From the President: Top Ten Reasons to Love MSSA!

Okey, there are far more than ten. But these are the non-negotiable things that I love about the Assembly!

1. Thunderstorms. I am talking about afternoon pop-ups that are loud and lower the temperature by 10 degrees. I am not referring to steady, driving, relentless rain.
2. Lunch in Harton Dining Hall with old and new friends. Especially when Emily makes mac and cheese!
3. Hiking from Waldrop Woods on the West Nature Trail to Warren’s Point and then connecting to the East Trail to North Gate. Without encountering another human being!
4. Oak Leaf Hydrangea. It refuses to grow in my yard, so I admire it in everyone else’s!
5. Scavenger Hunt Thursdays. I love it when the kids knock on my door looking for some strange item. Oddly enough, I usually have it!
6. Thursday morning farmer’s market! Carlene’s flowers, Darlene’s eggs, Jerry’s tomatoes. It doesn’t get any better than this!
7. November on the grounds. I know it is July, but I am already looking forward to Thanksgiving at MSSA. I hope it snows. But not too much.
8. The porch at Winfield. It’s the happening gathering spot for bell ringers, card players, poppy knitters, story listeners, painters, tea sippers, and cookie eaters!
9. The POSSIBILITY of trolls.

There are hundreds of reasons to love this place! Enjoy the sixth week!

-- Kent Ballow

A Film, Some Music, and Lectures Galore On Tap

We’re excited to welcome Nashville filmmaker Michael Graziano to Warren Chapel Tuesday evening for a screening of his critically acclaimed documentary, “Resistance: Not All Germs Are Created Equal.” The film will be shown at 8:15pm, with a discussion to follow. The film investigates the medical overdependence on antibiotics and the development in recent years of resistant infections. More information on the film, including how to find it for viewing, is available at www.resistancethefilm.com.

Always a hit, the Woman’s Association’s 51st Annual Cottage Tour and Bazaar takes place on the Mall Friday. Several cottages are on the tour this year, and veteran floral designer Ralph Null will offer a floral workshop and lecture at 1pm in the Chapel. Tickets are available at the office and are $15 each in advance or $20 on the day of the Tour. Box lunches may also be reserved in advance at Winfield or the office for $15 each. Vendors will set up on the Mall with a variety of items available for sale.

Italian music and a wine tasting round out the week on Saturday evening. The Anita Camarella and Davide Facchini Duo will present their music in the Winfield Garden Saturday at 5pm. Wine tasting is provided by Village Wine and Spirits.

Be sure to check out the bulletin boards or your program book for a full list of the week’s lectures and events! There’s lots going on this week!

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O’Connor Reading Available

Victor Judge, a lecturer on Flannery O’Connor, will join us in for a lecture on July 29th, “The Incarnational Art of Flannery O’Connor.” He has sent us several copies of a short story that he recommends reading prior to the lecture. Feel free to pick up a copy of the short story either from the Assembly office or from Winfield Library!

For Housing - Ask Rhonda 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 Rhonda or Debra to discuss your options.
- If you are willing to consider offering your cottage for 3-day rentals, call Rhonda and Debra.
- If you are willing to negotiate or prorate rentals, call Rhonda and Debra.
- If you have questions about your rentals, call Debra.

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From Winfield

- The Arty Party on Friday, July 24th is filling up quickly -- only eight spots left! Secure your spot at Winfield with a check for $35. Our own Deborah Denson is the teacher. The time is 6-8:00 pm, a change from last time.
- Winfield still has four hardback copies of Mountain Voices for sale at $50 each. Available through hostess Cindy Huston.
- Cottage Tour tickets, box lunches, and dues can be paid during Winfield hours (cash or check please).
- Please come see our Wonderful McCarty for the raffle; generously donated by Chloe Fort. Tickets on sale for this piece.
- Our final book swap will be Monday 2:30-4 pm on the porch.
- We are always accepting donations of current hardback books to improve the library.
- Please remember us if you have extra 9 oz cups or cocktail napkins you no longer use!
- Winfield Hours are 9-11 am and 2:30-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday.
- Password for Wii Fii is 5ff73c58fc and is case sensitive.

-- Cindy Huston, Winfield Hostess

Dog Days at MSSA

Just a reminder that all dogs on Assembly grounds must be up-to-date on shots. The office needs current rabies records on file. They can be emailed, faxed, or mailed to Diane Cruise at the office or at Diane@msaa1882.org.

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.

Mountain Voices

Liz Norell, editor

Please send your stories and photos for inclusion in the next issue to platform@msaa1882.org
Bits and Pieces

• No mowing on Sundays, please!
• Call Scott First! Only routine 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.
• Dining Hall Accounts: For cash-free dining, be sure to set up a Dining Hall account in advance at the 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 new 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. Cottage numbers must appear on both sides of your cart!
• 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.
• Grounds: Lawn trimmings will be collected every Wednesday.
• New project? The next deadline to submit a plan for ARC approval is July 15th.
• 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.

Sunday Lay Readers Needed

The Chapel Committee would like to have a list of possible lay readers for the Sunday services. If you would be willing to read Scripture, please let us know which Sundays you would be available and how best to contact you. You can volunteer by sending your information to cul-len704@gmail.com. Thank you to all the wonderful youth lay readers who have participated in Sunday worship this season.

—Cullen Hornaday, Warren Chapel Committee

The pool will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 8-9:00am beginning June 30th for adult lap swim and water exercise.

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. No deliveries during quiet hours, please!

• Adult Tennis Clinics: Sewanee tennis player Robert Corey will offer clinics and private/small-group lessons for the remainder of the season. He will hold an adult tennis clinic on Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays from 4:30-5:30. For more information, contact Robert at coreyrr0@sewanee.edu or at 205-516-7796.

Morton Memorial’s Fish Fry

Morton Memorial UMC’s 8th Annual Fish Fry is coming up! Please mark your calendars for a great afternoon of eating fried fish, hush puppies, fries, cole slaw, and, of course, those big wonderful desserts. Ticket prices are $10 per adult, $5 per child. The fish fry will be held Saturday July 25th, 4-7:00 pm. This year we are raising money for our new ministry, Tools 4 Schools, which will help buy supplies for our mountain school children and the Brinkley School, an orphanage in India. In addition to wonderful food, we will be having an auction. This is our second auction, so plan on joining us for a fun time and for a great ministry.

Picture of the Week

Moved into the Chapel because of the rain, the Candlelight Service on July 4th was an opportunity to recognize the events of the last year.

Despite the rain (last week’s catch phrase) the Waldrop Woods walk/run on July 3 was a blast. The overall winner (left) was Beck Blake. Close behind were finalists, Jim Wildman, Eli Wildman, Whit Uden, and Ellie Wildman! Thank you Norman Blake, for your excellent organization of this event for nine years!
From the Youth Staff

- We had many parent volunteers help the youth program during Week 4! Thank you to the following progressive supper volunteers: Helen Hyde, Paige Hill, Murray Smartt, Susie Elder, Ellen More, Shae & Jim Uden, Maggie Badley, Sallie Stroud, and the Clonigers. Thank you Anne Byrn Flood for hosting the Eaglets Progressive Dessert. Thank you Marie Leighton for hosting the Hummingbirds Progressive Snack. We appreciate all the volunteers that make these activities possible!
- Please arrive 5-10 minutes early for excursions so we can leave on time and have as much time on our outing as possible!
- Be sure to “like” our MSSA Youth page on Facebook where you can find the latest information about youth activities: www.facebook.com/MssaYouth
- Please remind your children not to bring their cell phones or electronic devices to youth activities.
- Buzzards & Falcons MUST wear closed toe shoes to campfire on Wednesday nights for safety reasons.
- The Youth Staff is collecting large and small cardboard boxes to build another box village later in the season. Please bring donations to the Nashville Home!
- Hummingbirds parents - please remember to sign out your child at the end of Hummingbirds!
- Don’t forget to check out the t-shirts & Tervis Tumblers in the Snack Shop!
- Looking to improve your child’s swimming while in Monteagle? Then you are in luck! All of the lifeguards are offering swim lessons this summer. For $15/half hour per child we will work to improve your child’s swimming abilities and teach them how to stay safe in the water. Come to the pool and talk to any of the guards to set up a lesson.
- The Christian Education Coordinator, Anna Wingo, needs the help of the Buzzards & Falcons to make campfire a success. Please see her flyer outside the Snack Shop and be sure to participate in her campfire activity.
- All youth who are traveling off assembly grounds as part of a youth activity must sign a “permission to ride release.” This includes Eagles who are riding with parent drivers as well as Buzzards & Falcons who are riding with Youth Staff members. These forms will be available at morning registration and before excursions depart.
- We love offering Eaglet and Eagle excursions, however we need parents to volunteer on the front end so we can determine how many youth we can take. Please volunteer early so we can take as many kids as possible on these fun excursions!
- While we appreciate the generosity of parents in feeding our staff, please check with Youth Coordinator, Grae C Wingo, beforehand so that we can monitor the amount of food in the Nashville Home. We have a lot of people living in the house this summer and not a whole lot of fridge space.
- As a reminder, parents are responsible for their children in the baby pool at all times. In addition, the baby pool will be closed to all children during Friday water games unless accompanied by an adult.
- The lifeguards take a break and everyone must be out of the pool from 3:30-4:30 pm and from 4:30-4:40 pm every afternoon. Please keep this in mind when planning your trips to the pool!
- In order to provide our Monteagle family with a method to receive text message notifications for last minute program changes or emergency alerts, we have created a text messaging system. It is simple to sign up and simple to unsubscribe, just text the group name(s) to which you wish to subscribe to 84483. We will continue to communicate through Mountain Voices, email, and social media as well.
  - Text MSSAYOUTH to 84483 to receive MSSA Youth alerts.
  - Text MSSANEWS to 84483 to receive MSSA Community alerts.
  - Text HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel alerts at any time. For customer support contact info@rainedout.com or 800-230-1933. Msg&data rates may apply.

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.

Safety First!

Bike and golf carts must obey speed limits, stop for all stop signs, and travel in the same direction as automobile traffic.

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

EARLY BIRD MOVIES
Hummingbirds and parents too!!
Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM
This week: Monsters, Inc. (2001, G)
Montegue Sunday School Assembly

Week 6 Platform Guests

Rev. Keith Gunter, Guest Minister. Keith Gunter is the Associate Pastor for New Church Development at First Presbyterian Church of Nashville. He is a graduate of Kennesaw State University and received his Masters from Columbia Theological Seminary. In his call, he serves as a church planter for New Creation Church in Hendersonville, TN. Keith started the church in his home when he moved to Hendersonville in 2012. The church has grown out of his living room and is now in its 3rd location. Prior to living in Hendersonville, Keith served as the Pastor for Family Ministries at First Presbyterian of Marietta, GA where he led a youth ministry of over 300 students. Currently, his work has kept him very involved in the community including serving as the chairman for the Heritage Commission and as board member for the Summer YMCA, the Drug Court Coalition, and with the Community Pastor’s Association. Over the years Keith has led retreats and workshops, served as a guest lecturer for Denver Theological Seminary, and worked nationally with new church development initiative in the PCUSA. Keith is married to Amy and has 3 children (Autumn, 7, Noah 5, Macy 2). They love being outdoors, taking care of their 3 chickens, and enjoying slow mornings reading books together.

Anita Camarella & Davide Facchini Duo. Performers. The original and beautiful Italian Swing conquers all generations! This talented couple has dedicated their music to the rediscovery of the Swing Era with a modern and unique Italian style. Anita Camarella and Davide Facchini boast of many years of concert activity that involves them in prestigious festivals and exhibitions in Italy, Europe, United State, and Russia, in order to share and be the evidence of this big cultural part of Italian History. The first time the “La Famiglia Canterina” was honored with the “Lady Lake Indie Music Awards” Best Album 2013 USA. They have performed in some of the most renowned concert halls, alongside some of the most famous artists on the international musical scene (Tommy Emmanuel, Stephen Bennett, Muriel Anderson, Frank Vignola, Carl Verheyen, and many others...). Radio Stations of the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Tunisia, Portugal, France, Hungary, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia and Italy have broadcasted their music.

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.

Betsy Davison, Lecturer. Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Davison is an independent decorative arts scholar. She is a 2004 graduate of the MESDA Summer Institute. After graduating from Parsons The New School for Design, New York City and the Smithsonian, Washington D.C. programs with a M.A. in the History of Decorative Arts and Design (2008), Ms. Davison guest-curated the exhibit ‘A True North Britain:’ The Furniture of John Shearer, 1790-1820 which ran at the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) Museum in Washington, D.C., October 2010- March 2011 followed by the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum, Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, and the National Museum of American History, Washington, D.C. She was the 2011 recipient of the 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 inaugerals, 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 performed at New York, Philadelphia, Boston, San Francisco, St. Louis, Chicago, London, Paris, 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 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.

Rochelle Pennington, Lecturer. Rochelle Pennington is an award-winning newspaper columnist and bestselling author of ten books including Highlighted in Yellow (available in four languages; co-authored with H. Jackson Brown, #1 New York Times bestselling author). Pennington has worked as a consultant providing story and quotation recommendations to several of the publishing industry’s most noted authors including Jack Canfield of Chicken Soup for the Soul, H. Jackson Brown of Life’s Little Instruction Books, Dr. Richard Carlson of Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff, and Alice Gray of Stories for the Heart. Pennington is both

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a lively storyteller and an entertaining lecturer. Her popularity as a presenter to schools, libraries, historical societies, corporations, hospitals, retirement facilities, and civic organizations is evidenced by the many invitations she receives to return and speak on further topics, ranging from history’s most memorable stories, complete with fascinating trivia, to motivational engagements highlighting courage, determination, and personal strength. She expertly weaves the perfect balance of humor, charm, and riveting facts into her captivating performances that focus on “the best of humanity.” Audience members depart with inspiration to apply the principles presented to their own lives.

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 Counselling and Psychology from University of Memphis. Follow Sallie on her blog at http://thedeerone.com.

Anne Byrn saved the day! Well, maybe not exactly saved the day... but she did share great tips and tricks with us at her cooking demo last week!

Missing your mail or packages? They’re in the office! Come get them during regular office hours!

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!

Sunday Buffet Menu
July 12
Grilled beef and pork tenderloin • Baked trout with bronze fennel and brown butter • Fried corn • Mixed greens • Assorted salads and fruit • Peach and berry cobbler •

Harton Hall on Cottage Tour Day
We will extend our operating hours from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The grill and the buffet will be ready for a large crowd. In addition to the buffet, gourmet sandwiches and snacks à la carte will be available.

Boxes for the Cottage Tour - $15
Tarragon chicken salad with grapes and almonds • Tomato basil tart • Minted fresh fruit cup • Homegrown zucchini bread with peach cinnamon cream cheese • Rosemary parmesan crisps • Gooey butter bar

Please place your orders at Winfield. $5 of each box directly benefits the MSSA Women’s Club.

FOUND: Gold bracelet with inscription.

From the Archives
MSSA Tent Headquarters C. 1900

Our Historic Heritage

You’ll Want To Get This Book!
The book Our Historic Heritage will be available for distribution at both of Al Cox’s presentations on July 23 and 24th. The book covers the history of the architecture of the MSSA. All cottages and public buildings are listed with historic descriptions. The book also contains more than 250 color photos of our wonderful architectural gems.

The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly was organized by Charter issued by the State of Tennessee on October 4, 1882 for the purpose of: “... 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.”

The Mission of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is to be a welcoming community of Christian faith where people gather to engage in spiritual growth and renewal, lifelong inquiry and learning, recreational and cultural enrichment, while being good stewards of our natural resources and our Assembly heritage.