

MOUNTAIN VOICES



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**Week of July 13-19
Events & Highlights**

**Guest Minister
Amanda Diamond**

**Sunday
Sunday Service 11:00am**

**Monday-Thursday
Twilight Prayers
7:30pm • Warren Chapel
Ringers & Singers Wednesday**

**Monday-Friday
Adult Exercise with Wendy
8-9am • Gymnasium**

**Tuesday-Thursday
A Formula for Art Fun! for Ea-
glets only, advance sign-up re-
quired
2:30-4pm • Shady Dell**

**In Honor of George Rodrigue
for Eagles only, advance sign-
up required
10am-Noon • Shady Dell**

**Improve Your Photographic
Skills for Eagles only, advance
sign-up required
2:30-4:30pm • Maney-MacLeod
Pavilion**

**Monday
Lecture: "The New Medicine,"
with Dr. Roy Elam
11am • Warren Chapel**

**Halloween in July for Hum-
mingbirds
5:30-6:30pm • Hummingbird
Room**

**Movie: "Benji the
Hunted" (1987, G)
8:05pm • Auditorium**

**Film & Discussion with Inge
Meyring Smith, "Born for Amer-
ica: The Life of Inge Meyring
Smith"
8:15pm • Warren Chapel**

**Tuesday
Lecture: "One of the Mira-
cles," with Inge Meyring Smith
11am • Warren Chapel**

**Adult Workshop: Making
Waves: Done in a Day Scarf,
with Sallie Swor
10am-Noon & 1:30-4:30pm •**

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From the President: Young & Restless

It is hard to believe we are entering Week 6 of the season. It's a good time to give a shout-out to our summer youth staff. They have amazing energy and dedication. It is challenging, exhausting, and fun – most of the time – to work with kids all day long. I can say that with authority because working with children is what I do for a living.

For many years I was a proud member of the MSSA youth staff, serving as crafts director, kindergarten director, and youth director in various years. In many ways it shaped my desire to continue to be a part of this special place. I have so many memories of fun and friendship. I lived in the "old" Nashville Home. My roommate Audrey and I shared a large room that opened onto the front porch. One night we were awakened by a thumping noise. When we turned on the light we saw a tee shirt making its way across the floor. Our screams brought the guys from upstairs, and the critter, a confused bat, was escorted elsewhere. No one could convince us that the bat had not been deliberately planted and thus began a ritual of jokes and pranks – some involving our ever-present bats, and some a bit more creative!

One truly great prank was executed long after I was a staff member. (I am certainly not going to tell any that incriminate me!) A certain staff member, we'll call him "Mike," was known for coming in late and none too quietly. While he was out one night, his fellow staffers took his entire room – bed, desk, books, everything down to the alarm clock and illuminated lamp on the bedside table – and set it all up precisely...in the gazebo on the Mall!

I am sure Mike was surprised. But the best surprise of all was when round robin tennis began at 9am and the players arrived to find Mike snoring in his new room in the gazebo!

Being a member of the youth staff is a rewarding and character-building experience. It helps tie our older youth and young adults to the Assembly. It creates memories and friendships that last a lifetime. It also creates relationships spanning the generations – something we all know is special and unique about MSSA. Thank you 2014 Youth Staff – We love you! And keep the furniture in the Nashville Home.

-- Kent

Great Platform Events This Week!

Two events at the Assembly this week feature **Inge Meyring Smith**, an inspiring woman who narrowly escaped the Holocaust as a child. She found herself in New York as a teen, living in poverty and able to read only German. In 1952, after having moved to Franklin, Tenn., with her husband Paul, she started a kindergarten in the basement of her church, where her love of teaching flourished. She went on to complete a master's degree in education from Vanderbilt's prestigious Peabody College. Through the Head Start program, Inge created a private elementary school named Harpeth Academy, now known as Battleground Academy Lower School in Franklin. The school reflects Inge's sincere belief that schools should "Teach the child, not the subject." Her story is the focus of the book *One of the Miracles: The Inge Meyring Smith Story* and a movie, *Born for America: The Life of Inge Meyring Smith*. The movie will be screened Monday evening at 8:15pm in Warren Chapel; Inge will speak Tuesday at 11am in the Chapel.

Two additional lectures this week focus on **Tennessee history**. Jane Hardy will speak about "Renovating Historic, Sustainable, Award-Winning Little House Nashville" at 11am Thursday. The house is one of the first historic homes in the nation to receive Platinum Certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). That evening, Paul Clements will share the story of "The Nickajack Expedition and the Present Site of Monteagle" at 8:15pm. Clements has written two books about the history of *Middle Tennessee, A Past Remembered* and *Chronicles of the Cumberland Settlements*.

Finally, the **Sewanee Summer Music Festival** concludes its Assembly chamber music series Tuesday evening, the final in its performances in Warren Chapel. They will perform at 8:15pm in Warren Chapel.

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Shady Dell

Movie: "Bedknobs and Broomsticks" (G, 1971)
8:05pm • Auditorium

Chamber Concert with the Sewanee Summer Music Festival
8:15pm • Warren Chapel

Wednesday

MSSA Woman's Association Meeting
10am • Winfield Porch

Early Bird Movie:

"Fern Gully: The Last Rainforest" (G, 1992), *Hummingbirds & parents!*
6pm • Auditorium

Old-Fashioned Family Hymn Sing!
8-8:45pm • Warren Chapel

Movie: "Epic" (PG, 2013)
8:05pm • Auditorium

Thursday

Lecture: "Renovating Historic, Sustainable, Award-Winning *Little House Nashville*," with Jane Hardy
11am • Warren Chapel

Movie: "How to Train Your Dragon" (PG, 2010)
8:05pm • Warren Chapel

Lecture: "The Nickajack Expedition and the Present Site of Monteagle," with Paul Clements
8:15pm • Warren Chapel

Friday

Woman's Association Bazaar
9am-5pm • On the Mall

Woman's Association 50th Anniversary Cottage Tour
11am-4pm • MSSA Grounds

Floral Lecture/Demonstration with Ralph Null
1-2pm • Warren Chapel

Flashback Friday Movie: "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" (G, 1968)
8pm • Auditorium

Saturday

All-Assembly Family Excursion: Hiwassee River, advance sign-up required
8am • Meet at Auditorium

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Bulletin boards at the Auditorium, Chapel, and Dining Hall will have information about additions and changes to the schedule.

Mountain Voices

Liz Norell, editor

Deadline to submit items for the next issue is Wednesday, July 16th.

Please send articles or other news items to platform@mssa1882.org.

Music Notes

Music is very definitely part of worship; chosen well, it supports and reinforces the pastors' Sunday sermons and themes for Twilight Prayers. The different groups of singers have added to our worship experiences. A huge shout-out to Whit Uden, Abby and her dad, Clark Hudgins, the Assembly Chorus, Ringers & Singers, and the Men's Group! They have added immeasurably to our worship experiences!

Still to come:

- Ringers & Singers today during the Offertory
- Ms. Pam's Krystal Bell Ringers today during the Prelude
- Assembly Chorus - Sunday, July 20
- Men's Group - Sunday, July 27
- Bill Phillips - Sunday, August 3

You may have noticed that Ringers and Singers are part of worship on Wednesday nights at Twilight Prayers. Sometimes they sing at the beginning of the service and sometimes they sing at the end. Ms. Pam's Krystal Bell Ringers is adding to Thursday nights at Twilight Prayers.

Invitation to ALL: We would love to have you, your teenagers, and your children (ages 6 - 11) join one or more of our groups. The only requirement is a LOVE for SINGING! (The Men's Group requires the ability to sight-read music.)

I enjoy serving as coordinator of our worship music and directing three of the choirs. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact me.

-- Judith Humphreys

Update From Winfield

The Fletcher Room is available for a two-night minimum beginning Wednesday, July 16th through Saturday, July 19th. Nightly rate \$75 and one time cleaning fee of \$30 (check or cash). No smoking, no pets, guests must be 25 years or older. The room is air conditioned with twin beds and a small refrigerator. Perfect for guests wanting to attend the Cottage Tour. If interested contact Cindy Huston at Winfield (931) 924-2255.

We are still accepting donations for the Adult Library. Current hardback books always appreciated! Thank you to Doug Ferris and Jean Jervis for recent donations.



July 4th softball game

LOST: Blue and white tablecloth that was left on one of the picnic tables on July 4th. It has a dark blue background with a patchwork design of stripes, flowers and various patterns all over it in white. It was left on table 149A, near the chapel. It has sentimental value as it was a recent birthday present from me to my mother, Betsy Headen, and this was the first time she had used it. If you have any information, please contact Carrie Layson at (615) 479-6123 or turn into the office and they will contact me.

For Housing - Ask Ruth and Debra! 931-924-9000

- Should you have concerns that your cottage has not rented to your satisfaction during the season or off-season, contact Ruth or Debra to discuss your options.
- If you are willing to consider offering your cottage for 3-day rentals, call Ruth and Debra.
- If you are willing to negotiate or prorate rentals, call Ruth and Debra.
- If you have questions about your rentals, call Debra.

SEASON OFFICE HOURS:

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

Bits and Pieces

Mountain Voices articles: Be sure to submit your articles for *Mountain Voices* to Liz Norell at platform@mssa1882.org by Wednesday of each week to ensure they make the next edition. Thank you!

• Don't forget to come to the **Thursday Morning Mountain Market from 7-10am** in front of the Harton Dining Hall. Come early to be sure to get the freshest flowers and local goodies.

• **Call Scott First!** Only routine maintenance, house cleaning, and lawn care are permissible during the season. If you need to make an emergency repair to your cottage during the season, please contact the General Manager before calling a contractor.

• **Don't Get Ticketed!** To avoid getting a ticket, remember to have your auto permit on the dash of your car at all times while you are on Assembly Grounds. Carry your gate tickets with you, even if you're on a golf cart.

• Thanks to all who contributed **table blessings** for the dining hall! The Chapel committee hopes you will enjoy using these prayers with your family and friends as you gather to share meals this summer. For now we have enough to go around, but if others come to mind that you would like to submit, please feel free to send them to Cullen Hornaday, cullen704@gmail.com or drop them by Cottage 91 (Summertime) for use later in the Season.

• **Dining Hall Accounts:** For cash-free dining, be sure to set up a Dining Hall account in advance through the Main Office.

• Eliminate waiting time by **PRE-ORDERING YOUR GATE TICKETS**. You can do so off the web site or by calling the office 931-924-2286. We will have your tickets waiting at the gate for you to pick up. A great way to make your guests' visits easier, too!

• **Golf Cart Regulations:** All golf carts must be registered with the office. State law requires that anyone driving a golf cart must 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.

• **Grounds:** Lawn trimmings will be collected every Wednesday.

• **New Projects?** The ARC will evaluate on site your proposed projects on July 23rd. Please reserve a time at the office.

• **It's a Tradition (and a regulation, too):** Each day from 1:00 - 2:30 PM is observed as Quiet Hour throughout the Assembly. Children should remain in their cottages, reading, playing games, or resting. Tennis should only be played on the East Gate courts. Please respect the daily Quiet Hour tradition.



• **Adult Tennis Clinics:** Sewanee pro, Currie Martin, offers tennis clinics for adults on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 2:30-3:30pm ("Sahara" Courts) \$15.00 per clinic, cash or check. Private lessons are also available for \$50 per hour (1-2 players). Contact Currie at wcmartin@sewanee.edu or at 606-879-6330.

• **Trash pickup** begins at 5am Monday and Thursday. Be sure you have secured your garbage can lids, as dogs and raccoons have been getting into them. The trash pickup crew also notes that they are only able to pick up garbage that is inside a bag and down inside your garbage cans. Do not leave items, including cardboard boxes, sitting next to your garbage cans.

• **The advertisers** in our program book make it possible for us to have the books printed and available each season. Please consider patronizing their businesses while you're on the Mountain this summer!

• **Hummingbirds** who want to play bells, come to Warren Chapel at 2:30 on Tuesday and Thursday. We will play at Twilight Prayers on Thursday night at 7:30. Any child who would like to play, come on.

• **Dog owners:** Please do not forget to pick up after your dog answers nature's call! It is important that we maintain a safe, clean environment for all.

Photo of the Week



William Walters (son of Katherine Walters) playing on the playground for the first time!

Photo of the Week: Email photos of your fun at the Assembly to Liz Norell at platform@mssa1883.org. The best picture of each week will be featured in a following issue of *Mountain Voices*.

We Need Your Help!

The Bazaar Bake Sale needs your cookies, cakes, pies, pickles, breakfast breads, etc. for the Bake Sale booth at the MSSA Woman's Association Bazaar. Drop off goods by 8:30am Friday. If you have questions, call Linda Parrish or Lucinda Trabue, 615-351-9967.

Make a Wavy Scarf in One Day!

Join Sally Swor as she leads us in a fun project that is suitable for beginners to advanced knitters. We'll use multi-colored lacy yarn to knit a fashionable scarf. 10am-Noon & 1:30-4:30pm at the Art Pavilion. Advance sign-up required. \$25 includes a fully stocked knit bag



EARLY BIRD MOVIES

Hummingbirds
and parents too!!

Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM

This week: *Fern Gully: The Last Rainforest (1992, G)*

2014 Cottage Tour & Bazaar

We are pleased to announce homes that will be on the 2014 Cottage Tour & Bazaar. They are:

- 1) "West Side Story," Anne Byrn Roberts
- 2) "Hallelujah," Frannie & Larry Smith
- 3) "Point of View," Brant & Susie Lipscomb
- 4) "Orr Cottage," Blythe & Wilson Orr Jr.
- 5) "Leap of Faith," Margaret & Steve Rixham
- 6) "MoJo," Ellen Moore
- 7) "Fairy Houses," nestled on Hummingbird Hill, created by children of all ages

We are truly thrilled with this line-up and are busy making plans for this Monteagle tradition. Thank you to all of the home owners who have agreed to open their homes. Each is busy getting things ready for this special day. We feel that this year's tour has a great representation of wonderful Monteagle architecture, and guests will really get a sense of both traditional, newer-period homes, and beautiful renovations.

Also in the works is the "Bazaar on the Mall!" Amanda Moody has been busy getting vendors for the event. Please contact her if you know of a person who would be a good fit for 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 Ralph Null. Ralph is a nationally known florist whose arrangements and floral schemes have been present at countless parties and big events. We are so lucky to have him back. He will give a floral demonstration, and we will be auctioning off his beautiful creations. The demonstration is open to all holding a gate ticket or a Cottage Tour ticket.

Lunch options are plentiful! As always, we will have our world-famous boxed lunches for sale at the Women's Club (on Winfield Porch). They are always full of tempting treats. Tables will be set up on the Winfield lawn for guests to eat their lunch. The Dining Hall will also have one of Emily Frith's special blue-plate Southern lunches. The Edgeworth Inn will also be having a boarding house meal on the day of the tour. Please note that we will have a pre-sale for box lunches. You can contact the office to reserve your lunch. We will have extra lunches on sale on the day of the event, but those usually sell out quickly.

As always, we will have a friendly group of Monteagle Ambassadors driving golf carts to get you where you need to go!

Friday, July 18h

Bazaar	9am - 4pm
Cottage Tour	11am - 4pm
Ralph Null	1pm - 2pm

Tickets

Pre-Sale Price (before July 18): \$15
 Day of event: \$20
 Box lunches: \$15

Edgeworth Boarding House Lunch (reservations required): \$14.95 per person. Please contact Inn directly for reservations: (931) 924-4000.

Pre-purchase your Cottage Tour and Box Lunch tickets by calling the office at 924-2286. You can use your credit card to pay for the transaction. Tickets will be available for you at the check-in point.

Leaseholds Available

#6	Windcrest	\$550,000
#30	Balconies	\$900,000
#49	Tranquil Eyster	\$450,000
#98	Idlehour	\$390,000
#129	Hallelujah	\$375,000 -- Reduced
#136	Endevor	\$595,000
#146	Boutcher	\$595,000
#148	Brookview	\$545,000
#156	Robin Hill	\$250,000
#165	Once Upon A Time	\$685,000 -- Reduced

Buffet Menu Sunday, July 13

Linguini with shrimp and sausage and cajun spices
 Coca cola glazed ham
 Creole succotash
 Sauteed green beans
 Assorted salads
 Mississippi mud cake and ice cream

FARM TO TABLE DINNER FRIDAY, JULY 25

With a special live jazz performance by Sewanee musicians. This is going to be a very special night!

Let Every Voice Be Heard!

ARE YOU ON AN MSSA COMMITTEE? Would you like to be? At the end of the season, committees will be re-organizing. Now is an excellent time to look over the various committees. They can be found in the back of your program. Additionally, committee descriptions and contact information for the chairs can be found on our website.

Committees are an extremely important part of our organization! And contrary to urban legend, you do not have to be a member to serve on a committee! Some committees are small by design, and some need more manpower. If you are interested, contact the current chair or Kent Ballow, who will pass the information along to the incoming chair.

Call Security

For any non-emergency, please call (931) 607-8615 to report a disturbance or anything that seems odd or out of the ordinary.

Always call 911 for
Emergencies.



Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

Week 6 Platform Guests

Wesley Arning, Youth Minister. Wesley Arning will be a senior psychology major at Gordon College in Wenham, MA this upcoming fall. He spent the fall semester of 2013 at a study abroad program in Jerusalem where he took courses on Rabbinic Literature, Biblical Geography, and Biblical Archaeology. He fell in love not only with the Holy Land, but also with the people and culture that makes it such a special place. He has served as a leader of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Athletes in Action. A native of Murfreesboro, TN and a lifelong member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church Murfreesboro, he served as vestry youth representative, diocesan committee member to organize an acolyte festival, and lay rector of the diocesan Happening weekend retreat for youth. He led a Bible study in Rutherford County jail and worked with homeless men and women in Boston and at Trinity Church in Nashville. He feels a calling to work with poor and underprivileged families and is beginning the discernment process to the priesthood.

Paul Clements, Lecturer. Paul Clements was born in Nashville in 1947, attended Woodmont Elementary School, Battle Ground Academy, Vanderbilt, and Peabody College, and completed a degree in Human Behavior. He began coaching children's athletics in 1966, and continued coaching for over 40 years. Paul became seriously involved in researching Middle Tennessee history in 1976, and his first book, *A Past Remembered*, was published in 1987. His most recent book, *Chronicles of the Cumberland Settlements*, is a compilation of accounts covering the frontier history of Middle Tennessee and was released in 2012. He and his wife Ruth and live in Williamson County and have four children.

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. She is an active member in several national and state professional art associations, and in 2008 she spoke at the National Art Educators Association convention in New Orleans. In 2013, she spoke at the Tennessee Art Educators Association Convention on Clay in the Elementary classroom. After working in the printing industry for 15 years, she changed careers to her happiest years, now as a teacher of children and adults.

The Reverend Amanda Diamond, Guest Minister. Rev. Amanda Diamond is an ordained clergy in the United Methodist Church. She has led numerous spiritual retreats throughout the country and has preached to large denominational gatherings over her 16 years of ministry. Amanda has pastored in a variety of church settings and is currently serving as lead pastor at Morton Memorial UMC. She received her Masters of Divinity degree from the Methodist Theological School of Ohio. She along with her husband Luke and daughter Emma reside in Monteagle.

Roy Elam, Lecturer. Roy O. Elam, III, M.D., a Sewanee alumnus, is associate professor of Internal Medicine at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, where he teaches healing arts and inter-professional learning and serves as ombudsman. In his role as medical director for the Vanderbilt Center for Integrative Health, Elam is involved in educational and clinical activities. His work in mindfulness and integrative health dates back two decades when he trained under John Kabat Zinn, Ph.D., developer of Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR). Elam has been practicing Centering Prayer since 1993. He also has studied mind-body medicine with holistic and integrative health pioneers Rachel Remen, M.D., and James Gordon, M.D. Also passionate about his work with individuals and families at the end of life, Elam is a

past chair of the Alive Hospice Board and a founder of the Vanderbilt Palliative Care Program. Dr. Elam represents the Vanderbilt Center for Integrative Health as 1 of 55 active members in the Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine. In the School of Medicine, he has led the training of classes 2016 and 2017 in health coaching.

Norris Nelson Gagnet, Youth Workshop Instructor. Norris Gagnet has loved photography since high school, wanting to photograph the unique architecture of her New Orleans surroundings. After earning undergraduate (Millsaps College) and masters (UNO) degrees in early childhood education and teaching for 10 years, becoming a mother made Norris want to upgrade her camera equipment to better capture the moment. With the encouragement of friends and family, Norris eventually started taking child and family portraits in natural light, and her new photographic business was born. She has also expanded her experience in recent years by taking several classes at the Academy of Fine Arts in New Orleans. Norris feels passionately that everyone should have good pictures and quality prints of the people, places, and events they treasure, and she enjoys helping others improve their photographic skills. Ms. Gagnet taught very successful photography workshops during the Assembly's 2010 & 2012 summer seasons, and her photographs graced both the covers and pages of the 2010- 2012 program books.

Jane Hardy, Lecturer. In 1992, when Jane Hardy and her husband Rod Kochtitzky bought a 1920 Bungalow near West End Avenue in Nashville, the detached garage/servants' quarters had two large holes in the roof and was uninhabitable. After stabilizing the 750 sq. ft. clapboard structure, Jane began a 15-year process of gaining insight from historic residences, including those on MSSA cottage tours, and collecting antique doors, cabinets, and hardware. Jane tried to envision every possible use of the structure for the next 50 years, and designed accordingly. All interior walls were removed, resulting in one large room that can be converted for several uses: small group discussions, cooking, eating, watching TV, sleeping (queen-size Murphy bed and two twin beds), and entertaining. Goals included energy efficiency, Universal Design, 100% wood walls and ceilings, and maintaining the historic exterior. "Little House Nashville" is one of the first historic homes in the nation to receive Platinum Certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council in 2011. It was selected "Best Green House," by GreenSource, The Magazine of Sustainable Design, in February 2011. The Metropolitan Historical Commission of Nashville-Davidson County, gave it an "Architectural Award," in 2012, and the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), Middle Tennessee Chapter, gave it the "Green Star Award, Best of the Best: Residential" in 2012. See more at www.LittleHouseNashville.com.

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 has exhibited in London, Oslo, Cape Town, Sydney and Tokyo, as well as throughout the United States, including the Smithsonian Institution. Null has served as president of the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD) and as CFO of the AIFD Foundation. 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*

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Week 6 Platform Guests

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Arrangements from the Southern Garden. Upon retirement from Mississippi State University in 1992 after 25 years of teaching, Null was made Professor Emeritus. More than 40 years ago, he began using landscape materials as opposed to traditional commercial floral materials, and this creative approach to naturalism is still the foundation of his designs.

Inge Meyring Smith, Lecturer. Inge was born in Germany and narrowly escaped the Holocaust. In New York as a teen living in poverty and able to read only German, Inge struggled to complete her education. While working as a secretary on Wall Street, she met and married Paul M. Smith. They later moved to Franklin, TN where they had three children. In 1952, Inge started a kindergarten in the basement of her church and her love of teaching children flourished. Wishing to continue her education, Inge enrolled at Vanderbilt's prestigious Peabody College. After earning her Masters degree in education, Inge served in the Appalachians and Mississippi in John F. Kennedy's Head Start program where her life was threatened several times for bringing food and the love of learning to impoverished Mississippi black families. In the midst of Head Start in 1969, Inge was given the opportunity to create a private elementary school, Harpeth Academy (currently Battleground Academy Lower School in Franklin), which would eventually serve as a role model for several independent schools throughout the U.S. and Europe. With the motto, "Teach the child, not the subject," Inge has inspired untold thousands of children with a love of learning that they otherwise might not have experienced. As she approaches her late-80s, Inge hasn't slowed. She continues to operate the preschool that she started over 60 years ago with the philosophy that each child is a gift from God, the value of which is not determined by race or social privilege, but by opportunity, which she feels is a basic right for all children throughout the globe. She is the focus of the book, *One of the Miracles: The Inge Meyring Smith Story*, and the DVD, *Born for America: The Life of Inge Meyring Smith*.

Sallie Swor, Workshop Instructor. Nashville native Sallie Stamps Swor enjoys cooking, knitting, craft projects, gardening, reading and writing her food blog. She participates in the Query Club, Town and Country Garden Club, and Centennial Club Knitters. She has served as President for the Educators Book Club and as Historian for the Colonial Dames. Recent volunteer jobs have included the Friends Board at Vanderbilt, Cheekwood Antique and Garden Show, Bethlehem Center, Power of the Purse, Community Foundation Sale, Restoration at Belmont, Knitting Clubs at USN and Hillsboro, and West End Methodist Music Camp. She lives in Nashville with her husband and two basset hounds near Radnor Lake. Their son is studying to become a music and sound producer. Sallie is a graduate of Hillsboro High School and Rhodes College and holds a Masters Degree in Counseling and Psychology from University of Memphis. Follow Sallie on her blog at <http://thedeerone.com>.

Recycle Your Pass Sleeves

We collect and reuse the plastic sleeves for gate passes each year. Please drop yours off at the office or at the gate house before you leave the Assembly!



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.



Woman's Association Updates

Please attend our **final organizational meeting for The 50th Anniversary Cottage Tour and Bazaar!** We will meet at 10am at Winfield House on Wednesday to review all of our plans, secure volunteers, and to hear final instructions from Chairman Susan Acker and Bazaar Co-Chairmen Amanda Moody and Ellie Billington. There is so much excitement rolled up around this huge event and we want you to be a part of it! To be included, all you have to do is come to our meeting and pick a spot to help that sounds fun to you for the Friday Tour and Bazaar. You might help with the Bake Sale, help in one of the Tour cottages, pass out box lunches at Winfield, set up card tables, bring water to our Bazaar vendors, or sell tickets at the North Gate. We would love to have you join us. Please see Susan's article in this issue of Mountain Voices for more details on the Tour and Bazaar.

Also this week at Winfield House is a **Book Swap** on Monday at 2:30pm. Bring a book to swap! Wednesday at 2:30pm is our **Adult Card Party**. Come ready to play your favorite card game or Mah Jong.

Everyone is invited to join us this week and bring all of your friends for a wonderful day on the 18th at The Assembly for our 50th Anniversary Cottage Tour and Bazaar. It is truly amazing!

--Frannie Smith, Woman's Association President

What a Night!

Applause and hugs go to Anne Byrn Floyd and Meghan Hudgins for organizing and executing our fantastic fundraiser. Not only did they raise significant dollars for the refurbishment of our auditorium, they also showcased what a spectacular setting it is for events and parties! Our guests were amazed at its beauty and incredible acoustics. Thanks are also due to Becky Nelson for arranging the evening's performance of "Words and Music: The Best of Nashville" and to Emily Frith for fabulous food. We look forward to future events in our auditorium!

-- Kent Ballow

We would like to thank everyone who attended the event on Saturday night. What an awesome set of talent we had! We would also like to give a big shout-out to Emily Frith for such amazing food, Clark Hudgins for his many hours of set-up and break-down of all the technical gear, Village Liquors for their contribution, Bluebird Winery for the wine, and especially Village Tavern in Se-wanee for the full donation of the beer truck.

-- Meghan Hudgins and Anne Byrn

We Want Your Platform Suggestions!

Platform is always looking for your suggestions for speakers & ministers next season! Platform recommendation forms may be completed online or in the office, or you may email

Platform Superintendent Becky Nelson at becky.nelson@mssa1882.org.