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This Old Nabe

Spring 2006

RICHLAND-WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

2006 Home & Garden Tour May 6 and 7

by Art Day

OLE! Are you ready for Cinco de Mayo?

That's when we kick off Richland-West End's 2006 Home and Garden Tour with the **Pre-tour** Party at the home of Natasha and John Deane, 3829 Richland Avenue. The party, coordinated by Kathy West and Julia Cashion, will start at 7:00.

A special feature at this year's party will be a **Silent Auction** of neighbor Tom Turnbull's painting "Turn Right on Bowling" which appears on this year's T-shirt and tour book cover. Bring your checkbook and buy this painting before Tom gets to be so famous we cannot afford him. Proceeds go to RWENA.

Tickets to the May 5 party are \$25 per person, which includes, in addition to food and drink, your tour booklet /ticket to the home tour. You may pay for and pick up your pre-ordered T-shirts at the party or at the Post-tour Party on Sunday, May 7.

This year's tour, featuring 9 beautiful homes and 5 gorgeous gardens, will be Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, noon to 5 p.m. both days. Back by popular demand (i.e. good response and good profit last year) are the art show and sale and bake sale held in the Fellowship Hall of Concordia Lutheran Church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOME TOUR

Two shifts per day:
Noon to 2:30 or 2:30 to 5:00.
Call Antoinette McGregor,
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The bake sale sold out quickly last year, so this year we are locking our elves in the kitchen in an attempt to have a larger supply. If you would like to help the elves by baking something delicious for the sale, get in touch with Julie Cavallo (298-3705) or Sally Truitt (269-5681).

The art show and sale has several additions this year. First, it has a new name: **RWENA Artisan Fair**. In addition to original work by neighborhood artists, there will be flea market items from our antique dealers and limestone sculpture from neighborhood artist Tom Rice. Tom has been an artist and teacher for over 25 years and is currently showing his stone work in major galleries throughout the country. His work is represented in numerous private and public collections. There might still be a spot for you if you would like to have your artwork included in the show and sale. Contact Jana Lovejoy (385-4720)

or Cheryl Nitch (292-9559) for more information.

New this year is a **Plant Sale** (in case the gardens inspire you). The sale is sponsored by Bates Nursery & Garden Center, with proceeds going to the neighborhood. Several varieties of perennials and herbs will be offered at the Flood Garden, 3512 Central Avenue.

Two well-known local **artists will be exhibiting** their work in the homes and gardens this year. Sculpture by Alan LeQuire and pottery by Tom Turnbull will be on display and available for purchase. Alan is the creator of the monumental Athena Parthenos for the Parthenon in Nashville and is one of Tennessee's most accomplished sculptors. He is best known for his public commissions such as the life-size bronze sculptures at Blair School of Music and near Kirkland Hall at Vanderbilt University. A handsome, heroic bronze of Timothe DeMontbrun, French fur trapper and an early Nashville inhabitant, was completed in 1996 and now stands on the west bank of the Cumberland River. Tennessee's Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, a well-composed grouping of three figures in action, is located on War Memorial Plaza in downtown Nashville.

The work of noted potter Tom

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 5: RWENA Pre-Tour Party, 7 p.m., home of Natasha and John Deane, 3829 Richland. \$25 per person (includes ticket to Home Tour)

May 6 - 7: RWENA Home & Garden Tour, 12 noon - 5 p.m. both days

May 7: Post-Tour Party for home

tour volunteers and tour home and garden owners, 6:30 p.m., home of Maribeth and Michael Geraciotti, 3717 Richland.

June 3: Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale, 8 a.m. till noon.

June 3-4: Historic Edgefield 31st Annual Tour of Homes

Visit our website at: www.rwena.org

from the president

The best aspect of living in our neighborhood is the friendships that we are able to develop. Those friendships and our sense of community make our neighborhood a truly unique place in which to live.

I would like to thank outgoing President Steve Sirls for all he has done for the neighborhood over the last few years. The neighborhood association has operated smoothly and almost invisibly thanks to Steve's good efforts. He has spent hundreds of hours working on neighborhood issues both within the neighborhood and Nashville. Thanks again, Steve – you're a great neighbor and a great friend!

If you've noticed the neighborhood looks better this spring, much of the credit goes to Becky Taylor and her

beautification committee. They have replanted and restored several of the gardens in the public spaces.

We are fortunate that Becky has gotten the neighborhood looking good because the home tour is fast approaching. This year's home tour will be the first weekend in May. Art Day and Gwen Martindale have done a great job organizing the tour. We have nine homes and five gardens on the tour this year.

The tour has been a great opportunity for new residents to meet their neighbors. Volunteer to work at one of the homes or gardens on the tour and you will meet lots of neighbors as well as see many of your friends from other Nashville neighborhoods. Antoinette McGregor is in charge of volunteers. Please call her at 292-6280 or e-mail

ant_mcgregor@yahoo.com.

Remember, the pre-tour party is Friday night, May 5, at the home of Natasha and John Deane, 3829 Richland. The post-tour party for volunteers (another reason to volunteer) will be held at the home of Maribeth and Michael Geraciotti on Sunday evening, May 7.

The biggest news in the neighborhood this spring has been the announcement that the College is considering moving. Both the College and the proposed purchaser are conducting feasibility studies to see if this complicated move can take place. Until a final decision is reached by the College and by the proposed purchaser, we can only sit back and await developments.

Jim Kelley
RWENA President

board of directors

RICHLAND-WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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NOTICE: RWENA Board members were elected at a General Meeting on February 16. Going off the board were: Francis Eagle, Vicki Siefker and Edna Smith. Elected to membership are: Jim Boosalis, Julia Cashion, Dave Miller and Becky Taylor.

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neighborhoodwatch

Thanks to Our Alert and Watchful Neighbors

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH QUICK REFERENCE
Neighborhood Watch: 297-1966
ljcashion@juno.com
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Police emergency: 911
Request for Traffic Enforcement: 862-7747
West Precinct: 862-7747
Animal Control: 862-7738 or 7747
Watch Your Car Program: 1-800-394-9342
Public Works: 862-8700
Crime Stoppers: 742-7463

First, I would like to thank all of the watchful neighbors who have called me to report what is going on in the neighborhood! I have enjoyed getting to talk to each and every one of you.

Fortunately, only three official police reports were filed in the first quarter of 2006. The first report was filed by me, Julia Cashion, your Neighborhood Watch Director.

Monday, January 9, 2006

At approximately 10 p.m. in the 3700 block of Meadowbrook Avenue, I observed an African American male in a hooded sweatshirt ascending out of a broken basement window. He saw me when I saw him, and he dropped back into the basement of the house. I went home and called the police. Two squad cars arrived approximately five minutes later. The Sgt. who arrived first called for the K-9 units. There was a total of eight police cars on the scene at 10:30 p.m. The man was not found, but there was evidence of a person staying in the basement. The owners of the home were called to advise them of the break-in. The window was secured with plywood later in

the week. The police increased patrols as a result of this incident.

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

In the 3800 block of Richland Avenue, a black car was observed in the synagogue parking lot. It didn't move for several days. Approximately one week later, a white male moved the car down the block. He was sitting in the car when the police were called. When the officer arrived the car was gone. Patrols of the area were increased due to this incident.

Sunday, March 26, 2006

At approximately 6:30 p.m., a resident saw a small, old, faded-red BMW with two occupants, appearing to be young white males, pull up in the 3600 block of Meadowbrook Avenue and stop, headlights on. When the driver saw the resident, he turned off the lights but both men stayed in the car. The resident got the license number, and when they were still sitting in the car ten minutes or more later, the resident called the police. According to the resident, "It just didn't look right. It didn't 'fit'." About five minutes later, the police arrived, spoke with the occupants of the car, and they drove away.

Again, thank you, Neighbors, for your watchful eyes. Keep up the good work. Just in case you don't remember how to contact me, Julia Cashion, RWENA Neighborhood Watch Director, here is my current contact information:

Home: 297-1966 E-mail: ljcashion@juno.com

2006 Home & Garden Tour May 6 and 7, continued

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Turnbull is well known among Nashville collectors and is included in private collections around the country. Thirty-six of Tom's large, hand-thrown porcelain vessels are on permanent display at the national headquarters of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. For the tour, Tom will focus on hanging porcelain platters.

As if all that weren't enough, we have more gardens this year and some homes located on streets not featured in years past. One of the gardens is that of internationally renowned landscape architect Ben Page, whose gardens celebrate their creativity by propelling historical-based design into the 21st century.

Homes:
David Miller and Jim Bridges,
 106 Bowling Avenue
Alice and Bob Bolster,
 3823 Central Avenue
Laura and Paxton Scott,
 3510 Murphy Road
Julia Ann Hawkins,
 3706 Princeton Avenue

Robinette and Hugh Gaston,
 3508 Richland Avenue
Mary Ann McCready and Roy Wunsch,
 3700 Richland Avenue
Kathy and Tom Pennington,
 3704 Richland Avenue
Patsy Duke, 309 West End Place
Laura and James Sykes,
 3606 Westbrook Avenue

Gardens:
Libby and Ben Page,
 3801 Richland Avenue
Nilufer and Phil Chanin,
 3810 Richland Avenue
Meme and Mike Kriel,
 3629 Central Avenue
Kathy and Dan Killman,
 3600 Central Avenue
Beth and Chuck Flood,
 3512 Central Avenue

The trolley will be back this year. The kids love it, of course, but it also gives us grown-ups a chance to sit back and really look at our incredible neighborhood at a leisurely pace.

Parking for our visitors will be available at West End Church of

Christ. Restrooms will be located at Concordia Lutheran Church and West End Church of Christ.

On Sunday evening, May 7, starting at 6:30, the **Post-tour Party** for volunteers and home and garden owners will give all who have worked so hard (and had so much fun!) a chance to wind down and relax. The party will be hosted by Maribeth and Michael Geraciotti, 3717 Richland Avenue, and coordinated by Maribeth and friends Elaine Wood and Susan Hainsworth. Everyone who contributes to the success of the tour is invited to bring a dish and join in the tour finale.

Remember, this is our neighborhood's only fund raiser, and we all benefit from it, so let's support it to the fullest. Buy tickets, invite your friends, take advantage of the sales! This is also the best chance we have all year to get out and share a great activity with so many of our neighbors, welcome visitors, meet new neighbors and have fun together.

Enjoy the tour!

Spring Short List: Gardening for Peace and Happiness

by Miss Nan Dina

My Dear Young Gardener,

April is here with all its bluster and madness. Is it hot? Is it cold? Cloudy? Sunny? Oh, when will it ever rain? Good lord, don't drown us all!

Don't depend on April weather. Crazy things happen. Snow that comes out of nowhere, and freezing rains. Heat and bright, sunny days.

But even though nothing is settled in the weather department, it's still time to garden. Here's a short list:

1. As your perennial beds come up (you do have a perennial bed, don't you?), check for plants that have croaked and replace them. Perennials sometimes drown in the winter here.

2. Weed. Weed some more. Get a scuffle hoe, stirrup hoe or oscillating hoe – all pretty much the same thing – for the easy things. For the hard things like violets and dandelions, use a fishtail weeder or, better, a Japanese garden knife.

This is the best tool I own. It has a wide eight-inch blade with a sharp point. The blade is slightly dished for holding soil. One edge is serrated for light pruning, the other smooth and sharp. The center of the blade is measured to help with planting depth for bulbs. The handle is heavy and easy to grip. The knife works not only for removing violet roots; it's great for setting out annuals or perennials, dividing perennials with that serrated edge, slicing open sacks of fertilizer or stabbing bales of peat or cutting string. Also, if you're properly angered by an unhelpful partner with his feet up watching reruns of Law and Order, gutting him like a fish.

Let's talk more about weeds. Uncontrolled weeds destroy a garden. We all know that. In the great growth competition weeds win hands down. So



weeds must be removed either chemically or by hand.

At the same time, obsession does exist. My dear sister-in-law, the Ornamental Horticulturist, says she can't see her gardens for the weeds. The weeds are few, but they override her pleasure. Let's not do that. Let's make our gardens as good and clean and fun as our time and interest allow.

There should not be guilt in gardening. If there are way too many weeds and too much guilt, get rid of the garden. Or hire it done. Or get a neighbor who gardens to help you simplify. Don't let a garden be one more thing to add to your stress. It should lead to peace and happiness.

3. Fertilize your trees today. Also your shrubs – except azaleas. Fertilize azaleas and rhododendron after they flower. Lightly treat your flower gardens if you have any. I use FlowerTone, an organic fertilizer, but you use what you want. Please remember that organic fertilizers will smell like s-t for a day or two because they are s-t. The odor dissipates rapidly.

4. Don't add any more mulch on flower and shrub beds unless you can see the bare ground. We over mulch. Do keep your trees – including those between the sidewalk and the street – mulched. Well mulched. But don't pile that stuff up around the trunk.

5. Water. I've said it before, I'll say it again – water. Not every day, but for a long time once a week if we do not get an inch of rain.

Back to street trees. This neighborhood has spent a lot of volunteer labor and hard-earned money on planting trees. These trees improve your life, your view and your property value. So, consider that little strip of weeds with a stunted tree or two your responsibility. People have suffered and given up watching

important football games to plant those trees for you. Now water them. You'll be glad you did. And surely there will be stars in your

crown or good karma or just a new connection to your neighbors.

Have fun gardening. And Do Not plant annuals until after mid to late April.

Beautification Project Continues

"My front yard begins when I drive past the Richland-West End Neighborhood signs."

- Robert Taylor, Richland Avenue resident

Spring is upon us and our neighborhood blossoming in full force. The Shared Spaces committee hopes this will be the most beautiful year our neighborhood has had.

We have been busy!

In the last few months we completed several projects for the neighborhood. Our first goal was to clear out dead, diseased or dangerous trees from the medians. Metro graciously provided this service, removing 16 trees and saving the neighborhood well over \$10,000. Many trees were replanted and are growing strong. The first weekend in April, 20 neighbors planted 38 new shrubs in the existing annual beds. Watch the Murphy/Bowling bed closely, as it received 100 day lily bulbs; they will bloom all summer with lemon-yellow blossoms. We hope you enjoy watching them grow.

The upcoming projects are exciting!

- In May pink zinnias will replace the pansies and violas. All the beds will match in color, giving the neighborhood beautiful continuity.
- We've designed a garden in front of the train track at North Wilson and Harvard. It will be a joy to the eye and greatly improve this overlooked green space.
- The West End Place/I-440 area will be landscaped with a fabulous garden (more to come this year!).

Please help care for these shared spaces.

- Mow, weed and water the common space nearest your home – it's only footsteps from your curb!
- Please help us keep the medians mowed. Metro is not able to mow more than once a month between spring and fall.
- Keep your yard waste out of areas we all enjoy. Metro has a yard waste disposal site. You can drop off your discarded tree limbs, brush, etc., for only one cent per pound. The location is straight out White Bridge Road and takes just 7 minutes to get there. See Metro's web site www.nashville.org/recycle/centers/compost_center.htm for more information and directions.

• Please pick up trash and help control alley waste. Metro will gladly bring you a second recycling bin.

As an alternative or addition to Metro recycling, our very own Terri Bond (3807 Richland Ave.) has a very reasonable recycling business that picks up WEEKLY. Call her at 419-1484 for your pickup day.

In the words of Jerry McGuire, "Help me, help you!" We will do our part; we need you to do yours. If you cannot help us physically, help us financially. Make a donation for a tree, shrub or hour of maintenance (\$36 buys a bush or tree, and \$18 buys a flat of annuals). You can mail a check to our treasurer Colleen Dowd (3728 Central). Just make it payable to RWENA, but please note that it is for the beautification projects.

Thank you for your participation and support.



Muscling those weeds outta there. Left to right: Warren Booth, Roy Wunsch, Eve Hutcherson



Working together on Shared Spaces. Left to right: the Haneys, Mike, baby Hunter and Katie; The Gerkens, Elizabeth and Gregg; Ann Walker-King; Mary Stone



Cleaning up at Bowling and Murphy. Left to right: Gwen Martindale, Robin Johnson, Mary Cook, Antoinette McGregor, Julie McCown

Your beautification committee:
Becky Taylor and Gwen Martindale (co-chairs), Terri Bond, Denise Boosalis, Art Day, Beth Flood, Julie McCown, Robert Taylor and Sally Truitt

Thanks to our advisors, Ben Page and Steve Sirls.

NO BULK ITEM PICKUP IN '06

There will be no neighborhood bulk item pickup this spring. Metro Beautification has moved from Parks to Public Works and, according to Lawrence Jackson of the Beautification department, neighborhood bulk item pickup is "in transition." He hopes it will be resumed but in the meantime, single-address pickup is still available. The number to call to schedule your own pickup is 862-8416.

Editor's Note: A word of thanks to Mr. Jackson: he has been unfailingly pleasant and helpful. He is aware of our desire to "spiff up" before the home tour and sympathizes with those who will miss the "treasure hunt" the night before the pickup. He told his bulk-item story: during his own neighborhood's first pickup, after making several trips behind his house to get more items and taking them out to the street, he stopped, looked at the result, and said, "This pile is getting smaller!" His neighbors were on their own treasure hunt.

During the Home & Garden Tour, remember to stop by

Mom's Sweet Shop

located in the basement of Concordia Lutheran Church. An array of homemade sweet treats will be for sale, including cakes, pies, cookies, muffins, even goodies for the pooch! Be sure to stop by both days, as you never know what delicious yummys you may find!

Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, noon to 5 p.m.



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Colorado Firm to Direct FWBBC Capital Campaign

Editor's Note: Our thanks to Dr. Jack Williams, Director of Communications at Free Will Baptist Bible College, for sending This Old Nabe the following news release.

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College selected Colorado-based Clark Dickerson and Associates to provide consulting services in the college's ongoing feasibility study to determine if the 64-year-old institution will sell its Nashville campus, build a new campus, and relocate by the summer of 2008.

Mark Johnson, who is leading FWBBC's feasibility study, said, "Dickerson and Associates' first task is to complete a feasibility study to determine the support for relocation and the amount of funds we could expect to raise. If the Board of Trustees and President Pinson determine that the capital campaign and other aspects of the relocation are feasible and give approval, then Dickerson will use the information obtained to help the college custom-design a capital campaign."

Clark Dickerson and Associates, founded in 1985 in Littleton, Colorado, with regional offices in five states, provides fund-raising counsel for colleges, schools, camps, organizations, and churches. Using biblically-based principles, Dickerson and Associates helps clients advance the cause of Christ through successful financial campaigns.

FWBBC President J. Matthew

Pinson said, "One of the most pleasing aspects of working with Dickerson and Associates is their extensive experience in capital fundraising for small Christian colleges, especially those tied to churches and denominations. They craft a capital campaign to fit the personality of the college. They respect what we are doing as an educational institution, and they honor the work of Free Will Baptists."

Founder Clark Dickerson told FWBBC's Feasibility Sub-Committee, "We are not only committed to helping raise funds, but we are also committed to advancing the cause of Christ through your college. Our number one goal is to assist each client to become the best it can be within God's plan."

Mr. Johnson said, "We believe we have the right firm to guide us through the capital campaign process. This company was founded on biblical principles. They understand who we are and what we want to accomplish. The insight provided by Dickerson has already proven beneficial in making our development program more effective."

Dickerson and Associates proposed an eight-step campaign that begins with an in-depth feasibility study, identifies donor leadership, and launches and cultivates the campaign until the financial goal is reached, and a thorough follow-up plan is established.

Watch for a flyer with details in early May. If you do not receive a flyer, call or e-mail Carole Kenner 385-3567 carole.f.kenner@vanderbilt.edu

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