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From the President: Commitment 2013

Next Sunday, July 21 at 5:30 pm, the *Bridge to the Future Society* (see page 21 of your program) will hold its soiree on the bluff near the stone house property recently purchased by MSSA. This group of people has made a **commitment** to remember the Assembly in their estate planning. These monies become part of the *MSSA Endowment*. Each year a portion of the endowment helps fund the programs we all enjoy.

This week we heard from "Thomas Jefferson," praising the past and anticipating the future. We as 2013 Season attendees are continuing to create history and go home each year with memories to last a lifetime.

As stewards of this place we love, our **commitment** to tomorrow is vitally important. To become a "Bridge Builder," you don't need to tell anyone how much money you have or how much you will leave the Assembly. All you need to do is commit to remembering to act. There is, of course, the expectation that you will follow through on your **commitment**, but you will.

Those of us who are in the latter half of our century can step up to the plate easily by calling Scott Parrish and making that **commitment**. Your other job is to encourage the young adults in your family to join you in this **commitment**. I especially encourage those of you in the earlier part of your century to call Scott, join your friends listed on page 21 of your program and encourage your other peers to act.

The *MSSA Annual Fund* is another important part of our yearly Assembly planning and this year the proceeds funded dining hall renovations and outreach. Thanks to Lanier Frank, Annual Fund chair, we had a very successful campaign as indicated on the banner in the dining hall. Special thanks also go to Susan Acker and Ellie Billington who created a wonderful *Fiesta Terazza* in the dining hall, defying a soggy and drippy night. All of these funding efforts help keep the Assembly healthy today and tomorrow.

Pat Wildman
MSSA President

The mission of Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is

... the advancement of science, literary attainment, Sunday School interests, and the promotion of the broadest popular culture in the interest of Christianity without regard to sect or denomination...and to hold stated public meetings from year to year upon the grounds of the Assembly.



Cottage Tour: Don't Delay -- Invite Your Friends Up for the Day!

Friday, July 19 ~ Cottage Tour: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm (\$15 advance, \$20 day of tour)

Bazaar on the Mall: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Ralph Null floral demonstration: 1:00 pm in Warren Chapel

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Since 1963, the Cottage Tour has been one of the Assembly's most delightful traditions. Please help make this 50th Anniversary Cottage Tour festive and fun by inviting your friends and family for what promises to be a fantastic day. Advance tickets and box lunch reservations are available in the MSSA office or at Winfield.

This year's cottages are a gorgeous mix of Assembly styles, all located in Chestnut Hill. The Woman's Association is grateful to these generous folks for their hospitality in sharing their cottages:

Heart's Desire, owned by Gretchen Johnson; *The Tea House*, owned by Emily James, Ophelia Paine, Allison Thompson, Mary Palmer Thompson, and Overton Thompson III; *Balconies*, owned by Jean Martin; *Park Place*, owned by Merrill Ellis; *Bridgeway*, owned by Lisa Hammett and Stephen Reynolds; *Garden Paths*, owned by Karin and John Haley; and *Peavine Cottage*, owned by the estate of Mary Clayton Saunders.

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Week of July 14-20 Events & Highlights

Thomas Malone Trabue, III
Youth Week

Guest Minister
The Rev. Dr. McKay Caston

Sunday

Sunday School 10-10:45 AM
~ see p. 4 in program book for details

Worship Service 11:00 AM

Van to SSMF Concert
1 PM Dining Hall
(\$3 fee; sign up by Friday in DH)

Old-Fashioned Family Hymn
Sing
4:30 PM Warren Chapel

Monday-Friday

Adult Exercise:
with Wendy Wilson
8-9 AM Gymnasium

Monday-Thursday
Twilight Prayers
7:30 PM Warren Chapel

Monday

Lecture: "The Cuban Missile
Crisis," Gary Slaughter
11:00 AM Warren Chapel

Cartoon & Movie:
"Finding Nemo" (G, 2003)
8:05 PM Auditorium

Film & Discussion: "The Man
Who Saved the World," (Cuban
Missile Crisis), Gary Slaughter
8:15 PM Warren Chapel

Tuesday

Art Workshop for Eaglets
"Remarkable Reflections" with
Virginia Curry
10 AM-12 PM Shady Dell
~ continues Weds & Thursday
(advance registration & fee re-
quired, details p. 26 in program)

Documentary Film-Making
Workshop for
Buzzards & Falcons
with James Acker
10 AM-12 PM location TBA
~ continues Weds-Fri AM & PM
(pre-registration required;
p. 24 in program book for details)

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Lecture: "You're Grown - Now You Can Cook!," Sallie Swor
11 AM Warren Chapel

Art Workshop for Eagles
"Exceptional Expressions"

with Virginia Curry
2:30-4:30 PM Shady Dell
~ continues Weds & Thursday
(advance registration & fee required, details p. 26 in program)

Adult Make-n-Take Craft Workshop
with Annis Cox
3:00-4:30 PM Location TBA
~ limited spaces, bring \$10 materials fee

Cartoon & Movie:
"Lilo & Stitch" (PG, 2002)
8:05 Auditorium

Chamber Concert with Wolfgang Amadeus Schmutzinberry
8:15 PM Warren Chapel

Wednesday

Early Bird Movie:
"The Red Balloon" (G, 1956)
Hummingbirds & Parents too!
6:00 PM Auditorium

Cartoon & Movie:
"Secondhand Lions" (PG, 2003)
8:05 Auditorium

Thursday

Produce Market on the Mall
7-10 AM Front of Dining Hall

Woman's Association Book Club #2:
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak
11 AM Winfield Porch

Culinary Lecture & Demonstration:
"Cooking by the Book"
with Sallie Swor
4:00-5:30 PM Harton Dining Hall

Cartoon & Movie: "The Pirates!
Band of Misfits"
8:05 PM Auditorium

Friday

Woman's Association Bazaar
9 AM-5 PM On the Mall

Woman's Association 50th Anniversary Cottage Tour
11 AM-4:00 PM MSSA Grounds
~ tickets \$15 in advance at office or Winfield; \$20 day of, at the North Gate

Floral Lecture/Demonstration
with Ralph Null
~ cottage tour ticket or MSSA gate ticket required for entry

Extended Pool Hours
Picnics welcome; grill available
5:30-7:00 PM Pool

Movie: "Sense & Sensibility"
8:00 PM Auditorium

Saturday

All-Assembly Family Excursion:
Hiawassee River Rafting
Time TBA meet at Auditorium
~ advance signup required

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Season Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sallie Swor's Cookbook Adventure



Enjoy an entertaining discussion on the birth of a cookbook. On Tuesday at 11:00 am in Warren Chapel, Nashville's Sallie Swor will give a presentation on the creation of *You're Grown - Now You*

Can Cook: how recipes are tested, then selected or rejected, plus a demonstration of food photography. She will also provide insight into how the cookbook has become a food blog, *Sallie's Kitchen Corner*. Check it out at thedeerone.com/wordpress. Buy your copy of the cookbook at the lecture for \$25 each.

MSSA Alcohol Policy

The possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances on public grounds, in public places, or at public functions on the Assembly grounds is prohibited and subjects the offender to disciplinary action by the Board of Trustees.

LEASEHOLDS AVAILABLE

- #7 Corner Cottage \$619,000
- #49 Tranquil Eyster \$450,000
- #30 Balconies \$900,000
- #35 Peavine \$425,000
- #67 Wayside \$769,000
- #92 The Moorings \$385,000
- #98 Idlehour \$390,000
- #129 Hallelujah \$450,000
- #136 Endeavor \$625,000
- #146 Butcher \$719,000
- #148 Brookview \$650,000
- #156 Robin Hill \$295,000
- #165 Once Upon A Time \$785,000

Contact MSSA Manager
Scott Parrish
for information on
any of these cottages
(931) 924-2286



Fifty Years Ago: Art Malone, Cornelia Barnes, and her parents, Mel and Katherine Barnes, in front of Warren Chapel the week before Art and Cornelia were married. The Malones celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 12.

Bits and Pieces

- **Flash Your Pass:** Please be in the habit of ALWAYS showing your gate ticket when you drive through. The gatekeepers are required to check. Be thoughtful, be ready.
- **Dining Hall Accounts:** For cash-free dining, be sure to set up a Dining Hall account in advance, through the Main Office.
- **Laundry Service Available:** Exceptional Enterprises in Coalmont offers flat laundry service for sheets, towels, bedspreads, etc. at a very reasonable rate, with Tuesday & Thursday pick up & delivery. Call Angie, (931) 692-2235, x28, to make arrangements. Margaret Crais has worked at Exceptional Enterprises since 1992. They will appreciate your business!
- **Golf Cart Regulations:** All golf carts must be registered with the office. State law requires that anyone driving a golf cart be a licensed driver. The MSSA Board has adopted a zero tolerance policy on violations. Golf cart registration must be renewed each year. Please stop by the office and renew your registration.
- **Listen Up!** New this year, hearing assist devices are available at every program in the chapel. Ask the platform 'person of the week' for help in using them.
- **Photo of the Week:** Email photos of your fun at the Assembly to Assistant Platform Director Anna Watkins at platform@mssa1883.org. The best picture of each week will be featured in a following issue of Mountain Voices.
- **Trash Reminder:** Garbage pickup service comes Mondays and Thursdays early in the morning. Always secure the lid on the can to foil the many 'visiting' dogs.
- **And If Your Dog Is Vacationing With You:**
 - 1) pick up Fido's poop, every time
 - 2) keep Rover quiet during chapel and lectures (or make sure Rover stays at the cottage)



- **Coffee & WiFi Mornings:** The Dining Hall now sells self-serve coffee (on the 'honor system') by 8 AM most mornings. Bring your laptop, plug in and recharge.
- **In Remembrance:** The Altar Window is dedicated to the memory of Jack Hazard, by those who love him.
- **Constitutional Law Discussion Group:** Discussion continues of recent Supreme Court cases of interest to those who attend. Please e-mail John Haley at john.haley@vanderbilt.edu with your areas of interest. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 18, 2:30 pm at Edgeworth Inn.
- **Please Keep Our Assembly Blooming:** As you pass a plant in distress, please deadhead it and splash a sip of water from your water bottle on it. This will help keep it happy and blooming all summer long.
- Don't forget to come to the **Thursday Morning Mountain Market from 7 -10 am** in front of Harton Dining Hall. Come early to be sure to get the freshest flowers, veggies, and local goodies.



- **Mountain Voices articles:** Be sure to submit your articles for *Mountain Voices* to Anna Watkins at platform@mssa1882.org by Thursday of each week to ensure they make the next edition. Thank you!
- **A Word of Warning to State Park Hikers:** There are increasing reports of vandalism in Grundy County, particularly of cars parked at park trailheads. Never leave valuables visible in your car, or better yet, leave them at home. If you need to fill the gas tank, do it after leaving the park, not before!
- **Sunday School Volunteer Needed:** Pam Maloof will be at Chautauqua on Sunday, July 28, and needs a volunteer to lead her Sunday School class that morning at 10:00 am. Pam teaches our 5-7 year olds and has a lesson plan prepared. If you are willing to help on July 28, please contact Margaret Rixham at (704) 287-6870 or mcrixham@gmail.com. Thank you!
- **Fish Fry Coming Soon:** Morton Memorial UMC's annual Fish Fry is on Saturday, July 27, from 4-7 pm. Adult tickets, \$12; children under 10, \$6.

From The Woman's Association and Winfield

This week's main event is of course our 50th Anniversary Cottage Tour and Bazaar (*see article on p. 1*), but the Woman's Association has other events going on all week. Wednesday, July 17th at 10:00 am is the final Woman's Association meeting before the Bazaar and Cottage Tour. Please attend and volunteer -- your participation is essential! There is also an adult Card Party on Wednesday at 2:30 pm. Thursday, July 18th at 11:00 am on the porch is the second book club meeting of this season, to discuss *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak. Kick off cottage tour day with Crafty Friday at 9:00 am, and lastly, don't forget to sign up for our last Arty Party on July 24th. The Arty Party fee is \$30.00 per person, which includes all of the art materials needed. Just bring what you would like to drink and a snack to share. I'm looking forward to seeing you at all these events!

Frannie Smith
WA President

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Many thanks are due again this week. To Robin Thompson, thank you for the wonderful donation of desserts! They were enjoyed at multiple functions. We always appreciate any cookies, muffins, or fruit for our many social events. A shout out to Anna Watkins for the generous donation of paper goods. They are being used immediately! We still need trivets and table runners. And finally, thank you to Margaret Rixham and Perian Strang for the children's library donation. We still need books (hardback copies especially) for the teens and young adults.

Please give an hour or so of your time, anytime. During the season there are many opportunities to help with many Woman's Association activities at Winfield, including landscaping, receptions, and filling in at the desk. See Frannie Smith or me if you wish to help.

Cindy Huston
Winfield Hostess

Cottage Tour

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Also in the works is the Bazaar on the Mall. Amanda Moody has been busy getting vendors for the event. Please contact Amanda if you know of a person who would be a good fit at the bazaar. Her email is *bmoody2002@comcast.net*. There are still spots left, and we are looking for creative people.

Back this year is the amazing floral designer Ralph Null. His arrangements and floral schemes have been present at countless parties and big events. He will be giving a floral demonstration at 1 pm in the Chapel, and we will be auctioning off his beautiful creations to benefit the Woman's Association. The demonstration is open to everyone who has a gate ticket or Cottage Tour ticket.

Lunch options are also plentiful for the day. As always, we will have our famous box lunches for sale at Winfield Porch. The Dining Hall will also have one of Emily Frith's special Blue-Plate Southern lunches. There are also catering vendors who will have lunch items for sale. Please note that we will have a pre-sale for box lunches. Contact the office to reserve your lunch. We will have extra lunches for sale on the day of the event but usually sell out quickly. Box lunches are \$15 each.

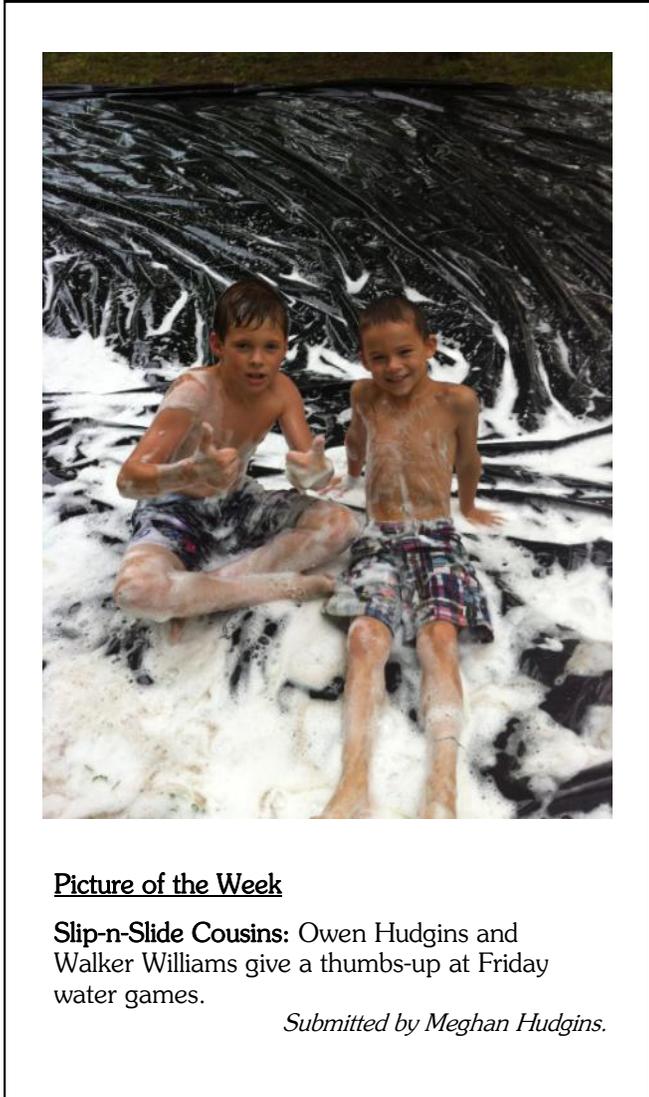
Purchase your advance tickets by calling the office (931) 924-2286. Credit cards accepted. Tickets will be available for pick-up at the North Gate entry on July 19.



Civil War Exhibit in Sewanee

The University Archives packed in a record crowd of over a hundred in the audience for 1968 alum Merritt Blakesley's talk, "A Rite Sharp Little Fight: Skirmish on Sewanee Mountain, July 4, 1863." Over 200 stopped in to see the opening of the exhibit, "Sewanee and the Civil War." The exhibit is part of a state-wide sesquicentennial commemoration of the Civil War.

The exhibit will be open to the public Monday-Friday from 1-4 pm through July 27th for those still interested in seeing it (instead of just by appointment only). Come on over! The archives and special collections building is next to DuPont Library on Georgia Avenue. Parking is behind the library. A path leads between the two buildings to the Archive entrance.



Picture of the Week

Slip-n-Slide Cousins: Owen Hudgins and Walker Williams give a thumbs-up at Friday water games.

Submitted by Meghan Hudgins.

“Cooking By The Book”: Culinary Demo On Thursday

Come see a cooking demonstration as Nashvillian Sallie Swor cooks from her new cookbook, *You're Grown - Now You Can Cook*. Be prepared to sample several dishes including appetizers, desserts, salad and an easy main course. Best of all, you will receive copies of all recipes. Have Sallie personalize your book, which will be available at the lecture for \$25 each (cash check or charge). Thursday, July 18 at 4 pm, in Harton Dining Hall.

Fireworks! July 19

Well, here we go again! Due to last week's continued rain, the fireworks have been rescheduled for Friday, July 19th at 8:45 pm. The fireworks will be a perfect end to the Malone Trabue Youth Week and the Woman's Association Cottage Tour & Bazaar. Please make your plans to attend. The movie previously scheduled for Friday July 19th will be shown in case of rain.



Strategic Planning: Where Are We Now?

By now I hope that all of you feel a part of our strategic planning process. Perhaps you filled out one of the surveys this spring. Maybe you attended one of the two open forum sessions held on June 14 and July 13. If you have seen the boards in the Dining Hall you see that many people have contributed to our ongoing discussions about how we envision the future of MSSA. The boards are the compilation of specific questions posed by our consultant, Ann Coulter, at the open forums. Please visit and read the remarks and feel free to add your own!

In addition to these discussions, there is a group of twenty individuals working "behind the scenes." They represent a broad cross-section of our MSSA constituency and they will be using all the gathered data to create our strategic plan. Feel free to talk to them about the process or give them your thoughts. And thank them for the time and energy they are devoting to this process. It is truly a labor of love and they deserve a big hug. The task force members are: Lisa Hammett, Stephanie Smith, Bill Cox, Doug Ferris, Ann Shayne, Mary Susan Kennedy, Henry Crais, Margaret Rixham, Jim Humphries, Sally Stevens, Anne Worthen, Sue Spickard, Jenny Jervis, Robin Thompson, Mary Balfour Van Zandt, Paula Walker, Don Rollins, and myself.

We are all looking forward to the end product – a 3-5 year plan that will help guide Assembly leadership as they make decisions and as they think about our next 130 years! And the best part? YOU will have had a hand in its making!

Thank you for all your input!

Kent Ballow
Chair, Long Range Planning

SUNDAY BUFFET
July 14, 2013

*Cajun grilled pork tenderloin
w/ praline mustard sauce*
*Grilled beef shoulder tenders
w/ horseradish sauce*
Corn pudding
Haricots verts w/ mushrooms
Watermelon salad
Fudge pie and ice cream

Dining Hall Hours
Monday-Friday
11:45AM to 1:00PM
Closed Saturday
Sunday Buffet from Noon
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Shrimp Boil
Saturday, June 27

\$25 - adults
\$10 - children (12 & under)
*Now accepting reservations
in the Dining Hall*

Music Note



It's hard to believe we have only three more weeks left on the mountain! The music program has had a lot of support from the adults as well as the children. A special shout out to the Assembly Chorus that sang for worship June 30, the children who sang July 7, and the Ringers & Singers who led us in this Sunday's worship. Another note of thanks goes to Pam Maloof, who has been my superb helper every week. She takes care of all the minutiae and leaves me free to work with the children. And of course, Ringers & Singers could not survive without our accompanist, Karin Haley!

Another word of thanks to Karin Haley, who will play for the Hymn Sing this afternoon at 4:30 pm in the chapel. We have been discussing plans for next season, and if you have ideas about the best time for the Hymn Sing for next year, please share them with me. We are thinking about holding Hymn Sings on three Wednesday nights before Twilight Prayers. Let me know if this sounds appealing to you. Singing our old hymns is a way of preserving our heritage. If we don't occasionally revisit them, their place in Americana will soon be forgotten.

A reminder to the Assembly Chorus (ages 12 and up): We sing one more time – Sunday, July 28. We will be practicing on Tuesday afternoon as well as Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 in the Chapel. A very special thanks goes to Sue Spickard who is our accompanist. I am so very challenged without the help of someone on the piano!

Please share with me any comments you have about the music program. It will be extremely helpful in planning for next year.

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Platform Suggestions Welcome!

The Speaker Recommendation form may be found on the MSSA website www.mssa1882.org, at the MSSA office, and at Winfield House. Please submit suggestions to Becky Nelson, Platform Superintendent, at becky.nelson@mssa1882.org. Becky may also be reached on her cell at (804) 306-3747.

W. A. Schmutzinberry Composes Tuesday Night



Tuesday evening at 8:15 pm, SSMF music educator Rami Vamos, in the persona of mediocre but enthusiastic composer Wolfgang Amadeus Schmutzinberry will, with audience assistance and on-stage musicians, 'compose' a masterwork for string quartet.

Last week, Vamos (as himself) led two afternoon music education workshop in Warren Chapel, as well as a week-long kids' class in Sewanee. This event is for whole families and kids of all ages (from 5 to 105!), and is a perfect closing event for workshop participants, in addition to teens and adults.

Come prepared to help Herr Schmutzinberry create beautiful music, in Warren Chapel after Tuesday twilight prayers.

Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

Week 6 Platform Guests

The Reverend McKay Caston, Guest Minister. Originally from Memphis, TN, Dr. McKay Caston completed his high school education in Jackson, MS, before receiving a B.A. in History and Literature at the University of Mississippi. He is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Covenant Seminary, where he earned both masters and doctorate degrees. Having served as an ordained teaching pastor for seventeen years, he presently is the Church Planter/Lead Pastor for Creekstone Church in Dahlonega, GA, a college town in the mountains north of Atlanta. McKay and his wife Kristy have three children, Ann Ferris (17), Schaeffer (15), and Sarah Wynn (9), who are fifth generation Assembly attendees. An avid trail runner and writer, McKay has completed off road races ranging from 10K to an ultra-marathon, and he has published several books including *The Bronze Serpent*, *The A+ for the F*, and *A Bridge Over Troubled Water*. He blogs at www.mckaycaston.com.

Gary Slaughter, Lecturer. Born and raised in Owosso, Michigan, Gary Slaughter graduated from the University of Michigan. He served six years as a naval officer and followed his naval service with a distinguished business career, during which he became an expert on the management of corporate information technology. Ten years ago Gary put his business career on hold and sat down to write the "Great American Novel." Since then he has written four award-winning novels drawing on his memories of the WWII home-front in Owosso, beginning with *Cottonwood Summer*. This summer Gary will speak to us about his involvement in an incident that occurred during the dark days of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Then an Ensign in the US Navy, Slaughter was credited with having played a key role in preventing this exchange, but he was sworn to secrecy. After 40 years the event was finally declassified, and Gary's story was revealed in Peter Huchthausen's book, *October Fury*, published in 2002. Slaughter was a key contributor to the PBS documentary, *The Man Who Saved the World*, which will be shown in conjunction with his visit to the Assembly.

James Acker, Youth Workshop Instructor. James Acker has spent every summer of his life coming to Monteagle as part of the fifth generation in his family associated with the Assembly. This summer, James will share his love of stories and movies in 4-day documentary filmmaking workshops for kids of various ages. A former summer Assembly youth staff member and a 2012 graduate of Moorestown High School in New Jersey, James has just completed his first year in the film program at Philadelphia's Drexel University.

Virginia Donelson Curry, Workshop Instructor. Virginia Donelson Curry, native Memphian and life-long Assembly supporter, is the Lausanne Collegiate School's Lower School Art Educator who transmits the passion of creativity and enthusiasm for beauty to her students. After graduating from St. Mary's Episcopal School, she attended Hollins College in Roanoke, VA. After working in the printing industry for 15 years, she changed careers to her happiest years, now as a teacher of children and adults. Virginia's art workshops for youth are always a popular feature of Youth Week at the Assembly. In addition, she is coordinating completion by Assembly volunteers of her design for a needle-work clerical stole as a future option for visiting clergy to use when serving in ministerial capacities at the Assembly. The completed stole will be dedicated to service on Sunday, August 4, at the close of this season.

Sallie Swor, Lecturer & Culinary Demonstration Presenter. For Nashville native Sallie Stamps Swor, cooking has been a passion, obsession, and creative outlet since she was a little girl. She is married to a very unadventurous eater whom she loves anyway. A Nashville native, she is a graduate of Hillsboro High School and Rhodes College with a Master's Degree in Education and School Counseling. Sallie recently retired from her position as a high school counselor and is devoting her time to her passion for cooking and sharing recipes. Sallie's new cookbook, *You're Grown – NOW YOU CAN COOK*, originated at the request of the author's son as he moved into his first apartment. "My son, Richard, wanted to cook for himself, eat well, and not spend a huge amount of money," Swor says. "As he prepared amazing meals for his friends, he discovered that they loved his recipes and wanted copies of his cookbook. *You're Grown – NOW YOU CAN COOK* was born, based on the concept that anyone who wants to can cook beautiful and delicious meals." Visit Sallie's cooking blog at www.thedeerone.com.

Annis W. Cox, Workshop Instructor. Assembly member Annis Cox has years of instructional experience as an elementary school art teacher. She is a self-described "life-long gatherer, crafter, and fabric-aholic" who is always thinking of how to make something beautiful or useful or both out of something that others might discard or overlook. She sews and quilts and loves to make things. Annis is looking forward to instructing in three afternoon "make and take" workshops at the Assembly again this summer, helping participants come away with new crafting skills as well as new creations to enjoy at home.

Sewanee Summer Music Festival. As part of its ongoing outreach beyond the Sewanee Domain, the prestigious SSMF chamber ensembles made up of student musicians will share a wide ranging repertoire in three chapel concerts this summer. For a complete schedule of SSMF concert offerings, and for ticket information to the Festival concerts in Sewanee, contact (931) 598-1225, or see www.sewanee.edu/ssmf.

Ralph Null, Floral Lecturer/Demonstrator. Ralph Null is an internationally recognized leader in floral arts and retail floriculture. During his floral career he has presented more than 850 lecture demonstrations throughout the world. His floral creations have graced White House state dinners, Presidential inaugurations, the windows of Saks Fifth Avenue and Macy's, and Neiman Marcus catalogues; and they have also appeared in many national and international publications. He authored *A Florist's Guide to Successful Weddings*; *A Christmas Collection*; *Spring Arrangements from the Southern Garden*; *Summer Arrangements from the Southern Garden*; and *Fall and Winter Arrangements from the Southern Garden*. Upon retirement from Mississippi State University in 1992 after 25 years of teaching, Null was made Professor Emeritus. Over 40 years ago Ralph began using landscape materials as opposed to traditional commercial floral materials, and this creative approach to naturalism is still the foundation of his designs.

Wendy Wilson, Fitness Instructor. Active in the fitness industry for over 25 years, Wendy Wilson began weight training as a teenager, won a couple of events, and continued mostly weight training until about 8 years ago when she became interested in yoga and began her journey with group fitness. She enjoys the experience of working out with others and encouraging and helping others to stay in shape. She is certified to teach group fitness yoga with pilates, weight training, kick boxing and aerobics.