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The Buchanan Log House Chapter Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities

President's Message

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The mission of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities is to promote preservation, education and interpretation of historic sites in Donelson, Hermitage, Middle Tennessee, and Tennessee.

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As we approach the end of 2013, we look back with pride on the accomplishments of our Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA. Yes, we've experienced some set-backs, but our successes far out-shine our set-backs. We give to you, our volunteers, our members, and our Board of Directors, the THANKS AND CREDIT for your support in the programs and events sponsored by our Chapter.

One of our biggest set-backs is the decline of memberships, private donations, volunteers. Two years ago, we had 124 members – today we have 87 members. We have not filled all positions of our Board of Directors – most of these positions have specific 'jobs' and no committed, dedicated volunteers have stepped forward to accept these responsibilities.

Membership dues provide a good source of income, although, \$10.00 of each membership goes to the state APTA Headquarters, leaving our chapter with \$15.00 per each Individual membership and \$25.00 for each Family membership. With private donations rapidly decreasing, we need to increase memberships to offset the shortfall in private donations.

Our chapter has established an endowment fund to insure the future financial security of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA. Of course, this fund needs to grow before the earned income from the fund will be enough to offset some of our financial shortfalls.

The principal of the endowment fund will never be withdrawn – it will be a “forever” gift from the donor.

We were very successful in most of our events this year and plans are underway to continue with a year of fun filled and financially successful activities – the current calendar of events is included in this newsletter. Again, though, we need YOUR support to be successful. This is YOUR chapter – please review the Schedule of Events and let me know which ones you will support. Also, what other activities do you want to take place at the Buchanan Log House Complex.

Your comments are always welcome – we, the Officers and Board of Directors, strive to make this a worthwhile organization for YOU. Let us know what you would enjoy.

YOU are appreciated and your support is invaluable. Enjoy your holidays and be safe. I am looking forward to seeing you at our Holiday Open House Sunday, December 8th, 2:00 P.M. – Santa Claus will be stopping by. There’s music and refreshments, and the Buchanan Log House is decorated for the holidays as it would have been back in the early 19th century.

Cordially, Lu

[This newsletter is prepared by a substitute. Obviously, we miss our editor who will return in the future.]

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL HAS BEGUN FOR MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2013-2014. We need you and your support--**PLEASE**. So if you have just put off joining or submitting your annual dues, kindly do so now. As a non-profit self supporting chapter, we receive no funds from Metro Government and totally depend on the Donelson-Hermitage Community to support our projects and programs. **Annual individual membership dues are \$25 (family memberships are \$35.00) for one year, and may be mailed with your name, address, email address and phone number to: Treasurer, Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA; P. O. Box 292879, Nashville, TN 37229. You are very important to us and we truly need your support.**

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OPEN HOUSE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Come to the Buchanan Log House Christmas Open House to experience a classic pioneer Christmas. Simple decorations from natural materials by Kelly Nold-childers and musisc of the period will grace the halls for this free event that is open to the public. Members and volunteers are honored guests. The Christmas Open House will be held from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, December 8th at the Buchanan Log House, 2910 Elm Hill Pike in Donelson. Admission and parking are free. Refreshments will be offered. Many of the decorations created by Mrs. Childers will be tagged for sale and may be taken at the end of Sunday's event.

MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS WREATH AT THE BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE, DECMEBER 9TH.

Decorate your home with your own hand-made Christmas wreath. Kelly Nolf-Childers, holiday decorator of the Buchanan Log House, will host a wreath making class beginning at 6:30 p., December 9th, at the Buchanan Log House Craft Center, 2910 Elm Hill Pike, Donelson. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Space is limited. Make your reservation today by calling Lu Whitworth, 615-370-9415.

Mrs. Childers, an interior designer specializing in dried florals, wreaths and swags, operates her business from her barn in Ridgetop, Tennessee. Her holiday decorations at the Buchanan Log House are true to the period in which the Log Home was built and its later additions. She uses natural items, that would have been easily found at this time of year by the early Tennessee settlers.

CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
2013	December	8 th	Holiday Open House. Santa will visit.
2013	December	9 th	Make your own Christmas Wreath Class.
2014	January	25 th	Chili Cook Off
2014	April	26 th	Fabulous Fifties Party
2014	May	3d	Community Yard Sale & Plant Sale
2014	May	16 th	Fish Fry & Silent Auction
2014	June	8 th	Members Appreciation Dinner.
2014	June	28 th	BBQ & Blue Grass Fest
2014	September	19-20 th	Folk Festival & Buchanan Market Place
2014	October	18 th	Children's Day
2014	November	1 st	Christmas Bazaar
2014	December	14 th	Holiday Open House



The Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA extends an invitation to organizations and to host/hostesses of private luncheons to enjoy a Buchanan Log House Destination Luncheon, 2910 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville TN 37214.

Our program includes a box lunch, costumed docents providing house tours, music and door prizes, all for \$25.00 per person. Reservations must be pre-paid and received by the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA one week prior to the date selected and a minimum of 15 guests are required for the caterer. We offer free parking to our guests.

The log house will be decorated from December 1, 2013 to January 7, 2014 for the upcoming holiday season by floral designer Keli Nolf Childers. She will decorate with a primitive theme that will reflect an early nineteenth century Christmas. This is the perfect time to visit this historic site.

If you prefer, plan and arrange your own luncheon, dinner or party. Rental rates are \$40.00 per hour during the week or \$100.00 per hour during the weekend.

Please contact Mrs. Judy Vecchione, Telephone 615-424-7548 for information on scheduling your event.