

# Netherland Inn/Exchange Place Association, Inc.

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## Note from the President

You should have received a notice early in October that your annual dues to support the Netherland Inn/Exchange Place Association are due for the year 2005.

A small portion of Association dues are used to pay for printing and postage; most of the dues revenue is distributed to the Inn and to Exchange Place to pay for program promotions and utilities.

We do depend so much on your help to promote, maintain and develop these historic sites.

Remember, your dues and contributions to the Association are tax deductible. If you have not already sent your 2005 dues, please do so soon.

~Jim Finney

## Historic Bank Barn to be constructed with federal grant to Netherland Inn

Approximately 80 years ago, the bank barn at Netherland Inn reached its temporary demise. *Temporary?* Yes. Successful archeological digs four decades ago at



Bill Albright (l) and David Oaks (r), Grant Committee members, review historic photo of NI Bank Barn in preparation for implementing TDOT grant. Bill is Transportation Manager for the City of Kingsport and David is Chairman of the NI Grant Committee. Photo by John A. Scott.

the inn uncovered the original limestone foundation of the bank barn. This prompted a long-time dream of reconstructing this important structure, which will now become a reality! Netherland Inn supporters should be very proud of this continual effort to restore the property for generations to enjoy and appreciate.

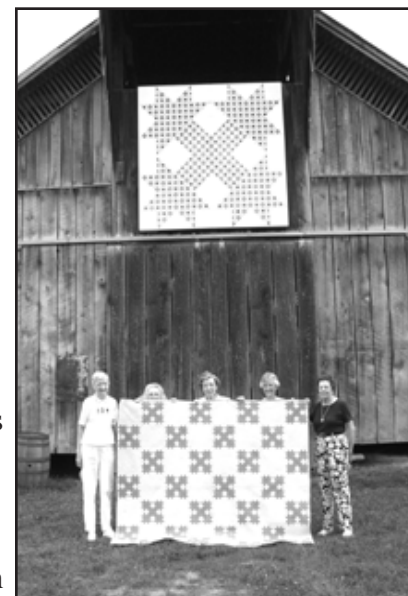
How is such a large project possible? A wonderful blend of private support and a government grant will

See Bank Barn, page 2.

## On the Quilt Trail

Exchange Place is participating in the *Quilt Trail*, established through a grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission in cooperation with the Appalachian Resource, Conservation and Development Council. The Quilt Trail begins in Ohio and extends through Kentucky into five counties in East Tennessee. There are eight barns spread across Sullivan County which now have a painted quilt square attached. Each quilt represented was selected by the owner of the barn to reflect a particular family quilt or a favorite pattern of the owner.

The Cross and Crown patterned quilt used by the Preston Family at Exchange Place was selected



Exchange Place Quilters, left to right, Helen Vogel, Lynne Chadwell Baker, Gladys Cox, Eleanor deNobriga, and Marge Arnold. Photo by Suzanne Burow.

See Quilt Trail, page 2.

## Bank Barn:

provide the funding to enable the three-story bank barn structure to once again tower above its original limestone foundation. The grant funding announced recently in the amount of **\$421,370** will cover 80% of the construction costs of the bank barn. *None of the funds can be used for any other purpose at the inn.* The City of Kingsport will handle all payments to contractors and present invoices to the State of Tennessee for reimbursements within guidelines of the TDOT grant.

The role of the Netherland Inn Steering Committee in this “reconstruction” of history is significant. The need for matching funds, plans for a new “Pioneer Transportation Museum” on the second floor of the bank barn, and how to fund increased operating costs in the future should provide considerable excitement and commitments for the inn. And then there are the complimentary phases identified for the future—a large wharf, flatboat, and salt warehouse. It will take teamwork from our many dedicated volunteers, new volunteers, and lots of creative ideas to make this a reality. It’s great to have a steering committee with this dedication. ~

~John A. Scott

## Quilt Trail:

to be painted and placed on the 1921 Horse Barn built during the time that John Preston, son of James and Catherine Preston, lived on the place

and ran the farm. The quilt square was painted by the art class at Dobyns-Bennett High School.

The pattern reflects a Biblical subject which was familiar and important to the maker. The designer of the quilt had an eye for simplicity since only two fabrics were used in the quilt and the border. The quilt is pieced entirely by hand and is quilted in an “elbow design” where the elbow is placed on



Quilt hanger hired by the Appalachian Resource, Conservation, and Development Council—better known as Appalachian RC&D Council.  
Photo by Suzanne Burow.

the corner square and a line is quilted in a fan shaped pattern. Once the other side of the square is reached by the quilting, the elbow is moved so that the next line of quilting is about 1/2" away. This quilt survived the recent robbery at Exchange Place since it was temporarily on exhibit at the Kingsport Visitor Center.

Many visitors have been following the quilt trail by finding a map at [www.quilttrail.org](http://www.quilttrail.org). The web site will eventually have the history of each quilt along with interesting details about the barn and farm where the quilt is located. ~

~Suzanne Burow

## Wreath making day at Exchange Place

Exchange Place living history farm will hold a wreath making day on Wednesday, December 1, from 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. With inspiration and guidance from Judith Fox, Master Gardener and member of the Southern Highlands Handicraft Guild, participants will complete an evergreen wreath and kissing ball to take home.

Fee for the day is \$35. Evergreen materials (holly, magnolia, cedar, pine, and yew), wreath form, wire, and a soup lunch are included in the cost. Proceeds from the workshop go to Exchange Place’s restoration efforts.

For more information, or to register for the workshop, call 288-6071 or 348-6572. Registration is limited to 15 participants.

### Wreath Making Tool & Supply List

A limited number of tools will be available, but, if possible, please bring:

- pruning shears
- wire cutters
- needle-nose pliers
- scissors
- gloves
- large towel
- "findings"—special objects you may wish to include in your wreath like angels, fruit, and reindeer or special greenery and berries
- 3-5 yards of 2" ribbon. ~



# Christmas at Netherland Inn

The annual 1818 Candlelight Christmas Party at Netherland Inn is scheduled for December 10, 11, and 12. This special event celebrates the Christmas season, and is a highlight of the year!

The inn becomes alive in the spirit of Christmas in decorations provided by the local garden clubs. Dozens of musicians provide background music, and refreshments are provided by over 70 volunteers. Bring the entire family to this wonderful event.

Hours are 7–9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10 and 11, and 2–4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children 6–10, and free for 6 and under.

~John A. Scott

## Hammond House Happenings

Have you ever wondered why fireflies fly forward but shine their light behind them? Dick Owen wove this and other curious firefly facts into a story he created and presented during storytelling for children at Hammond House. The story was so entertaining Dick had to repeat it for the grownups too.

This was part of the third consecutive Hammond House FunFest event Saturday, July 17. One hundred



Historical exhibits were on display in the sun parlor. Guests were free to admire the antique furnishings and unusual features of the house.

Children's croquet and bubble blowing took place in the yard under the



supervision of Jim and Jane Skillen.

Jim Austin, Jim Briddell, Malcolm Jones and Al Stone helped with parking and served as monitors.

Other Hammond

twenty guests signed the attendance register. They were greeted on the front porch by **Bill Dunn** with a word of welcome and explanation of Hammond House history. Inside



House events for 2004 include an April 16 tour, and hosting meetings for trustees of Hammond Charitable Trust August 3, for Northeast Tennessee Museum Association September 14, for Netherland Inn/Exchange Place Association Board September 14, and a tour for the Daughters of the Confederacy December 14.

Confederacy December 14.

Significant facilities projects include the purchase of a new riding lawnmower and repairs to 2044 Netherland Inn Road house and caretaker house. Hammond House

has been well served by Jim Austin, facilities manager, and Al



the parlor, **Evelyn Helton** demonstrated the Edison phonograph and **Cara Martin** demonstrated the foot-pump organ. **Ruth Dunn and Carolyn Austin** served refreshments in the dining room.



## House:

Stone, treasurer. Wes Hall is in his second year as caretaker and has done a good job keeping up the grounds.



**Hammond House** is an eight-room late-Victorian house at 121 Shirley Street built about 1893 by Louie M. and E. D. Smith and acquired by Vurl and Neta Hammond in 1969. The Hammonds restored the house and generously gave it to the association fully furnished in 1996 with the request it be shown periodically. *Do you belong to a group that would be interested in scheduling a tour or event? Call Bill Dunn, 288-4204.* ~

~Bill Dunn



Jackson Burow, Sassy Elner (5 months old and named after Eleanor deNobriga), and Princess on the Exchange Place farmstead.

Photo by Suzanne Burow.

## Toys & samplers (Annual Dinner)

The date for the 2005 annual dinner meeting has been set for January 28.

Although not all arrangements have been finalized, Mary and Mickey Logan, appraisers of and dealers in antiques, have consented to present the program, which will focus on their specialties, antique toys and samplers.

Mark your calendar, watch for your invitation, and prepare to revisit your childhood. ~

~Billee Moore

## Youngest docent

Megan Hall, at 15, is the youngest docent at Netherland Inn during the 2004 season. Megan has a keen interest in history, and is expanding that interest to include the history of the Boatyard District and the Netherland Inn. She enjoys her activities as a docent and the challenges it offers her. She can often be seen going through the many books and documents in the inn during her spare time on Saturdays and Sundays.

A sophomore at Dobyns-Bennett High School, Megan enjoys Latin and history and has received a Latin award this year, and has had a poem published in *Seashore Voices* publication. Megan was also recently recognized for her creative writing skills.

Megan is active in Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church and is the daughter of Melissa and Steve Hall of Mount Carmel.

Having Megan and teenage volunteers express an interest in local history is very rewarding to the Netherland Inn Steering Committee. Megan made a real contribution during 2004 to our efforts at the inn. Over several

years, another teenage volunteer, Laura Cantley, has assisted with many events. If anyone knows other teenagers who want to volunteer a couple of hours a week, we will provide training and education. Other high school students are assisting with Netherland Inn's haunted house event—it's very exciting! ~

~John A. Scott



Megan Hall.  
Photo by John A. Scott.

## Witches Wynd

Sold out as usual, the twelfth annual Witches Wynd storytelling event was held on October 22 and 23 at Exchange Place. Darkened cabins, shadowy figures, and the crunch of dried leaves set the mystic mood.

A new twist this year laid the groundwork for an ongoing collaboration with East Tennessee State University's Master's Degree in Storytelling program. Each year, an outstanding candidate for the degree will be invited to participate in the Witches Wynd. In addition to providing a fresh voice, the candidate will have an opportunity to demonstrate his or her skill to the audience and show the results of the program.

This year's nominee is Mary Grace Meador, who joins veterans Katie Doman, Dick Owen, Judy Womack, and Susan Wright. ~

~Billee Moore

## Exchange Place News

### Visitation

The Huggins family has hosted eighteen weddings and one yet to go. They have entertained 804 guests—most arriving by a tour bus. All of the grooms left happy (even the one Maw locked in the Gathering Room of the Preston House!) and are looking forward to returning and claiming their bride's dowry. Some of them may have trouble finding "their" bride, since there are four in the Huggins family. All in all it has been a good year—it may be time for a family reunion.

Over four 4,000 visitors have enjoyed the Spring Garden Fair, Farmfest, and the Fall Folk Art Festival in 2004. A big thank you to all who volunteered in any way to make this the most successful year yet at Exchange Place.

The number of school children who participated in the Country Doings and Country Critters Programs is limited only by the days that these programs are offered. Country Doings is three hours long and can accommodate up to 100

third graders at a time. Country Critters is one and a half hours long and can accommodate up to 75 pre-schoolers or kindergartners. These historic learning experiences are made possible by dedicated volunteers who give many hours to make a visit to Exchange Place an exciting one.

Exchange Place is open four days a week for the drop-in visitor from May 1st to October 31st of each year. Hats off to the Exchange Place Quilters, the Overmountain Weavers, the individuals, and families who have given their time and shared such enthusiasm with the visitors as they are greeted and shown the necessary buildings and animals of an 1850s farm.

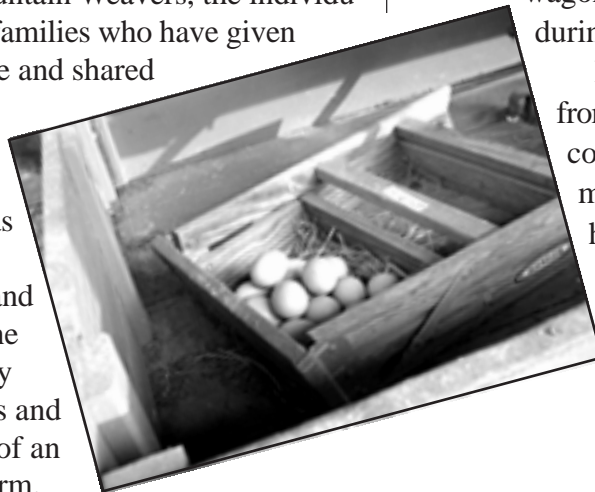
Volunteers in many areas work tirelessly to perpetuate the history and heritage of this area through the restored farm at Exchange Place. Want to be one of those special volunteers? Share the excitement? Call 288-6071. Your message will be returned before you can hang up the phone!! ~

and the adjacent log corncrib from their farm in Cook's Valley.

One of the log cribs from the house was used with logs from the Waterman cabin to reconstruct the kitchen. The original part of the corncrib has now been reconstructed across the road from the blacksmith shop. The restored wagon from Fred Thornton's homeplace completes the picture like the one of the original Preston wagon and corncrib taken during the 1930s.

Moving the wagon from another shed to the corncrib solved the mystery of where the hens had been laying their eggs. "Hunting eggs" is now understood. ~

~Suzanne Burow



Ross Smith and Suzanne Burow are working on doubling the size of the "chicken annex" with the arrival of seven new Dominique "Dominecker" chickens. Mark Selby (not shown) raised the chicks until they were old enough to stay outside. He also took three Dominique pullet eggs (immature eggs) and hatched them under his setting hen. Plans are to continue raising the chicks this way.



## Corncrib

The Moody corncrib has been reconstructed at Exchange Place. The Moody Family very generously donated their double-crib log home

# Membership 2004

Memberships received after October 1, 2004 will be counted as memberships for 2005.

Life . . . . .	\$5,000 and up
Life Benefactor . . . . .	\$3,500–\$4,999
Benefactor . . . . .	\$500–\$3,499
Settler . . . . .	\$100–\$499
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## Nottingham's Nominated

Following nine years of project coordination at Netherland Inn for the Bluegrass and Old Time Fiddlers Convention, June and P.T. Nottingham were nominated for the 2004 Arts Council of Greater Kingsport Arts Award. The nomination was made on behalf of the Netherland Inn Steering Committee. On October 9, 2004, the Nottinghams and twenty-three additional arts nominees were treated to music from John McCutcheon and a champagne reception at the Renaissance Center.

The annual Arts Council Awards recognize organizations, businesses, educators, patrons, arts administrators, and

volunteers who have demonstrated significant support or participation in activities which foster excellence in, appreciation of, or access to the arts.

Over the years, the Nottinghams have supported hundreds of area musicians by providing an opportunity for musical competition in a format that is extremely well-attended and fun for the musicians. This year's fiddlers event was held September 25, 2004 from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. in the Commons area of the Netherland Inn. Approximately 600 people attended.

Sponsors of the Bluegrass and Old Time Fiddlers Convention were Palace

Vending; Kingsport Times-News; Bank of Tennessee; Action Rentals; Edwards, Tipton, Witt; and Crystal Springs Water. Audey Ratliff emceed the event. Trophies were provided by Custom Engraving and were presented to the first five places in each category. June Nottingham's kitchen crew cooked hamburgers and hot dogs and other refreshments, while docents provided tours of the inn from 12–4 p.m. Dozens of volunteers assisted with parking, ticket sales, set-up, and refreshments.

The fiddler's convention is an ideal fundraiser for Netherland Inn in addition to showcasing the Inn. The Association is very fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers. ~

~John A. Scott

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