



Flag Day June 14<sup>th</sup>

# The Buchanan Log

June/July 2013

## The Buchanan Log House Chapter Association for the

## Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities

### President's Message

Our APTA members and volunteers who work faithfully and enthusiastically to ensure our Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA is successful in its mission will be honored at the annual open house and membership meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public; music and refreshments will be a part of the afternoon. I am looking forward to seeing you on the 9<sup>th</sup> to say a BIG thank you to all of you who help with the management & upkeep of our historic property.

Our annual major fund raiser, the Fish Fry & Silent Auction, on May 17<sup>th</sup> was the best ever - thank to the many volunteers who made this possible. A special thank you to our Fish Fry sponsors, Kroger (on McGavock Pike), Piedmont Gas Company (who provided the cooks), Coca-Cola for the drinks, and to the Rotary Club of Hermitage who helped prepare the fish and supported with their labor.

It's not too late to begin thinking about our annual Folk Festival and Buchanan Market Place. September 20<sup>th</sup>, Friday, will be School Kids Day with hands on activities by the children to learn about the life & times during the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The 19<sup>th</sup> Alabama Civilian Corps will be on hand to guide the children. Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> is the Folk



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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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Festival with artisans demonstrating activities as they were in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century - families are invited to come & bring their relatives, their neighbors and their friends - this is a free event to educate our community of the early days of the development of Nashville. Mark your calendars and plan to join in the fun and fellowship. Of course, we always need volunteers to help with this event. Call me to offer your time.

Summertime is here and I wish for each of you a fun-filled, happy & healthy summer.

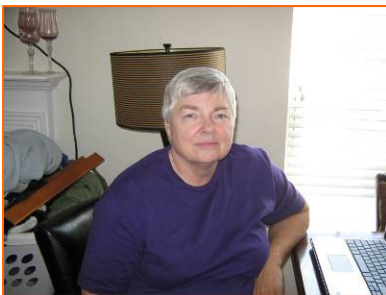
Telephone or email me with your suggestions for programs & activities you would enjoy at the Buchanan Log House. It's your chapter - let's work together to make it what you want.

Lu Whitworth

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## **Buchanan Log House adds Two New Board Members**



Kathy Blums, originally from Wisconsin, became a southerner when she relocated to Tennessee. She has been a volunteer with the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA for several years, serving as Chair, Publicity and President of the Board. Currently, she is the Events Coordinator for showing the property to prospective renters and managing the calendar of all events held at the Buchanan Log House.



Nicole Clemmons is the owner and primary photography of NRC Photography. She was born Flint, MI, but moved with her family to Columbia, TN, in 1989. In 2011, she married Tyler Clemmons of Lebanon, TN, and rented an apartment in Spring Hill, TN. They purchased their first home and moved to Donelson last summer, and very quickly noticed the charming log house just up the road from their new home. Being a child and family portrait photographer, Nicole is always looking for new and interesting locations as backdrops. She saw the Buchanan Log House as such a location. By chance

she stopped by to check it out one day when Lu Whitworth was there taking care of some business. She and Lu talked extensively about the house and the need for young volunteers, especially those with knowledge of Facebook. After attending a board meeting, Nicole agreed to take on the Buchanan Log House's Facebook page, and also began photographing events held at the Log House to post on Facebook and the website. She really enjoys working with the Buchanan Log House APTA, and feels honored to have been given a board position.

**Please Renew!!!!**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE.

Its time to renew your Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities 2013-2014 membership (please see attached). To maintain the activities shown in the calendar of events below, and special programs, we disparately need your continued support as a member of the BLH Chapter. Remember we are managed by unpaid volunteers, so membership dues and any additional financial support you might consider go directly into maintenance, upkeep of the historic structures, and funding of our historic and environmental education programs. **All membership fees and other financial support are considered donations and are, therefore, tax deductible**

Renewal forms may be downloaded from our web page: [www.buchananloghouse.com](http://www.buchananloghouse.com); telephone 615-370-9415 to have a form mailed to you, or simply send in your check.

Checks may be mailed to BLH Treasurer

P. O. Box 292879

Nashville, TN 37229

**HAPPY 4TH!**



## APTA Middle Tennessee Region Volunteer of the Year



APTA (state) President, Mr. Frank McMeen (left) presents the APTA Middle Tennessee Region Volunteer of the Year to Mr. Bill Prather, member of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA.

Bill has tirelessly worked with both the operations of the Chapter and with the upkeep of the buildings and grounds for many years. Likewise, Mr. Prather has served on the Board of Directors, both as a member and as an officer. Over a long period, he & another member met each Monday morning at the Buchanan Log House to determine what tasks needed to be done on the buildings and grounds, then, set about physically completing the tasks. In many cases, he personally funded the costs of supplies and materials to do the work. He has spent many hours on the lawnmower and with a weed-whacker in his hand, keeping the grounds in tip-top condition - volunteering his time and paying for the required expenses. Bill worked diligently to rid the leaves from the grounds in the fall of the year. He has been instrumental in putting-together the plans (and actually doing a great deal of the work) for the annual Fish Fry and the annual Folk Festival. One of his first jobs was to prevent the downfall of the Gazebo. He found a donor to provide the lumber, and Bill put the gazebo back together. He was always on

hand to prepare for any event (to put up tents, clean the grounds, etc.) Mr. Prather committed to specific tasks, an assignment, etc. quickly and willingly, and was most dependable in getting the jobs done timely and correctly.

Bill was relentless in figuring out funding issues - funding needed to maintain and upkeep the grounds and facilities. He would do a lot of the work himself (such as renovate the Craft Center, repair leaky roofs; move the Addison House onto the property). He worked with political leaders to find funding for major funding requirements; e.g., archeology dig at the Addison House original location.

In summary, Bill Prather has been volunteering for many years, giving of his time, energy, efforts and funds to keep the Buchanan Log House Complex buildings in good repair and to keep the grounds looking nicely. Even though is no longer on the Board of Directors (by his choice), he continues to help with clean-up days, to help with the annual Fish Fry & annual Folk Festival, and comes by periodically to check-out the buildings to see what needs to be repaired and arranges to do the work. His passion for and interest in the historic Buchanan Log House has not been duplicated.

## April & May Activities

Special thanks to those who participated in the annual Fish Fry and Silent Auction. The rain did not deter close to two hundred Donelson and Hermitage folks from enjoying Mississippi raised catfish donated by the Donelson Kroger's, professionally prepared by the Rotary Club and cooked by the gourmet chefs from Piedmont Gas.





### Website Links

[Addison Museum History](#)  
[Buchanan Log House History](#)  
[James Buchanan Cemetery Architectural Significance](#)  
[Be a Volunteer!](#)  
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## June & July Activities

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

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Sunday, June 9, 2013, 2:00 p.m.**

*At the*

**Buchanan Log House**

**2910 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN 37214**

**HONORING the MIDDLE TENNESSEE APTA**

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR · BILL PRATHER**

**(MEMBER OF THE Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA)**

*And*

*Honoring all members, past & present, of the*

*Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA*

*And*

*Honoring all volunteers whose time, energy,*

*Efforts and financial support enhance the*

*Successful operation of our Association.*

**MUSIC & REFRESHMENTS**

**RSVP by Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

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# Replacement Fund

“The roof is leaking, let the donations pour in!”

The generous contributions received to date are appreciated, and our goal is *almost* accomplished. Mr. Charlie Paul’s construction company is ready to begin the installation of the new roof. Thanks to each of you who have supported this effort. As you know, the roof has been leaking for several years & has been patched many times – it’s beyond patching!

We still need \$1,675.00 to reach the amount required for the new roof. Contributions to the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization are tax deductible. Your support to help us reach our goal will be appreciated – any amount - small or large. Checks may be mailed to: BLH Treasurer, P. O. Box 292879, Nashville, TN 37229.

Or, follow this link below to donate via credit card:

<http://blhroof.chipin.com/buchanan-log-house-roof-replacement-fund>

## Rent the Log House

*The Buchanan Log House Chapter 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 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.*

*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.*

*Our Events Coordinator will work with your group for an available date.*

*Our Event Coordinator’s contact information:*

*Kathyblums@hotmail.com or call 915.521.9219*