



# Mountain Voices

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.

### 2017 MSSA Calendar

Trails & Trilliums April 7-9

Sewanee Graduation May 11-14

MSSA Board Meeting May 20

MSSA Board Meeting June 17

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## Update

**PLATFORM** Planning and organizing this year's Platform programs have been exciting opportunities for me. The job is a jigsaw puzzle with dates, times, endowments and schedules that must all fall into place long before the season begins, and I am happy to offer a sneak peek into some of the activities I think you will enjoy this summer:

- Floral demonstrations
- One-man historical performances
- Political commentaries
- Music on the Mall & in the

Auditorium

- Toe tapping dances
- Lecture on finding your personal vision
- Class on exploring your inner artist

The Platform would not be as diverse and extensive without the continued help and recommendations that flow through my email. Thank you to each and every person who took the time to put down on paper their thoughts and references!!!

Virginia Curry,  
Platform Chair

## Trails & Trilliums: Make Your Plans



The 14th annual Trails & Trilliums Festival is scheduled for April 7, 8 & 9 on our grounds. It's one of the most popular events of the year and a wonderful way for us to host members of our community and guests from all over the Southeast. If you can't be here for the fun, consider lending your cottage to someone who will enjoy this flower-power event! The action-packed weekend is a fundraiser for the Friends of South Cumberland State Park, supporting Tennessee's largest state park.

**FRIENDS OF SOUTH CUMBERLAND**

Online registration is available at [trailsandtrilliums.org](http://trailsandtrilliums.org).

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## Trails & Trilliums

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Highlights of the festive weekend include:

- ART for the PARK
- Art show and sale in Harton Hall, 5 pm Friday evening throughout Saturday.

Vendors will be indoors in the Auditorium Friday evening from 5-9 pm, as well as all day Saturday, from 8 am - 3 pm. Overhill Gardens will have a broad variety of native plants for gardeners that will recreate forest enchantment at their homes in its usual location outside the auditorium.

On Friday, Saturday & Sunday, both casual and dedicated hikers can explore the natural wonders of the South Cumberland Plateau with a series of guided hikes, led by some of the area's foremost naturalists. Check the website for details.

On Saturday, programs designed for family fun will be presented on the Mall featuring Birds of Prey, Fairy Houses, and Natural Dye Making with native plants.

Wine & Wildflowers Celebration Gather over wine and appetizers to discuss their weekend adventures and to honor the 2017 Trails and Trilliums Award winner, the Southeastern Climbers Coalition, for their work in helping the Friends protect the new Denny Cove area of South Cumberland State Park. State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath will conclude the evening's program with Appalachian Story Telling.

A pass that includes all hikes and daytime programs is \$20; admission to Friday night's ART for the PARK is \$40; admission to Saturday night's Wine & Wildflowers is \$15. An "all-access" pass is available for \$75 per person. Visit [trailsandtrilliums.org](http://trailsandtrilliums.org) for more details.

## Reminder: Key Dates

Check out some key spring and summer events and dates you should put on your calendar!

- April 1 MSSA Program Available Online
- April 1 Workshop Registration Begins for Members/Residents
- April 7-9 Trails & Trilliums
- May 1 Online Gate Tickets Available
- May 1 ARC Project Requests Due
- May 5 MSSA Program Books to be Mailed
- May 15 Workshop Registration Begins (General)
- May 20 MSSA Board Meeting
- May 27 MSSA Pool Opens (Weekends)
- May 31 Annual Fund Gifts due to be included on banner
- June 11 135<sup>th</sup> Season Opens!!!



**St. Patrick's Day** celebrates the Roman Catholic feast day of the patron saint of Ireland who died on March 17, 461.

Patrick was born in Roman Britain with the birth name of Maewyn. He was kidnapped into

slavery and brought to Ireland. He escaped to a monastery in Gaul (France) and converted to Christianity. He went back to Ireland in 432 as a missionary. Tradition has it that Patrick confronted the Druids at Tara and abolished their pagan rites, making Christianity more widespread.

After his death he was named Ireland's patron saint. Eighteenth century Irish soldiers who fought in the U.S. Revolutionary War held the first St. Patrick Day parades. The celebrations became a way for the Irish to connect with their roots after they moved to America.

### Fun Facts:

**The shamrock:** According to legend St. Patrick used the three leaf clover (or shamrock) to explain the Trinity.

**Dyeing the river green:** The practice of dyeing the river green started in Chicago in 1962, when city officials decided to dye a portion of the Chicago River green.

**Corn beef and cabbage:** This is an Irish American dish. Irish Americans were so poor they could not afford certain meals. On St. Patrick's Day, the best meal they could afford was beef and cabbage. It became a staple for the holiday.

# Cottage Rentals News

The Cottage Rental Committee has been working to improve the process of cottage rentals for renters, cottage-owners and the rental office. We have heard your suggestions and concerns regarding the website and are VERY excited to unveil a new and improved rental interface on MSSA1882.org. Many thanks to Rhonda Atkins in the housing office for her hard work on this project.

The new platform will allow potential renters to better “filter” their searches by availability, number of guests and pet policy. It will also allow more images to showcase each property’s features and location.

Finally, we will offer the option of credit card payments, an efficient alternative for renters and for the office and a service that is consistent with other rental platforms.

We hope to have these improvements online by late March or

early April, just in time for rentals in late spring and the 2017 season!

We all recognize the importance of cottage rentals to the vitality of the Assembly. Making this process as easy and seamless as possible will present a positive, professional and well-organized image of the Assembly to our guests. Cottage owners are asked to please do their part in the following ways:

- Respond promptly to inquiries regarding availability of your cottage. Two business days should be ample time to confirm or deny availability. We have recommended to the housing office that if a cottage owner has not responded to a request within 2 business days, the rental will be offered to another cottage owner.
- Honor rentals that have been scheduled, understanding that “rebooking”



is difficult and awkward for the housing office and does not project a professional and reliable image of the Assembly.

- Maintain up-to-date records with the Housing Office and return your rental agreement, season availability certificate of insurance, lead base paint disclosure, cottage fact sheet and W-9 in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your assistance – we are looking forward to a great rentals year!!

Susie Lipscomb  
Cottage Rental Committee Chair

## Cottages Available for Transfer:

#6	Windcrest	\$550,000
#11	Stone Court	\$500,000
#15	Bridgepoint	\$650,000
#72	Memphis Home	\$450,000
#103	North Gate Inn	\$695,000
#135	Hillside Rest	\$840,000
#146	Boutcher	\$560,000



## 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.**

## Prayers

**Senator Douglas Selph Henry** passed away on March 5 surrounded by his family. He was born May 18, 1926 to Kathryn and Douglas Henry, and was preceded in death by Loiette Hume Henry, his wife of 67 years, his daughter Emily McMahon, and granddaughter Cate Blount. A proud native Nashvillian, he attended The Parmer School, Wallace School and the McCallie School in Chattanooga. He served as a First Lieutenant in the Field Artillery of the United States Army during World War II before attending Vanderbilt University. After practicing law for a short while, he served a 2-year term in the House of Representatives. Soon after he worked as an attorney in the family business at National Life Accident and Insurance Company. His interest in government and the desire to help others never wavered and lead him to secure the office of State Senator for the 21st district of Tennessee.

He served as a guardian to some of Tennessee's great treasures such as the conservation of Radnor Lake,

support of the Tennessee State Museum, and the monitoring of state finances as chairman of the State Finance, Ways and Means Committee. In addition, he was a champion for single mothers, children, mentally ill, and the elderly. Some of his many community involvements included the YMCA, the Tennessee Historical Society, Kiwanis Club, American Legion Post 5, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Great Wars Commission, Sons of the American Revolution, and The Law and Justice Institution in Washington, D.C..

He is survived by his children: Loiette Henry Thompson, Kathryn Henry-Choisser; Robert Selph Henry (Traci); Mary Leland Henry Wehner; and Douglas Cornelius Hume Henry (Ashley); his grandchildren: Corrine Cook (Lewis); Marty Clark (Sheila); Drew McMahon; Sarah Kathryn Thompson; Martin Thompson; Henry Choisser; Leland Henry; Sam Henry; Jack Kinloch; Camille Kinloch; Wallace Kinloch; C.H. Henry; and Middleton Henry; many great-

grandchildren; his sister Margaret (Peggy) Henry Joyce.

**Nancy Harton Washburn**, of Tullahoma, died on Tuesday, February 7 at the age of 92. She is survived by one sister, Laddie Harton Neil of Nashville; her three daughters, Ann Lester and her husband Joe of Tullahoma, Betty Greene and her husband Mike of Tullahoma, and Mary Binkley and her husband David of St. Augustine, Florida; six granddaughters, Elizabeth Lester Jordan and her husband Hank, Mary Lambeth Lester Gomez and her husband Noland, Natalie Lester Marty and her husband Nathan, Libby Greene Craig and her husband Jim, Ruth Harton Binkley, and Ann Marie Binkley; and five great-grandchildren, Mary Pierce Jordan, Robert Henry Jordan III, Ann Wheeler Gomez, Nolan Nathaniel Gomez, and James Payne Craig.

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## ARC Project Submission Deadlines

Planning a renovation project? The Architectural Review Committee will accept projects for review and recommendation to the Board of Trust for approval four times per year. Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the General

Manager. Projects submitted by the following dates will be reviewed and presented at the board meeting following the submission.

May 1      July 15      September 30      January 15

The ARC is available throughout the year to advise members on their project planning prior to submission of a request. Not sure if you need ARC approval? Check with the General Manager first.

### 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.

Reminder: **No Smoking** is allowed within fifty feet of any Assembly public building.