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The mission of the 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 meeting from year to year upon the grounds of the Assembly.



2013-14 MSSA
Calendar

February 22, 2014
Board Meeting 9AM
April 11-13, 2014
Trails & Trilliums
May 5-12, 2014
Sewanee Graduation
May 24, 2014
Board Meeting 9AM

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From the President The Season of Giving

This is the time of year when everyone has a hand outstretched. Your mailbox is full of solicitation letters. From your **alma mater, your children's** school, the Salvation Army, and many charitable organizations near and dear to your heart.

I will wager however, that none of these requests for money were written with as much enthusiasm and **aplomb as Lanier's** annual fund letter! I laughed out loud when I read his wonderful appeal!



The Board's decision to focus on our wonderful auditorium is a good one. The cast iron seats really are a treasure and with some TLC, they will be very impressive - something we can be proud of. (And sit comfortably on!)

I had not paid much attention to the seats until we began discussing the possibility of refurbishing them. After all, we usually enter the auditorium at night and that is probably a good thing! One of my sons
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Think Trails & Trilliums

It's winter on the mountain but not for long! The Friends of South Cumberland invite you to mark your spring calendars for the 11th annual Trails & Trilliums, scheduled for April 11-13, 2014. Once again, the festival will feature hikes, wildflowers, workshops, family activities, native plants and gardening along with a high caliber art exhibit and sale.

This will mark the fourth year that Trails & Trilliums has been hosted by MSSA.

For information about participation or volunteering, please contact Festival Chair Linda Parrish, parrishld@bellsouth.net



Trails & Trilliums
APRIL 11, 12 & 13 - 2014

From the President (continued from page 1)

reported that one night he was enjoying his favorite movie, *The Princess Bride*, when he heard a soft thud from the seat next to him. When the lights came up, what did he find? A dead bat, of course! Where else can you have that kind of experience?

The “seat project” is going to be a big one. The seats will be

removed, sandblasted, painted, and reupholstered. The carpet runners are also in dire need of replacement.

I can’t advise you on how to handle all the solicitations that come your way - I struggle with that myself. However, I hope the MSSA Annual Fund is on your short list of worthy causes. As Lanier eloquently noted, our gifts in the past few years have made many of our public spaces more

beautiful and enjoyable for all of us. I am looking forward to an auditorium that will make us equally proud and will be an impressive place to gather. To listen to music, watch a movie, search for bats.

Merry Christmas to you all and may the new year be filled with blessings and bring you back to the mountain soon!

*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year,
Kent Ballow*

Front Porch Primer

Louis Jackson

ARC member & Historic Preservation Specialist

Front porches are basically an American invention. While they have their roots in loggias, piazzas and verandas, the porch is all American. A covered entry alone is not a porch in this context. The American porch design developed in the decades before the Civil War. It evolved into an important part of architectural design of homes.



On some homes the porch contained the only decorative elements of the period. The porch also was, and still is, a social gathering place. Where would we be without our porch rockers and swings? The porch is also part of the cooling of the home. Porches shelter entries - windows can be left open while protecting the interior from sun and rain. The American porch was an important architectural element, a social gathering place, and an economic way to cool the home.

After WWII front porches began to disappear from residential designs, with more emphasis put on back porches and privacy. Those of us who are fortunate to have a porch are lucky to be able to sit and swing.

ARC Quiz: How Much Do You Know?

In coming issues of *Mountain Voices*, take a few minutes to test your knowledge of ARC guidelines. It's a fun way to learn the basics of Assembly rules regarding our historic structures.

Note: they may be more than one correct answer...find the answers

- 1. A cottage’s footprint is defined as**
 - A. The drip edge of the roof
 - B. The basic house structure not including porches
 - C. A portion of the structure that touches the ground
- 2. A joint meeting of the ARC and Property Committee (PC) is required when**
 - A. The height of the existing structure is changed
 - B. A porch is modified by adding a room under its roof
 - C. The footprint of the cottage is changed
 - D. The porch is to be screened
 - E. New dormers are to be added to the roof
- 3. Structures may be “grandfathered” i.e. if any part of a structure is removed for any reason it may be rebuilt as it was with implied approval from the ARC**
 - A. True B. False

Answers:
DS = Design Standards: 1. C DS definitions p10
2. A&C Code I-3; 3. B DS-definitions p10

Mountain Goat Trail Makes Strides with MSSA Member Help

The Mountain Goat Trail has had a string of successes to publicize recently, and it has done so with the support of many MSSA members.

Dede Clements, treasurer of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, is grateful to her fellow **members for supporting this project.** **“Once again, the Assembly has shown leadership in advancing the interests of our local neighbors, ” she said. “We look forward to the day when the annual MSSA to Shenanigans run can be held totally on the trail.”**

Clements also pointed out that both the Assembly proper and its members have contributed leadership and funding in each of the past five years. Recently, the MGTA released an economic-impact report by the



Carey Fellows of the Babson Center for Global Commerce at the University of the South. The report concluded that a completed trail would be worth \$1.2 million annually in economic benefits to the area.



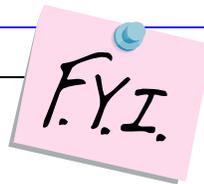
The MGTA and the City of Monteagle are also planning to begin construction of Phase II of **the trail, between St. Andrew’s-Sewanee and Monteagle** in March 2014. In addition, the Alliance has partnered with the Land Trust of Tennessee on a capital campaign for Phase III of the trail, between Monteagle and Tracy City. Approximately 80 percent of the goal of \$83,000 has been secured, thanks in part to a challenge gift of \$10,000 from the Cammack Family Foundation and another challenge gift of \$12,000 from Doug Ferris. <http://mountaingoattrail.org/doug-ferris-gives-12k-challenge-gift-to-trail/>

More information about the Mountain Goat Trail can be found at mountaingoattrail.org.

Cottages Available for Transfer:



#7	Corner Cottage	\$619,000	#67	Wayside	\$689,000
#30	Balconies	\$900,000	#98	Idlehour	\$390,000
#35	Peavine	\$425,000	#129	Hallelujah	\$450,000
#49	Tranquil Eyster	\$450,000	#136	Endevor	\$595,000
			#146	Boutcher	\$595,000
			#148	Brookview	\$650,000
			#156	Robin Hill	\$295,000
			#165	Once Upon A Time	\$785,000



News & Notes

Prayers

Betty Ladd, who ran Harton Dining Hall for a number of years and who cooked for many Assembly folks for many years, died on November 14 in Monteagle.

Peggy Smith died in Naples, Florida on October 10. She and her husband Harold "Skipper" Smith, owned leasehold #30, Balcony Place, for a number of years. She is survived by sons David, Dana, and Brian and their families.



Photo Request

Have a photo of Silas Custer, Sr.? He sold milk out of his wagon to Assembly cottages. His son, Silas Custer, Jr. once saw the framed picture of his father and the wagon hanging in one of the cottages. Is this photo hanging on your wall?

If you have any information, please contact Jackie Partin at jackiepartin@blomand.net. She is compiling local history and is **a friend of Silas, Jr. Mr. Custer's** health is not good and she would like to present him with a copy of this photo. Thank you for any help.

Judith Murray

Merry Christmas!



Let there be Peace
on Earth & let it
begin with us.

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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.