

MOUNTAIN VOICES



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Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

May 2016

2016 MSSA Calendar

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| May 21 | Board Meeting |
| May 21 | MAEFC Meeting |
| June 12 | Season Opens |
| June 25 | Board Meeting |

Mountain Voices

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Deadline to submit items for the next issue is May 25th. Send articles to Liz Norell at platform@mssal1882.org



**MEMORIAL
DAY**

From the President **Monteagle's Hardscape**

Recently, a group of visitors to Monteagle commented on the Assembly:



“It is so beautiful.” “It’s as if I have stepped back in time.” “It is so peaceful.” “The houses and grounds are fascinating.” “It is just magical.” We, fortunately, see it all the time, but how many times do we not really see the features that make it so special? Of course, the houses, the buildings, the grounds, the mall, the magnificent trees, the quirky

streets, the landscaping—all combine to make the Assembly unique.

The features that we don’t see or pay much attention to are all the wonderful stonework. Certainly, we are aware of large structures, such as the Pilcher Arch, but how often do we really appreciate
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Annual Fund Update

Many thanks to everyone who has participated in the 2016 MSSA Annual Fund to date. We are well on our way to the \$60,000 goal but still need your help if you have not given this year. The deadline to be included on the banner that will hang at Harton Hall is May 31.

The addition of the Pulliam Center to the MSSA office is a significant and greatly needed addition to **MSSA’s meeting and technology** capabilities and it is rapidly moving toward completion this month! Among the benefits of building the

Pulliam Center adjacent to the office is the ability to share services, utilities, and alleviate congestion in the office which has not had a significant facelift in quite a long time.

The 2016 Annual Fund Campaign has been designated to remodel and upgrade the interior space of the historic office. The funds will be used to paint and repair walls, refinish the wood floors, purchase functional appropriately sized furniture, and reconfigure the
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From the President

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our curbs, for instance, which are not the standard concrete curbs, but are individual stones? All of these features – curbs, walls, steps, walkways, fences, pillars, markers – contribute to the look and feel of the Assembly: *hardscape* is the term for them.

They play a large part in creating the feeling that someone has stepped back in time, and they are a significant part of our architectural heritage.

Take a moment to look at the hardscape features of any



cottage, then look at walks, streets, bridges, and gates. What a treasure they are! Some are in fine shape, but others need some help; still others may be in desperate need of repair, and sadly, some of the historical hardscape features have been lost. The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is embarking **on a project to “... revitalize** the hardscape elements of the Assembly proper: to reinforce and reestablish the hardscape elements as originally planned; to propose modifications to or

renovation of existing hardscape elements and to return them to their original visual appeal and functionality; to improve the drainage to ensure proper culture of the plants and to protect other structures, lawns, pavements **within the Assembly.”**

You will hear more about this engaging project, and you are encouraged to participate in documenting an accurate inventory of our hardscape features. All you need is a camera phone and a willing heart. Please call or email Anne Waring at 901.496.8605 or warinworld@msn.com for more information. What a grand way that we all can help to preserve this unique Assembly!

*Stephanie Smith, DBA, RP
President*

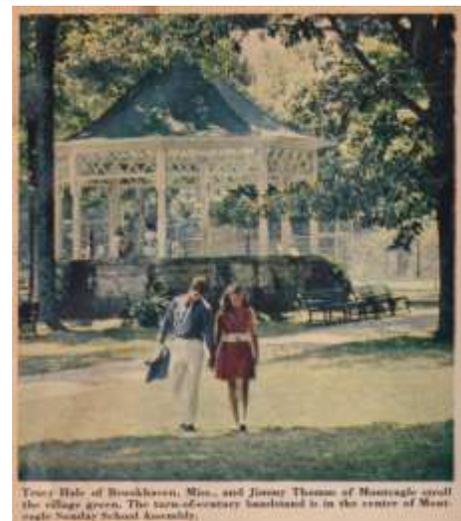
MSSA Season Lecture Passes Still Available

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.

Fundraiser 2016: Dinner, Auction and Memorable Moments

Save the Date! On Saturday, July 2, 2016, the MSSA **Women's Club 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, ohobesusan@aol.com) should you like to help or donate to this fun event. Until then, mark your calendars for 6:30 pm at the auditorium.



Yours Hale of Brookhaven, Miss., and Jimmy Thomas of Monticello stroll the village green. The turn-of-century bandstand is in the center of Monticello Sunday School Assembly.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal, 1970

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.

July 15 September 30
January 15 May 1

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.



Find Your Inner Teacher

We are still in need of Sunday School teachers for the season:

Volunteers who are willing to teach the 8-11 year olds

Discussion leaders for the two adult classes.

Several Sundays are still open in both classes. Subject matter and class format are the **teacher's choice**. If you can help, please contact Margaret Rixham mcrixham@gmail.com.

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interior space. Funds raised above the cost upgrade the office will be used to establish an endowment fund for the maintenance of the office building. The historic office space will continue to serve as **the Assembly's gateway** for members and guests. It is essential that this space be functional for the staff and welcoming to our visitors.

We need your help to fund the complete renovation. Please give generously today by going online to MSSA1882.org or mailing your check to the MSSA Office, PO Box 307, Monteagle, TN 37356.



Calling All Hosts and Hostesses

We have an exciting lineup of speakers, workshop facilitators, and performers for this summer. As always, there are opportunities to get to know these presenters on a more personal level by accompanying them to lunch following a morning lecture or hosting them for dinner during their stay. Now is the time to let us **know if you'd like to provide hospitality** for a platform presenter this summer. The full summer program is online and program books will be arriving soon!

Please inform Becky Nelson of your interest at becky.nelson@mssa1882.org.



MSSA Triathletes (L to R) Windy May, Doug Earthman, Leslie Crais and Stewart Crais gathered in Oxford, MS, on April 3 for the Rebelman Sprint Triathlon. Doug finished second overall, and Stuart was 8th overall and first in his age group!

_Photo courtesy of Kirby May

Condolences

May God's peace return to their lives soon.

Hunter Wood, beloved husband of Mary Clayton Saunders Wood and father to Hunt Jr.(18), Cathy Jean (16), Saunders (15), and Becca May (9), died April 27, 2016. Hunter is survived by brothers Carter R. Wood and wife Tram of Asheville, North Carolina and Spencer H. Wood and wife Lauren of Houston, Texas He is

also survived by his parents David B. Wood and Nada R. Wood of Houston, Texas. Hunter is remembered as a loyal family man, loving father, generous giver, and the life of the party. Everyone loved his stories about airplane and taxi evangelism, humorous toasts and his sharp dress. He will be remembered most for his passion to share the love of Jesus Christ with others.

The Honorable William Kent Coleman, age 61, of Murfreesboro, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on April 28, 2016. Coleman is survived by his beloved family - his wife Cecil Billington Coleman, his two daughters Mary Wallace Broome (Matthew) and Ellie Lovvorn (Jeb), his four grandchildren Mary Kingsley, Patrick, Marian, Anne Winston, and his sister Karla Coleman. He was preceded in death by his parents Earl Rather and Mildred Harris Coleman. On line condolences may be made at www.woodfinchapel.com

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

Res Pass News

Passes for the reservoir behind St. Andrews Sewanee (AKA res passes) will not be available through the MSSA office this summer. Contact the school directly for information on how to get one.

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:

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| #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.