House will be decorated for the holidays in mid-November and remain decorated until about the 7th of January. The professional decorator, Ms. Kelly Nolf-Childers, will decorate with a primitive theme using both dried and silk florals and greenery. She also will be staging with some of her own primitive antiques that will reflect an early nineteenth century Christmas. She will use materials and greenery that would have been used at that period of time in Tennessee. Ms. Nolf-Childers is well known for her "theme" wreaths - many have been done for businesses using things that would apply to the business.

Reserve the Buchanan Log House for your holiday entertaining. It's a perfect time for a Holiday Destination luncheon for business-office parties, organizations' parties, Red Hat Society luncheons - any business or family get-together. Telephone Events Coordinator, Kathy Blums, 615-512-9219, to discuss available dates and rental fees.

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.**



BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012
10:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM



SPECIALTY VENDORS:

HANDCRAFTED JEWELRY DESIGNS BY STEPHANIE POWERS OF HIGHER VIBE
STAINED GLASS ART BY SHARON SHOEMAKE
DRIED FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS BY KELLY NOLF CHILDERS
VINTAGE HATS, HOLIDAY GIFTS BY NICOLETTE ALEXANDER
JEWELRY & WREATHS BY BETSY HARRIS, SIMPLY SOUTHERN DESIGNS
MOBILES & KNIT ACCESSORIES BY TINA WALLER
BASKETS, BEAD DESIGNS & ORNAMENTS BY SHARON PRESSLEY
GLYCERIN SOAP CREATIONS BY LORRIE MARUM, THE CASTLE IN BETHPAGE
SPECIALTY JEWELRY BY CHRISTINA RYAN, ANTINA ART
PICTURE GALLERY BY PICTURE THIS IN HERMITAGE
HOLIDAY CRAFTS BY EDITH REINHART & LEE ANN JONES
BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE GIFTS
VERANDA GIFTS BY MARY JANE PEACE
SPECIAL DESIGNS BY DAM KNIES
KNITWEAR BY LAURIE LEIMEKE
HANDBAGS & TOTES BY LACIE YOUNG
GIFTS BY JO CONLEY
TURQUOISE FEATHER BY TONI CROSBY



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