

June/July 2015



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND
LECTURE at Fort Negley

Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 6:30-8:30 pm

Polygamy in the Early Republic? The Case of Indian Agent Joseph Martin
Dr. Natalie Inman, Cumberland University

The Friends of Fort Negley are now on [facebook!](#)

The Friends support preservation, education, and greenspace efforts at Fort Negley. Check them out!



Fort Negley's New Milkweed Patch Expands Interpretation and Helps Save Monarch Butterflies

Milkweed once covered vast areas of the southern United States including Tennessee. Over the past 20 years, development and the use of pesticides has killed countless milkweed plants and the pollinating insects that depend on them. Of these insects, the monarch butterfly needs the plant the most. Its finicky larvae will only eat milkweed. With too few plants to lay eggs on, monarch numbers have declined by 90 percent.

Each year, millions of monarch butterflies embark on an arduous 2,000-mile journey from the once vast fields of milkweed in the United States and Canada to the lush butterfly reserves in Mexico. In fact, the migration cycle is so long, it actually takes four generations of butterflies to complete it!

This past winter, Warner Park Nature Center's dedicated staff nurtured hundreds of milkweed plants in an effort to bolster awareness in the community and Nashville's struggling milkweed population. In May, Warner Park generously contributed 30 plants to Fort Negley's new milkweed patch plowed and planted by Furman York and Kelly Bulbulala. Thank you all so much for all of your hard work!

Why milkweed at Fort Negley, you ask? In addition to supporting the declining monarch butterfly population, the patch will also serve as a valuable interpretative tool. For centuries, people have used the plentiful milkweed in a number of ways. Native Americans lined their buffalo robes with the white silky fluff called clusters. In the past and even today, milkweed clusters serve as a hypoallergenic alternative to goose down. Civil War soldiers used the white milky sap to remove warts. During World War II, children supported the war effort by collecting milkweed clusters for Mae West Life Jackets popularizing the motto, "Two bags save one life."

Stay tuned for more news on Fort Negley's milkweed patch and related events and programs.

For more information on monarch butterfly migration and milkweed, check out the following links.

<http://natgeochy.com/in/great-migrations/videos/monarchs-and-milkweed>

<http://www.learner.org/north/monarch/>



Juneteenth is coming!

Watch for details on [facebook](#) and in your inbox.



We had two great events in April and May. Fossils at the Fort had a great turnout and our Memorial Day event was our best yet. Thank you to all our volunteers, sponsors, and partners!



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Join us on the third Monday of each month at Fort Negley Visitors Center at 7:00 pm for an exceptional lineup of speakers and presenters.

June 15th
Randy Bishop, author/historian
The Tennessee Brigade

July 20th
Robert Dunkerly, historian, park ranger, Richmond National Battlefield
"Yorktown: where the Revolution and Civil War Overlapped"

Although all programs are free and open to the public, the group encourages membership. Annual dues along with proceeds from the silent auction support programming and local preservation causes. For more information, please visit us on [Facebook](#) or find us at nashvillecivilwarroundtable.wordpress.com/.



Fort Donelson Camp No. 62, Sons of Union Veterans, meet at Fort Negley Visitors Center on the fourth Tuesday every other month. The next meeting is scheduled for **July 28th**. The business meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.tnsvv.com/>.

Upcoming Events In and Around Nashville

June and July, price varies

Various week-long summer camps at Travellers Rest

Saturday, June 6th, 10 am, free with membership

Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the Tennessee Central Railway Museum with Historic Nashville Inc.

Closes June 7th, free

Bed Rooms: The Blue & The Gray

and

"What Is To Become of the People"

The Civil War and Reconstruction in Tennessee

at the Tennessee State Museum

Sunday, June 7th, 1:30 pm, \$6-\$8

A 19th Century Herbal at Travellers Rest

Registration required and space is limited.

Thursday, June 18th, 7 pm, free

Nashville Symphony at Two Rivers Mansion

Sunday, June 28th, Noon to 3 pm, \$10-\$30

BBQ & Brag at Travelers Rest

Space is limited.

Saturday, July 18th, 7pm, \$5-\$20

The Moonlighters Big Band at Two Rivers Mansion

Saturdays through October, 9 am, free with reservation

Guided bike tours of Stones River Battlefield

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