



The Buchanan Log

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The Buchanan Log House Chapter Association for the

Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities



President's Message

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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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The New Year at the Buchanan Log House has brought some energy into our programs. Rentals of the property have increased, and in early January, the Board of Directors got together to plan the year's activities. We are ready for the year!

We do know of one huge challenge and your help is the solution. Last newsletter, the following request was sent to our members, asking for financial support to replace the leaking roof. A new roof, for the worst part of the roof the back section, will cost \$12,570.00; and a new roof to cover the entire Buchanan Log House will cost \$27,850.00. The roofing experts are strongly recommending replacing the entire roof because the other sections are in poor condition as well. Soon water will be running down between the chimneys and the log structure that will cause more major damage.

To date, twelve (12) of our members have sent contributions; we have one donation of \$4,500.00; one of \$1,000.00; and ten ranging from \$25.00 up through \$500.00. "Pennies for Projects" - bring us your pennies; "Dancing Dollars" - bring us your \$1.00 bills; Tens for tin

(tin roof, that is....) The point here? Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to seeing you at some/all of our events scheduled during 2013. Our history lecture series begins the 3rd Sunday afternoon in March. Your suggestions for different programs are always appreciated.

Take care of yourselves - there's plenty of the flu going around.

Cordially, Lu

December & January Activities

A special thank you to Treasures Consignment on Old Lebanon Road in Donelson for handling left over sale items at the Buchanan Log House yard sale. With their help we were able to make a little more money to continue the operation and maintenance of the BLH— a Donelson Landmark!



The Buchanan Log House Chapter could not carry out its mission without the help of our volunteers. As with Treasures Consignment, we want to especially thank Mrs. Kelli Nolf Childers for the Christmas decorations this local designer-decorator and musician donated. She personally designed

each decoration displayed in the historic Buchanan Log House during the months of November and December.

Our special volunteers made Christmas exciting for all who visited the BLH during the Annual Holiday Open House, December 9th, but especially when highlighted by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (aka Becky & Chuck Williamson).



DESCENDANT OF JAMES BUCHANAN VISITS WITH SANTA.

Young seven (7) year old Franklyn Whaley of Manchester, TN visited with Santa Claus during Santa's visit at the historic Buchanan Log House on December 22, 2012. His parents, Scott & Kari Whitworth Whaley, enjoyed the visit with Santa, too - they were surprised when Santa knew that Scott had received a big yellow Tonka truck and that Kari received a doll named Victoria when they were youngsters. Franklyn is the Great-great-great-great-great-great grandson of James & Lucinda Buchanan, original owners of the Buchanan Log House.—Lu Whitworth



Facebook

Please visit the Buchanan Log House Facebook page and "Like" us. It is extremely important for nonprofits to obtain as many "LIKES" as possible. If your friends see that you are associated with the BLH, they may visit our site and get involved with our activities that strive to better the Donelson-Hermitage Community by providing projects and programs that educate on the historical importance of our pioneers and founders. Simply search on *Buchanan Log House* and click "Like". Thanks—Joe Cathey

Welcome to the APTA

I can not count the times folks have asked me "what is APTA"? The APTA is the oldest statewide nonprofit historic preservation organization in the State of Tennessee and the fourth oldest in the nation. Since 1951 APTA has been preserving and maintaining historic sites that play an important role in Tennessee's rich cultural heritage, i.e. the Buchanan Log House Chapter among them.

Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities' mission is to promote and encourage active participation in the preservation of Tennessee's rich historic, cultural, architectural and archeological heritage through restoration, education, advocacy and statewide cooperation.

Currently, there are 11 chapters that administer 14 sites. APTA sites include:

- Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville
- The Athenaeum Rectory, Columbia
- Buchanan Log House, Nashville
- Crockett Tavern Museum, Morristown
- Glenmore Mansion, Jefferson City
- Ramsey House Plantation,
- Rachel H. K. Burrow Museum, Arlington
- Historic Post Office, Arlington
- Blacksmith Shop Site, Arlington
- The Pillars, Bolivar
- The Little Courthouse, Bolivar
- Lee House, Memphis
- Woodruff-Fontaine House, Memphis

Knoxville

- Holy Innocents Cemetery,
Arlington

Hawkins County and Rutherford County also have APTA chapters.

Become a member today by joining the Buchanan Log House Chapter and visit APTA historic sites free!—Joe Cathey

Head's Up on February Activities at Two Rivers Mansion



Two Hearts Antiques and Crafts Show

20 Antique,
Art & Craft
Vendors!

Coffee Shoppe

Appraisals

February 15 —16, 2013
10 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

February 17, 2013
1:00 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Free Parking

Adults \$5
Children \$2
Members Free!

Sponsored by:
The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion
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buchananloghouse.com

Head's Up on May Activities

**Fifteenth Annual . . .
Tradition Continues**



Dulcimer Day Picnic

*With a and Celebration of the Mountain
Dulcimer
at the*

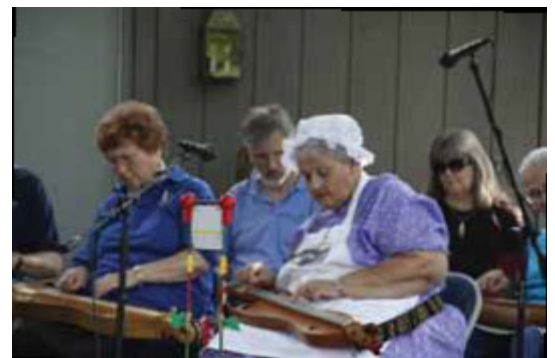
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Sunday, **May 19th** Noon Until Five

Family Fun & Free Admission

- * Enjoy stage performances
- * Visit the Historic Log House
- * Jam on the grounds & porch
- * Bring your stringed instruments
- * Bring your own chair
- * Enjoy food provided by
Houstons Meat & Produce



or

- * Bring your own picnic basket

Stage Presentations

Noon until 3 pm—

Featured Performers

3 pm to 4pm—

Grand Old Dulcimer Club & Friends

4pm to 5pm—Open Jam



Sponsored by:
The Grand Old Dulcimer Club
with support from
Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music
and Buchanan Log House Chapter APTA
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Replacement Fund

“The roof is leaking, let the donations pour in!”

As President Whitworth mentioned in her message above, the roof on the BLH is leaking badly and needs to be fixed to aid in preserving this 1806 structure. As someone who appreciates historic structures, your financial support is urgently needed. Please consider making a donation without delay. Your gift may be tax deductible based on your personal tax situation and will ensure future generations are able to enjoy and learn from our historic site.

Please mail a check with your donation to the following address:

Treasurer, BLH
P. O. Box 292879
Nashville, TN 37229

Or, follow the link below to donate via credit card:

<http://blhroof.chipin.com/buchanan-log-house-roof-replacement-fund>

NEWS

BUCHANAN STATION CEMETERY—Buchanan Station Cemetery Friends Group met on Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 10:30 am on the campus of David Lipscomb University in the Ezell Building.

Present were: Tim Walker, Dick Davis, Ellen Davis, Elliott McNeil, Lu Whitworth, Elizabeth Coker*, Ann Duncan, Marty Elder, Miles Ezell, Harriett Jewel*, Maurice Kellogg*, and Ann Carpenter*.

*denotes descendent of the Buchanan Family

Current Status:

Dick Davis reported on the history and process leading up to the potential donation of the cemetery to the Metro Parks Department by owner Scott Pope. As a condition of this donation Mr. Pope requested that a decorative fence be put around the property as soon as possible after it is deeded to Metro. The deed would not convey any right of parking or access to his remaining property. The City has agreed to accept the property and the Friends Group is working to raise money to erect the fence. In order to accomplish this, Littlejohn Engineering generously did a survey at no charge. The owner is most anxious to complete this transaction and but until such time as the property is turned over, he has agreed to continue to maintain the cemetery grounds. The remaining step is to coordinate the transfer with the Parks Dept. attorneys and take the parcel through the subdivision process.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for either February 15th or 18th at Buchanan Log House. If you would like to be notified of this meeting date and time, send an e-mail request to joecathey@comcast.net .—Ellen Davis

MCCAMPBELL HOUSE—According to Debra Hollins who spoke with the TN State Museum on 1-18-2013: "The state's real property division plans to put the house up for sale at a public auction at some point in the future" was their response to me asking about our dear house. With a historical overlay on the house, whoever purchases it will have to go by certain guidelines as they repair it, I am told. Let's hope that the owner will love it as much as we do & would like our help as Friends of McCampbell House.



The Buchanan Log House Chapter 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 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.

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:

Kathyblums@hotmail.com

915.521.9219

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 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:**

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You are very vital to us and we truly need your support.