



Common Bond

MTSU Center for Historic Preservation Newsletter

International Heritage Development Conference Showcases Tennessee in June

Tennessee Communities Become Classrooms at IHDC

Nearly twenty Tennessee communities will play host to national and international attendees of the International Heritage Development Conference, June 4–8, 2005. Headquartered in Nashville at the Sheraton Nashville Downtown, the conference brings together leaders in heritage development for mobile workshops across middle Tennessee and twenty educational sessions in the hotel. Exciting events at Belle Meade Plantation, Fisk University, and the Country Music Hall of Fame will cap off each evening. For those wishing to see more of Tennessee, there are optional road trips to Memphis/Jackson, Knoxville, and Leiper's Fork on Saturday.

The mobile workshops promise to be the most adventure-some and innovative aspect of the conference. All conference registrants choose one of fourteen interactive mobile workshops. Departing by bus from the conference hotel, "Workshop Tuesday" will take place in a variety of historic towns and venues across middle Tennessee including Lynchburg, Pulaski, Spring Hill, Lebanon, Franklin, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Linden and Lobelville, and Bowling Green, Kentucky. At these locations, community leaders are ready to

share their heritage development successes and challenges. Guided by workshop facilitators, conference attendees will engage in a dialogue with Tennessee's communities.

Register Now for IHDC 2005

Whether you have an interest in resource conservation, community revitalization, historic preservation, or economic development, you should make plans to attend. The registration fee of \$295 includes access to all conference events from the Sunday evening opening reception through the Wednesday afternoon closing luncheon. For complete registration information, go to www.ihdc2005.org or call (615) 494-8916.

Exhibit Space Available

Attracting leaders in the growing field of heritage development, this conference is an unprecedented opportunity to promote your organization's products and services. The exhibit hall is located by the break area and meeting rooms. For three days, exhibitors have the chance to interact with hundreds of conference attendees from the public and private sectors.



Pulaski's mobile workshop will examine the challenges of telling the whole story of a community's heritage.



Evening events and tours will feature some of Tennessee's many musical traditions.

Tennessee Preservation Trust Presents Honor Award to CHP

At its annual awards program, the Tennessee Preservation Trust (TPT) recognized the Center for Historic Preservation's long-term commitment to the state's historic resources and its outstanding track record of partnering with preservation groups around the state. Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, was the featured speaker and presented the award. The ceremony took place November 4 in the newly restored Silver Ballroom of the Read House Hotel in Chattanooga.

TPT noted the center's leadership in developing the Heritage Development Institute, the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, and the Century Farm program and its undergraduate and graduate education programs. The CHP has assisted TPT with a comprehensive survey of civil rights sites in downtown Nashville and an economic impact study detailing the contributions of the state's historic resources to the economy. Copies of the economic impact study, "Banking on Tennessee's History: The Economic Value of Historic Preservation to the People of Tennessee," are available by calling TPT at (615) 259-2289.



Center Director Carroll Van West shakes hands with National Trust President Richard Moe.

Meet CHP's Newest Fellow: Susan Knowles

Art historian and exhibit coordinator Susan Knowles is the CHP's Spring 2005 Historic Preservation Fellow. She is researching the Tennessee connections to the United States Capitol. Part of her work involves documenting the Tennessee materials and craftsmanship used in the capitol building. Recently, Susan traveled to Bolivar, Tennessee, with Drs. West and Sharp and graduate student Steven Smith to look at the artwork at the Pillars historic house which is owned by the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities. She gave local chapter president Joy Grubbs insight into the nature, care, and quality of its collection. The center is excited about having Susan on board and is already benefiting from her expertise.

Introducing New Staff and Students

Betty H. Johnson, the new TCWNHA secretary since December, recently worked for two local law firms after spending over ten years at Vanderbilt University as an administrative assistant in the School of Engineering. Her undergraduate degree is from Murray State University in Kentucky and her master's degree is from MTSU in organ and choral conducting.

Tina Morris joined us this spring as our receptionist. She also assists with administrative support for the CHP staff.

Bud Alley, a graduate student in the History department and former plant manager in the packaging industry, works with the 2005 International Heritage Development Conference staff. In this role, Bud combines his interest in history with his background in sales and marketing.

Lauren Grisham is an undergraduate Anthropology major with a double minor in History and English. Coming to us from Athens, Alabama, Lauren is learning the ropes of the National Register process through her work with the Cates Farm in Rutherford County.

Holly Nelson, a Psychology undergraduate student from Albuquerque, New Mexico, joined the administrative support staff of the CHP this spring.

Sheryl Hankins has joined the staff of the 2005 International Heritage Development Conference. Having worked in the airlines industry, Hankins brings valuable skills to the IHDC team. Hankins plans to enter the Anthropology program at MTSU this fall.

Center Builds “Toolbox” of Programs and Services for Farmers

The Center for Historic Preservation is producing a guide to programs, services, and opportunities of benefit to farmers. The goal of this project is to provide “tools” to help farmers stay on the farm and keep agricultural lands in production. The idea for a “toolbox” to assist farmers and those who work within the agricultural community originated with a group of individuals who meet monthly to listen, learn, and consider how to support farms and farming across Tennessee. Calling themselves the Farmland Preservation Coalition, the ad hoc group includes representatives from government, business, education, and the not-for-profit sectors.

The CHP is coordinating the research, data compilation, and production of the printed guide and Web site. Joining the CHP as cosponsors of the project are Central Basin Resource Conservation and Development Council; Cumberland Region Tomorrow; Greater Nashville Regional Council; the Land Trust for Tennessee; and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Nancy Adgent Morgan, Marshall County farm owner and principal researcher, and Caneta Hankins, member of the coalition and director of the Tennessee Century Farms Program, anticipate that the printed publication and Web site will be available in late spring.

New Partnership with General Services Administration

One of the most exciting new initiatives of the center is its partnership with the Southeast Sunbelt Region of the United States General Services Administration (GSA), which owns and manages federal buildings. Under the leadership of Dr. Leslie Sharp, the center is working with historic preservation and fine arts specialist Jeffrey Jensen out of the Atlanta office of the GSA on a major research and documentation project for the Federal Courthouse and Post Office in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Second Empire-style building was originally designed by U.S. architect Alfred B. Mullett and constructed in 1874. Graduate research assistant Sarah Jane Murray is assigned to the project that will include a historic paint analysis, treatment and fixture recommendations, and a history of the building. Anne-Leslie Owens, Murray, and Sharp traveled to Raleigh the first week of March to begin work on the project. Owens oversaw the taking of paint samples in the main lobby space while Murray spent most of her time in the basement organizing and recording floor plans and construction documents for the building.



Graduate student Sarah Jane Murray examines drawings of the Raleigh Federal Building with Jeff Jensen of the U.S. General Services Administration.

Mark Your Calendar

International Heritage Development Conference

June 4–8, 2005
Nashville

Downtown Sheraton Hotel
See www.ihdc2005.org for more information or to register.



CHP Reception at National Trust Conference

September 28, 2005
Portland, Oregon

Legacy of Stones River Symposium: Occupation and the Home Front in Tennessee

October 22, 2005
Murfreesboro

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Sadowsky Pays Surprise Visit to CHP Staff



(l to r) Nancy Smotherman, Leslie Sharp, Caneta Hankins, Steve Sadowsky, and Carroll Van West.

Center alum Steve Sadowsky is now the Historic Preservation Officer for the city of Austin, Texas. Living in Texas since 1992, he came back to visit MTSU last fall while in town for his Vanderbilt class reunion. Steve attended MTSU from 1989 through 1992 and also worked as a graduate teaching assistant for the History Department. As you can see from this photograph taken in front of the Harrison House, Steve has not changed a bit!!

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