

# Metropolitan Historical Commission

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## MHC/MHZC UPDATE

### **New! 2013 Old House Fair**

*Saturday, March 9—9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Cohn School*

*4805 Park Avenue*

The Metropolitan Historical and Historic Zoning Commissions, the MHC Foundation, and the Tennessee Preservation Trust will hold the 2013 Old House Fair on Saturday, March 9, 2013. The Old House Fair is a FREE day-long festival showcasing new ideas, practical advice, innovative materials, and quality services for homeowners. Vendors and presenters will offer tips on enhancing energy efficiency, maintaining and restoring old houses, how to hire a contractor, choosing suitable materials, and identifying appropriate design elements for specific architectural styles and eras. Learn more about sustainable and historic products and services, and gain tips for planning and executing your project. Exhibitors include companies, retailers, and artists experienced in working with homes of many ages and styles, from Antebellum to Mid-century Modern. Know a young preservationist? We'll have children's activities, too!

Visit [Old House Fair](#) to learn more!

### **New! Lunch and Learn with the MHC and Fort Negley**

***Nashville's Bahamas-like Past:***

***Controls of Present and Future Environmental Issues***

*Wednesday, March 13—Noon to 1:00 p.m.*

*Fort Negley Visitors Center*

*1100 Fort Negley Boulevard*

Join the Metropolitan Historical Commission and the Fort Negley Visitors Center for an exciting presentation by Dr. Molly Miller, Professor of Geology and Paleoecology at Vanderbilt University. Bring a lunch to enjoy during the program. This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited! Please RSVP to the Fort Negley Visitors Center at 615-862-8470.

### **New! Revised Deadline Schedule for Preservation Permit Applications**

The Historic Zoning Commission recently adopted a new deadline schedule for

Preservation Permit applications. The schedule is effective immediately. Please adjust your calendar accordingly!

APPLICATION DEADLINE	DEADLINE FOR REVISIONS	MEETING DATE
March 4, noon	March 7	March 20
April 1, noon	April 4	April 17
April 29, noon	May 2	May 15
June 3, noon	June 6	June 19
July 1, noon	July 3	July 17
August 5, noon	August 8	August 21
August 30, noon (Offices closed 9/2)	September 5	September 18
September 30, noon	October 3	October 16
November 4, noon	November 7	November 20
December 2, noon	December 5	December 18

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## PRESERVATION AWARDS

### **Closing Soon! Call for Nominations: 2013 Preservation Awards**

Nomination forms are now available for the Metropolitan Historical Commission's 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Preservation Awards program. **The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, March 22, 2013. This is a little earlier than in years past, so please take note!** *Early entries are always welcome, of course. We are still planning this year's event, so please check back for more information about judging and the awards ceremony. To learn more about the awards program and to download the nomination form, please visit the Preservation Awards page of our website:* [www.nashville.gov/mhc](http://www.nashville.gov/mhc).

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## IN THE NEWS

### **New! A Future for the Past:**

#### ***A Comprehensive Plan for Historic Preservation in Tennessee***

In 2012, the Tennessee Historical Commission, through an extensive public planning process, completed a comprehensive plan for historic preservation in Tennessee. This plan will guide statewide efforts to protect Tennessee's heritage through 2018. Visit the Tennessee Historical Commission's website to learn more and to download your copy: [www.tn.gov/environment/hist/federal/historic\\_planning.shtml](http://www.tn.gov/environment/hist/federal/historic_planning.shtml)

### **What's New? NashvilleNext.Net!**

Work continues on a new Nashville General Plan which will provide a vision for our city's future over the next 30 years, along with guidance for growth and development in Davidson County and much of Middle Tennessee. Called "NashvilleNext," this is an

ongoing, integrated plan for Nashville's future - and information about the plan is now available on a constantly updated webpage which includes contact information, volunteer opportunities, details of the plan so far, and video comments from some of the many community leaders who are already part of the NashvilleNext initiative. Visit [www.nashvillenext.net](http://www.nashvillenext.net) or find Nashville Next on Facebook for the “next” big news!

**Ongoing! Metro at 5-0!**

The Nashville community is coming together to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the creation of Metro Nashville. The nine-month celebration, from June 28, 2012 to April 1, 2013, will involve many events and educational opportunities. Please join us in celebrating our great city! Find “Metro at 50” on Facebook or visit [www.MetroAt50.org](http://www.MetroAt50.org) to learn more!

**New! Nashville Public Library to host Community StoryBooth and Exhibit**

NPL's Special Collections Division will offer the public a single place to stop on their Metro @ 50 celebratory journey to share audio and video remembrances of the consolidation of Metro Government. In March 2013, the Division will begin the oral history project with its “Women in Politics: 50 Years of Metro's Women” series. The series will not only preserve the voices of how Nashville's women navigated local government, but also provide the framework for what lay ahead for the next 50 years in Metro Government.

Additionally, in March - April 2013, the Main Library will unveil the exhibit “Metro@ 50: Progress, Problems, Projections.” The exhibit includes selected items from the Beverly Briley Collection and the Jack Knox Political Cartoon Collection as well as works from the Special Collections Division and Metro Nashville Archives highlighting the history of Metro Government as it paralleled with a decade of one of the most turbulent times in history.

For more information, please contact Andrea Blackman at 615-862-5842 or [andrea.blackman@nashville.gov](mailto:andrea.blackman@nashville.gov).

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**CONFERENCES, EXHIBITS AND EVENTS**

**New! First Tuesday at the Archives**

*Tuesday, March 5—2:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
Metropolitan Government Archives  
3801 Green Hills Village Drive*

The “First Tuesday at the Metro Archives” for March will feature Krista Castillo, Museum Coordinator at Fort Negley, who will speak on the Fort and the activities there.

“First Tuesday at the Metro Archives” meets on the first Tuesday of the month, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please contact the Archives at 862-5880 or [Ken.fieth@nashville.gov](mailto:Ken.fieth@nashville.gov) for more information.

These events are free and open to the public.\*\*\*Be sure to “like” Metro Nashville Archives on Facebook!

**New! Tennessee Women Progressives**

## **Beyond the Nineteenth Amendment**

This special series will be held in conjunction with the University of Tennessee Press and its new 2013 publication of *Tennessee Women in the Progressive Era: Toward the Public Sphere in the New South*, edited by Mary A. Evins. Featured speakers are authors of essays in *Tennessee Women Progressives*. THS members will also receive a discount on the new book.

All programs will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Fort Negley Visitor Center, 1100 Fort Negley Boulevard, Nashville 37203.

**~Wednesday, March 13, 2013:**

### **Beyond the Nineteenth Amendment:**

#### **Progressive Women's Public Roles in Society**

*The Paradoxes of Women's Work at the Turn into the 20th Century*

Mary A. Evins, PhD, Middle Tennessee State University

*Women Transforming Farm Family Economics through Canning*

Minoa B. Uffelman, PhD, Austin Peay State University

Mark your calendars for future topics:

### **Wednesday, April 3, 2013**

*Stretching Old South Limits of Propriety:*

*Progressive Women in the Church and in Athletics*

### **Wednesday, April 24, 2013**

*Religious Values, Societal Responsibilities,  
and the Public Work of Progressive Women*

The THS gives special thanks to Prof. Evins for arranging this series.

## **New! Celebrate President Andrew Jackson's Birthday at The Hermitage**

*Friday, March 15—9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

*The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson*

*4580 Rachel's Lane*

Enjoy living history demonstrations, special programs, birthday cake, and **half-price admission** as The Hermitage celebrates President Jackson's 246<sup>th</sup> birthday. For the full schedule of events, visit [www.thehermitage.com/events/Events1/BDAY](http://www.thehermitage.com/events/Events1/BDAY). While you're there, learn more about upcoming War of 1812 events.

## **New! Middle Tennessee Genealogy Society**

*Saturday, March 16—1:00 p.m.*

*FiftyForward Patricia Hart Building*

*174 Rains Avenue (Across from the State Fairgrounds)*

Darla Brock, Manuscript Archivist, will discuss "Union Provost Marshall Records at the Tennessee State Library and Archives." Ms. Brock received her Bachelor of Science degree in History from Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville and Master's Degree in History from the University of Memphis. Ms. Brock will speak to her dual areas of research concentration, Civil War History and Women's History. There is no charge for this meeting and refreshments will be served. For more information, please visit

[www.mtgs.org](http://www.mtgs.org).

## **New! Open House at Belmont Mansion**

### ***Celebrating Adelia's Birthday and the Restoration of the Master Bedroom Suite***

*Sunday, March 17—1:00 to 4:00 p.m.*

*Belmont Mansion*

*1900 Belmont Boulevard*

Renasant Bank is sponsoring a free open house at Belmont Mansion Sunday, March 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. to celebrate Adelia Acklen's 196th birthday and the major restoration of Adelia's bedroom suite.

Guests will be able to view the entire house, including the restored bedroom suite, an elaborate, two-decade project. There will also be storytelling and craft activities for children, as well as cake provided by local restaurant and gift shop, Savannah Tea Company.

In 1890, the mansion was turned into a school and dorm for the Ward-Belmont School. The master bedroom suite was divided into dormitory rooms at that time.

Since being placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971 the mansion has undergone meticulous restoration and has seen hundreds of original items returned. The master bedroom suite – Adelia's bedroom, the trunk room and the school room – was one of the mansion's more difficult restoration projects and has taken more than 20 years to complete.

Among tasks done to return the bedroom suite to its original form included reproducing the faux wood graining; hand sewing and installing reproduction carpeting made in England; silver plating the door knobs; buying trims and tiebacks for the drapes, lace curtains and upholstery; and acquiring the wallpaper ceiling medallion and artwork needed to reproduce the suite's original French wallpaper based on "The Adventures of Telemachus."

To read more about the restoration process, visit <http://belmontmansion.com/adelicias-bedroom/>.

Belmont Mansion is the largest house museum in Tennessee and one of the few 19th century homes whose history revolves around the life of a dynamic woman. For more information, please visit [www.belmontmansion.com](http://www.belmontmansion.com) or call 615-460-5459.

### **New! Fossils at the Fort**

*Saturday, March 30—10:00 am to 2:00 pm*

*Fort Negley Visitors Center*

*1100 Fort Negley Boulevard*

Presented by Fort Negley Visitors Center, Metro Parks and Vanderbilt University Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Join Students Enrolled in EES 220: *Life through Time* for a Journey into Middle Tennessee's Astonishing Ancient Past!

- \* Discover 450 million year old fossils preserved in limestone.
- \* Plot and identify major events on the giant timeline.
- \* Bring a favorite fossil for identification.
- \* Student-led presentations and tours reconstruct Tennessee's ancient past as an enormous tropical sea and highlight some of the most extraordinary fossils found

around the world.

**Save the Date! Scottish Heritage Festival and National Tartan Day Celebration**

*Saturday, April 6—10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*Nashville Public Library*

*615 Church Street*

The downtown Nashville Public Library will host a Scottish Heritage Festival and National Tartan Day Celebration on Saturday, April 6th from 10 AM to 4 PM. This event is free to the public.

In 1998, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution recognizing April 6th as National Tartan Day. April 6th has a special significance for all Americans, especially those of Scottish descent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320, and later influenced the American Declaration of Independence.

Tartan Day honors the major role that Scottish-Americans have played in the founding of this Nation. Many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the first man on the moon were of Scottish descent. Scottish-American contributions have led to America's preeminence in the fields of science, technology, government, medicine, architecture, literature, arts, law, and much more. Today, over twenty million Americans claim Scottish roots.

Bring your family and enjoy the displays, bag piping, highland dancing, children's activities, music, the movie 'Brave', and lectures. Meet Lieutenant Commander John Glynn of Glynstewart, USN (Ret.), President General of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, who is a descendant of six signers of the Declaration of Arbroath and a signer of the Magna Charta.

**Save the Date!**

**Tennessee Preservation Trust's Statewide Preservation Conference**

*May 16–18, 2013*

*Cookeville, Tennessee*

Since 2000, the Tennessee Preservation Trust's Statewide Preservation Conference has brought together heritage supporters from across the state for educational sessions, tours, and networking opportunities. The annual conference travels around the state and showcases the historic character of a different community each year. The 2013 conference will take place in Cookeville, May 16–18.

Want to join the conversation and find out first the latest news on the conference? Like Tennessee Preservation Trust on Facebook and share your thoughts. Be sure to visit [www.tennesseepreservationtrust.org/conference](http://www.tennesseepreservationtrust.org/conference) for program and registration information.

**Save the Date! Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event**

*Wednesday–Saturday, October 9-12, 2013*

*Chattanooga Convention Center*

*Chattanooga, Tennessee*

The Tennessee Sesquicentennial Commission will sponsor a series of conferences from 2010 to 2015. Conferences will be held annually at locations across the state and will focus on the events which took place 150 years ago. Presenters will discuss the

battles, events, and stories of the Civil War, as well as offer brief dramas and musical performances as part of the day's events. The series is jointly sponsored by the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the 2013 Signature Event this fall in Chattanooga.

***2013: Occupation and Liberation***

The 2013 Tennessee Signature Event will be jointly sponsored by the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, Tennessee Historical Society, Chickamauga/Chattanooga National Military Park, Friends of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, and the Chattanooga Convention and Visitors Bureau. Seating is limited, to reserve your seats, please register via email at [tn.civilwar150@tn.gov](mailto:tn.civilwar150@tn.gov) or call the registration line at 615-532-7520. Learn more about the 2013 Tennessee Signature Event, the agenda of activities and hotel information, by visiting <http://tnvacation.com/civil-war/events/>.

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The Metropolitan Historical Commission publishes this monthly newsletter to keep you informed on events and happenings at the MHC. If you have questions, comments, or news to pass along, please email [scarlett.miles@nashville.gov](mailto:scarlett.miles@nashville.gov), with E-NEWS in the subject line.

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