

# MOUNTAIN VOICES



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## 2015 MSSA Calendar

November 21 Board Meeting  
9am  
November 27 Day After Thanksgiving Lunch

**Mountain Voices**  
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## From the General Manager Staff Change

As announced last month, Becky Nelson will be leaving her position as Platform Superintendent prior to the 2016 season. Becky has done a phenomenal job with the overall platform, bringing in fresh ideas for programming and expanding our traditional offerings. We are fortunate to have had her skills for three years, and we are equally fortunate that Becky will continue to be an active MSSA member.

Becky will plan the 2016 program fully and will turn the execution over to a new Superintendent in June 2016. A search committee consisting of Cyndy Hudgins, Kent Ballow, Meghan Hudgins, Scott Parrish, and Stephanie Smith is in place and accepting applications until December 15th. Finalist interviews will be conducted in early January and a new Superintendent will be

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New Kiosk on the mall.

## From the President Monarch Butterflies

A group of Assembly members—Nancy and Henry Crais, Pam and Greg Maloof, Lane and Julian Price, and I—attended the Plains Georgia Chautauqua a couple of weeks ago. Yes, we did meet President and Mrs. Carter, who attended many of the activities, luncheons, and dinners, and who were quite accessible, warm, and friendly. The theme of the Chautauqua was the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail, which Mrs. Carter created a few years ago



to help save the Monarch butterfly. Recently, the numbers of Monarchs have been depleted at an alarming

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## From the President

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rate. She is promoting the establishment of butterfly gardens everywhere to save these butterflies as well as bees and birds, which we must have to pollinate food crops. Her effort has resulted in gardens all over Georgia and other states and in participation by federal agencies and corporations, too! Experts from Kansas and Georgia gave wonderful presentations and workshops to let us participate.

Did you know (your children probably do) that the Monarch butterfly migration in the fall from the United States and Canada to Mexico is the largest migration on the planet? By tagging butterflies, researchers know that butterflies from as far as Canada and South Carolina fly all the way to Mexico!! Tagging a butterfly? Yes! We and Mrs. Carter tagged butterflies! My butterfly, which I named Priscilla, has tag USG 076; if it is found in Mexico, the number will be put on a website. We released all the butterflies at **once!** **Let's hope that Priscilla** makes it.

**Doesn't everyone love** butterflies in their gardens and yards? A butterfly garden can be tiny or large and is filled with gorgeous, colorful flowers to provide a habitat for them.

We were given stacks of packages of seeds and all the instructions needed to get started. Just ask, and **I'll share all of that with you.**



News from the Board: At the last meeting, the board **approved the Woman's Association's request to host** a fundraiser on July 2, 2016, and to use the funds for the addition of a screened-in porch on the back of the Fletcher Room at the Winfield House. The Board also approved the MSSA Office as the beneficiary of the 2016 Annual Fund Campaign. The funds will be designated to remodel and upgrade the interior space of the historic office, and any unspent funds will be used to establish a maintenance endowment for the office building.

Fall color has just popped this week. Do come to the mountain for a respite and to enjoy the beautiful colors!

*Stephanie Smith*  
President

[http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/Monarch\\_Butterfly/migration/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/Monarch_Butterfly/migration/index.shtml)

## From the General Manager

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appointed in February. If you are interested, please submit your resume and an essay stating your interest in the job and your (philosophy for managing the platform to Scott Parrish, General Manager, at [scott.parrish@mssa1882.org](mailto:scott.parrish@mssa1882.org).

## Annual Fund Announced

The construction of the Pulliam Center is well underway. Because this center will be adjacent to the office, there will be many shared services and a natural ebb and flow of traffic between the two structures. The historic office space will continue to serve as **the Assembly's gateway** for members and guests, and it is essential that this space be functional for the staff and welcoming to our visitors. The office has not had a significant facelift in quite a long time, so the 2016 Annual Fund will be designated to remodel and upgrade the interior space of the historic office. The funds will be used to remodel and upgrade the interior space of the historic office, including paint and wall repairs, refinish the wood floors, purchase needed furniture, reconfigure the interior space, and establish a maintenance endowment for the office building.

# Christmas on the Mountain



Will you be on the mountain for Thanksgiving? If so, you have an opportunity to make a **child's Christmas dream** come true! This year MSSA is collecting toys for children 1 - 4 years old. During the Christmas on the Mountain event, registered parents will pay a small fee to

**“shop” by appointment for their children’s toys (limit 2 per child).** It is a festive event sponsored by Morton Memorial Methodist Church and Mid Cumberland.

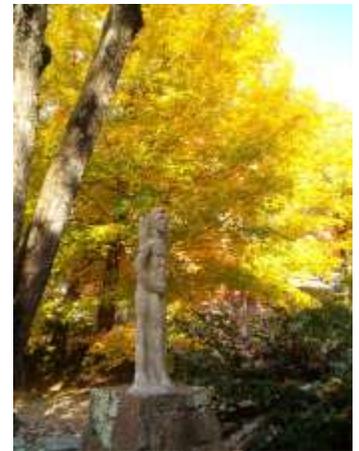
Educational toys (no batteries required) are encouraged. If **you’d like to donate something** but are unsure what to buy, Wal-Mart gift cards are welcome. We will collect the toys at the Friday potluck following Thanksgiving. If **you won’t be on the mountain** but would like to participate, you can mail gift cards to Katie Trahan, P.O. Box 466, Monteagle, TN 37356. For more information or to find out about volunteering for the event, email Katie at

Catherine@CatherineTrahan.com.

With gratitude,  
Katie Trahan, Outreach Chair



Two aspects of Autumn leaves in the Assembly!



## Day-After-Thanksgiving Annual Pot-Luck Luncheon

12:00 Noon  
Friday, November 27, 2014  
Harton Hall

Bring your leftovers and **enjoy someone else’s leftovers at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Day-after-Thanksgiving Lunch!**

This is an opportunity to visit with everyone who is here for the Holiday, to taste different and delicious food, and to empty out your refrigerator while treating all of your guests to a scrumptious meal!

There will be a huge, roaring fire, coffee and hot cider plus soft drinks. Paper

plates/cups and silverware (plastic) will be provided. Bring big appetites!

**This is a fun, happy, festive event...if it's cold, then bundle up or plan to huddle up close to the fire.** And, as always, clean-up help is appreciated!

Questions?? Call Lane Price at 924-7600 or [229-733-1328](tel:229-733-1328)

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

## Calling All Platform Suggestions!

A big thank you goes out to all who have made suggestions for platform programming this past year! The MSSA program thrives on suggestions from Assembly friends and residents. Please take a moment to recommend a lecturer, minister, workshop presenter or performer. Program Recommendation Forms may be obtained through the office or online at <http://mssa1882.org> under programs/events.

Many recommendation forms were distributed during the season, and few have been returned. So, this is a friendly reminder to get your ideas in!

*Becky Nelson,  
Platform Superintendent*



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

## 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

We are saddened to bring you news of the death of Jessie Stumb Wemyss Burton, the mother of Mary Ellen Lovell. Please keep Mary Ellen and her family in your prayers.

## Your Trash



Our trash collector, Mr. Nunley, will collect trash Mondays and Thursdays during the off season in hopes of reducing the critter pilferage. Please thank Kenneth for going the extra mile to keep the Assembly trash free.

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## Cottages Available for Transfer:

#6	Windcrest	\$550,000
#15	Bridgepoint	\$650,000
#49	Tranquil Eyster	\$425,000
#103	North Gate Inn	\$695,000
#146	Boutcher	\$595,000



## 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.**