



Events Open to the Public

Tuesday, October 13

Special Lecture: The Preservation Story of Nashville and Middle Tennessee

Sponsored by Cracker Barrel Foundation

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral, 900 Broadway

Hear two Tennessee preservation veterans talk about the preservation story of this historic and culturally diverse area of the South. **Ann Roberts**, for 26 years the director of the Metropolitan Historical Commission, and **Dr. Carroll Van West**, director of the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University, will spin stories of lessons learned and battles won and lost. Their talks will colorfully set the stage for the exciting week ahead.

Wednesday, October 14

Opening Plenary Session

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Ryman Auditorium

Built as the Union Gospel Tabernacle in 1889, the Ryman served as the home of the Grand Ole Opry from 1943 until 1974. Twenty years later the Ryman was restored to be the national showplace that it is today. Join Honorary Conference chairs the Governor of Tennessee, **Phil Bredesen** (invited), and the Mayor of Nashville, **Karl Dean**, who will welcome us to Nashville and talk about the how the city is embracing preservation, followed by Richard Moe's annual President's Report, and two very special speakers. **Dame Fiona Reynolds**, DBE, has been director general of the National Trust (U.K.) since January 2001. Currently the National Trust (U.K.) cares for more than 600,000 acres of land and more than 700 miles of coastline, in addition to the hundreds of historic houses in its care. With a membership of 3.6 million and over 100 million visits each year, the Trust has embarked on a series of programs to engage its members, improve conservation of its properties, and reduce its environmental footprint. Dame Reynolds will share what our counterparts "across the pond" are doing in their aggressive efforts to make their enormous number of breathtaking historic sites sustainable. **Bill McKibben** is an American environmentalist and author who frequently writes about global warming, alternative energy, and the risks associated with human genetic engineering. Beginning in the summer of 2006, he organized one of the largest demonstrations against global warming in American history. McKibben will address the financial revolution facing us, and examine what preservation's role is in this new economy.

Wednesday, October 14 – Friday, October 16

Exhibit Hall and Preservation Bookstore Open

Sponsored by the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area and the Rutherford County/Murfreesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Nashville Convention Center

The Exhibit Hall is a dynamic showplace featuring businesses and organizations working in preservation and its allied fields. Visit often to find a compelling selection of booths with information on local artisans, commercial restoration products, preservation-related educational programs and financial institutions that support preservation projects and activities. The Exhibit Hall is also home to the Preservation Action Silent Auction. Bid on one of the featured travel packages and you might be the lucky winner! In the Exhibit Hall you will also find our Preservation Bookstore managed by Landmark Booksellers of Franklin, Tennessee. Take the time to peruse a wide selection of preservation themed books and don't forget to buy a souvenir gift to take back home.

Thursday, October 15

National Preservation Awards

6:00 – 7:00 p.m., *War Memorial Auditorium, 301 6th Avenue North*

Join us at the fabulous War Memorial Auditorium for the 2009 National Preservation Awards – a gala tribute to the best in preservation as the recipient of the Louise DuPont Crownshield Award, the Honor Awards, the Trustees' Awards for Organizational Excellence, John H. Chafee Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Policy, the Trustee Emeritus Award for Excellence in Stewardship of Historic Sites, the National Trust/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation, and the National Trust/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation Award are announced and celebrated.

Friday, October 16

Special Lecture: Before Their Shadows Fade

Sponsored by Bridgestone America

5:30 – 6:30 p.m., *Downtown Presbyterian Church, 154 5th Avenue North*

Nashville is Music City, filled with singer-songwriters, America's finest tellers of three minute stories. New York Times best-selling author, **Robert Hicks**, in another life a long-time music industry insider, will talk about his varied passions and work that integrate so well with everything preservation is about — cultural landscapes, historic sites, Battlefield preservation, music history, and moonshine. Come hear this master storyteller weave tales that will warm your heart and prepare you for a night of great music at the historic BB King Blues Club (see description below!). Following the lecture, Hicks will sign his books *A Guitar and A Pen*, *Widow of the South*, and his new novel, *A Separate Country*.

Saturday, October 17

Closing Plenary Session

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and the Metro Historical Commission

10:30 a.m. – 12 noon, *Downtown Presbyterian Church, 154 5th Avenue North*

The **Fisk Jubilee Singers** are an enduring tradition at Fisk and represent the ardor and dreams of youth as well as the tranquility and understanding of maturity. The ensemble has received the National Medal of the Arts, the Academy Honors and the Tennessee Governor's Folklife Heritage Award, and has been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and the Music City Walk of Fame. The Fisk Jubilee Singers minister through song to the hearts of all who listen to them.

The Closing Plenary, on the 60th Anniversary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will address two major opportunities and challenges in the future of historic preservation. For decades there has been tension between many property owners and preservationists seeking to protect the integrity and heritage of neighborhoods, communities, and individual historic places. Hear a leading jurist and preservationist frame this issue in both legal and political terms, and look to the future of this ongoing relationship. **The Hon. Randall T. Shepard**, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, is a long-time preservation leader and eloquent speaker. Historic preservation is a powerful vehicle to tell all of our country's stories. **Representative John Lewis** has dedicated his life to protecting human rights, securing civil liberties, and building what he calls "The Beloved Community" in America. As a student at Fisk University, John Lewis organized sit-in demonstrations at segregated lunch counters in Nashville and participated in the Freedom Rides, which challenged segregation at interstate bus terminals across the South. Lewis was Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which was largely responsible for organizing student activism in the Movement, including sit-ins and other activities. Congr. Lewis will draw from his powerful experience to look into a future of historic preservation for all Americans.