

MOUNTAIN VOICES



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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

From the President WELCOME SPRING!

Did you know that our membership hales from 21 different states, the District of Columbia, and Sweden? And that our renting guests have traveled from 38 different states to enjoy the Assembly? Scott Parrish did a little research to provide these interesting facts, and I love knowing our little Chautauqua in Tennessee attracts such a geographically diverse group!

No matter where you live, I expect you are more than ready **for spring. If you weren't among** the many who endured thigh-high snow, destructive ice, and record breaking cold, then at the very least, you had to listen to endless weather reports about the areas that were suffering. I think we are ready for some sun and warmth!

Spring on the mountain is full of energy and surprises, and I hope you can make a trip up to enjoy

one of the most beautiful and enjoyable seasons in the Assembly. Our trails are ready for hiking and the dogwoods and daffodils will be blooming soon.



Just a few not-to-be-missed events that should call you back are:

The Mountain Run and Walk, April 4 in Sewanee and Monteagle. To

register, go to info@mountiangotrail.org

Trails and Trilliums, April 10-12 at MSSA. More info in this issue!

To register, go to trailsandtrilliums.org

National Cornbread Festival, April 25-26, South Pittsburg. Music, crafts, art, and cornbread of course!

You can begin your official countdown to the opening day of the season - **but don't wait until** then to enjoy all the mountain and surrounding areas have to offer! See you on the mountain!

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2015 MSSA Calendar

March 21 Board Meeting 9AM
April 10-12 Trails & Trilliums
May 9-10 Sewanee
Graduation Weekend
May 23 Board Meeting 9AM
June 7 Season Opens
June 20 Board Meeting 9AM

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Deadline to submit items for the next issue is Mar. 25th. Send articles to aewing62@gmail.com

Grundy County Food Bank Appreciates Assembly Efforts

In response to our recent donation to the Grundy County Food Bank, the Assembly received a heartfelt thank-you note from director Sandy Spies. Notes like these remind us of the importance of our efforts.



*Jenny,
Allow me to express great appreciation on behalf of those families that receive food every month as a result of generous donations such as yours. Approximately 500 families are fed each month, which include many elderly people and children. We work closely with the Chattanooga area food bank and receive food from Feeding America but would not be able to complete the whole operation without your assistance. Every dollar donated allows us to provide 10 meals. Thank you for giving to those who are in need."*

Sandy goes on to explain that funding for the emergency feed and shelter program has been dramatically reduced, so our support is more important than ever.

*Ginny Gordon,
Outreach Chair*

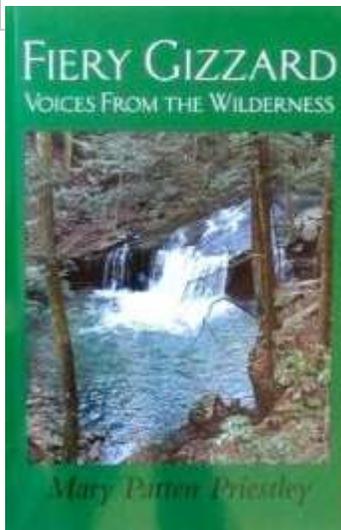
ARC Project Submission Deadlines



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.



Great guided hikes and innovative workshops and programs are a hallmark of Trails & Trilliums. Mary Priestley will present a program and book signing of her new book *Fiery Gizzard: Voices from the Wilderness*. Workshops include Making Fairy Houses, Macrophotography, and Garden to Table Gardening. A Sunday program on Gardening with Native Plants will end with a garden tour

Cottages Available for Transfer:

#6	Windcrest	\$550,000
#98	Idlehour	\$275,000
#129	Hallelujah	\$375,000
#136	Endevor	\$549,000
#146	Boutcher	\$595,000





12th Trails & Trilliums Attracting Statewide Notice

With Richard Louv as keynote speaker for the April 10-12 Trails & Trilliums Festival, groups from across the state are eager to take part as the Friends of South Cumberland focuses on what Louv calls **“saving our children from nature deficit disorder.”** The Tennessee Aquarium, Tennessee State Parks, Tennessee Wildlife Federation, Doug Ferris, and the University of the South are among those who have stepped up to be Partners in Connecting Children with Nature for this perennial spring favorite. Trails and Trilliums will again be hosted by longstanding event partner, the historic Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, located near Sewanee.

In a statement about his visit to Monteagle, Richard Louv **said: “I invite you to join me for Trails & Trilliums, which coincides with the 10th anniversary of the publication of *Last Child in the Woods*. I am pleased to join with the Friends of South Cumberland as we unite to tear down the barriers between children and the natural world. We encourage families, park rangers, and educators not to think ‘back to nature’ but ‘forward to nature’ in new and innovative ways.”**

Noted author and speaker Louv will be part of a symposium for

outdoor educators on April 10 at the University of the South and give the keynote address on April 11 followed by a book signing. His talk will highlight the Wine & Wildflowers reception, which will also be the venue for the presentation of the 2015 Yeatman Award and Trails & Trilliums Tribute Award.



Jim Ann Howard, one of the 2015 Featured ART for the PARK artists, is donating the original of a painting of red trilliums that was used as the poster for a Trails & Trilliums festival six years ago. This painting and other **works donated by this year’s featured** artists will be part of a silent auction on Friday night during the Opening Night Benefit.

Linda Parrish, Festival Chair, noted that with the focus on Louv and his groundbreaking work on kids and nature, this **year’s Trails & Trilliums will** salute children in a number of creative ways. The festival will open Friday evening with a **Children’s Choir Concert of** Appalachian music, over 100

strong, organized by Dr. Nancy **Boone Allsbrook.** **Children’s** nature-themed artworks will be on display as well. Students from 10 areas schools from three counties will participate. On Saturday, expanded activities for children will be offered, and outdoor educators can join the hands-on events.

ART for the PARK will continue to be a significant part of the festival with an Opening Night Benefit where works by the 2015 Featured Artists will be exhibited and sold. All weekend artists and vendors will be selling their wares, and the ever-popular native plant sale will continue to provide a wide range of great natives for landscaping.

Saturday and Sunday will be filled with guided hikes, wildflowers, workshops, programs of interest to gardeners and naturalists, a new garden tour, speakers, and more. Registration is recommended to assure a spot: www.trailsandtrilliums.org. Those who enter an email address on the website will be notified when the festival schedule is finalized and pre-registration opens. For information, contact@trailsandtrilliums.org

Margaret Matens



From where do our renters come? Check out the map to the left and see! Yellow designates renters.

Rental Office Reminders

The 2015 summer season will be here before you know it, and rental inquiries are quickly coming in. Please remember to send in your completed cottage rental agreement, cottage availability form **and don't forget to send in a copy of the insurance as well. Just a reminder, we cannot disburse** rental proceeds until the new forms have been turned into the Housing Office at housing@mssa1882.org. Questions? Call 931-924-9000 with any questions.

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[Always call 911 for Emergencies.](#)

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.