

# MOUNTAIN VOICES



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Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

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## 2016 MSSA Calendar

April 15-17	Trails & Trilliums
May 2-8	Sewanee Graduation
May 21	Board Meeting
May 21	MAEFC Meeting

### *Mountain Voices*

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## From the President What is Monteagle?

What is Monteagle? All of us have been asked that question, and each of us may have a different answer: home, home away from home, family gathering place, retreat, a place to rest, opportunities to learn and share experiences, a place of serenity and peace.

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."*

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## Trails and Trilliums 2016

The 13th annual Trails and Trilliums Festival will be held April 15-17 at MSSA. It is easily the most popular event of the year for the Friends of South Cumberland State Park, and it is wonderful community relations for the Assembly.

The weekend opens Friday with hikes to Shakerag Hollow and Lost Cove followed in the evening by the Trails and Trilliums Children's Choir Concert and Student Art Exhibition in the Assembly Auditorium. A casual

reception, Wine and Wildflowers, will be held next door at Harton Hall with the opportunity to view the works of guest artists participating in ART for the PARK.

On Saturday, both casual and dedicated hikers can explore the natural wonder of the South Cumberland Plateau by signing up for any of 11 guided hikes. Vans will carry participants to Lost Cove, Fiery Gizzard, Foster Falls,

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Go on one of the hikes at Trails & Trilliums

## From the President

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As a church, Monteagle offers opportunities to experience services from Christian denominations and a lovely place for weddings and baptisms. For many, it is a place to find time to reflect and study. In season, as a Chautauqua, MSSA offers a compelling range of activities, workshops and performances for every age, along with a carefully planned youth program. There are trails for walking and hiking, visits with friends and family, rocking chairs and porches for resting or visiting, and a place to replenish energy and spirit. For those who love Monteagle out of season, one person stated that "It is a place with nothing to do but not enough time to do it." It is a place of beauty in all seasons to be relished, appreciated, shared and enjoyed.

At the 2015 Annual Meeting, General Manager Scott Parrish, after reading the following poem written by Jack Fletcher, who had been a recent visitor to the Assembly, said, "Jack Fletcher knows why we are here:

*Special friends, Special place, Front porch swings. Summer days, Summer nights, Assembly church bell rings.*

*Kids at play, Kids asleep, Quiet times to rest. Peaceful days, Peaceful thoughts, Monteagle at its best.*

*Old oak trees, Gravel sidewalks, Traditions that last. Old friends, New friends, Memories to preserve the past.*

For each of us, Monteagle has a special meaning. For all of us, it is a unique and very special place in our hearts and lives. What is Monteagle to you? Please send me your thoughts—[sbcsmith@blomand.net](mailto:sbcsmith@blomand.net).

*Stephanie Smith, DBA, RP  
President*



## Calling All Ushers and Lay readers!

The Chapel Committee would like to schedule ushers and readers in advance for our Sunday worship services this season. If you would like to assist in worship either as an usher or a reader and you know which Sundays you will be available, please email Cullen Hornaday at [cullen704@gmail.com](mailto:cullen704@gmail.com). Let her know on which of these dates you will be available: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7. We would love to have youth as well as adult participants.



**5 Randolphs, 4 Ewings** — A spontaneous MSSA reunion. Lifelong friends find themselves in Monteagle on the same March weekend...what are the chances? THAT'S what Monteagle is all about.

## Platform Reminders...

The time has come for the 2016 Platform to be released online! Please check the MSSA website to view the many programs and activities planned for the 134th MSSA season.

Also, keep in mind that priority workshop registration for Assembly residents will be from April 1 to May 15. Non-residents may place their names on the waiting list during this time. On May 16, registration is open to all, at which time those on the waiting list will be confirmed when space is available.

# Trails and Trilliums

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and as far away as Stone Door Natural Area.

At the Assembly, outdoor lovers of all ages can enjoy programs that include Wings to Soar, Butterfly Gardens, and last year's favorite Tales from the Trail.

ART for the PARK, an art and vendor sale, continues through the weekend, with many nature themed works that showcase the integration of forest beauty into our lives. Overhill



Gardens will have a broad variety of native plants for gardeners recreating forest enchantment at their homes. Saturday night crescendos into

the always fabulous ART for the PARK gala with dinner, art, and music benefitting Friends of the South Cumberland.

The fun continues through Sunday with four more hikes, an opportunity to learn about and build Fairy Houses, and a Hiker's Brunch highlighting this year's Friends of South Cumberland Hiking Challenge, "Hike into History." Artists, vendors, and music will be available throughout the day.

The Weekend's grand finale is the return of Cumberland Wild, a panel discussion with environmental and conservation experts exploring



what we need to know about protecting and preserving the unique resource that is our spectacular plateau.

"Come join the Trails and Trilliums fun," said Linda Parrish, chair of the event. "Registration is open."

Go online to [www.Trailsandtrilliums.org](http://www.Trailsandtrilliums.org) for more information.



This pass allows the purchaser and anyone accompanying him/her in the same vehicle to take advantage of some of our awesome programs and events. It is good from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. for lectures, lunch at Harton Hall, Sunday church services, Twilight Prayers and movies. It's just \$100.00 for the season...a bargain for the high caliber speakers and events at MSSA!

As you reach out to friends and neighbors who you think might be interested, be sure to note that it is not valid for workshops, use of the tennis courts or swimming pool, participation in youth programs, or for overnight stays; all of which require the purchase of a Gate Ticket.

Questions? Ask Diane Cruise in the MSSA office



## 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.

## Fundraiser 2016: Dinner, Auction and Memorable Moments

Save the Date! On Saturday, July 2, 2016, the MSSA Woman's Association is hosting "A Midsummer Night's Dream" auction and party. Proceeds from this whimsical evening will go to the cost of adding a screened porch to the Fletcher Room. The Fletcher Room can be rented out during the season and is often used to house guests and platform speakers. Please contact Susan Acker (event chair) should you like to help or donate to this fun event. Until then, mark your calendars for 6:30 pm at the auditorium.

## Contractor Calendar

A reminder to all cottage owners - Work by contractors is not allowed:

- May 4-8
- June 12-August 7
- October 5-9
- November 2-6

## 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.**

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## Cottages Available for Transfer :

#6	Windcrest	\$550,000
#15	Bridgepoint	\$650,000
#34	Gardens Path	\$685,000
#49	Tranquil Eyster	\$425,000
#103	North Gate Inn	\$695,000
#146	Boutcher	\$560,000



## 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.