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Platform Preview:

Live Appraisal Event with Ken Farmer

For more than two decades, PBS's *Antiques Roadshow* has been the most-watched ongoing series of the network—in part thanks to appraiser Ken Farmer, who serves as an expert on decorative arts, folk art, furniture, and musical instruments. In our upcoming 141st season, the Monteagle Summer School Assembly will welcome Farmer for two events in week 7.

But Ken needs your help, and here's how: On Thursday night that week, Farmer will conduct a live appraisal event. In the coming weeks, MSSA members will receive an email with a link to a form where you can submit pieces your family wants Ken to

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appraise. He'll choose about 10 items total for the Thursday night show—maybe yours!

In the meantime, start hunting through your cottages and collections for items that might be good candidates for the live appraisal event. Ken is not an expert on coins or currency, but nearly any other antique is fair game. He will also need information in advance about the item's provenance/history, dimensions, and clear photos before deciding to include any item in the event.

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Culinary Guild Has Exciting Volunteer Opportunity!

Do you enjoy cooking and entertaining and maybe even a little gardening? If so, you would be ideal to chair the Culinary Guild which is a committee of the Woman's Association. The chair coordinates get togethers of the members for fellowship, food and fun. Maintaining the herb garden adjacent to Harton Hall is also an ongoing project of the Culinary Guild. If you are interested, or would like additional information, please contact Ruth Patterson at ruthjp56@gmail.com or 904-707-4127.



Ken Farmer, PBS

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On Saturday evening, Ken will provide musical entertainment—because what Renaissance man doesn't also play music?!

You can find out more about Ken Farmer at his web site, <https://www.kenfarmerllc.com/>, or at the PBS Antiques Roadshow site, <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/roadshow/appraisers/ken-farmer/>. There, you can also watch clips from the show of Ken appraising items.

*Rebecca Nelson,
Platform Superintendent*

Prayers

Ruffner Page Murray, Jr. passed away January 12, 2023, at his home in Monteagle after a brief illness. Born in Memphis on October 23, 1942, Ruffner was predeceased by parents Ruffner Page Murray, Sr. and Jean Murray Reynolds.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Grugett Murray; daughters Regan Murray Greer (John) and Shelton Murray Thompson (Scott); sister Sandra Murray Polk (Marshall) and brother John Rosser Murray (Joy); grandchildren Kendal Magee Beahm, Ellen Barclay Beahm, Jacob Emmett Thompson, Greer Grace Thompson, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial Gift Additions

The following memorial gifts were accidentally omitted from the Annual Report of Philanthropy.

In memory of Jane Barton and Martha Warfield Rodgers by Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Drennon, III.



Ruffner graduated from Central High School in Memphis in 1960. He then went to Ole Miss on a basketball scholarship. After a career-ending injury his freshman year, he transferred to Memphis State University where he met the love of his life Judith Neil Grugett, whom he married in 1963.

He began selling life insurance, and, in 1968, started his own agency as an independent agent for Ohio National Life. He later became a registered financial advisor for Raymond James. During his career, Ruffner won multiple sales awards including the

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QUICK BITES

ALL golf carts must be registered or re-registered every year. Only licensed drivers are legally allowed to drive carts.

Lawn trimmings are collected on Wednesdays.

Dogs must be registered, including proof of rabies vaccination. Pick up after your pets.

The possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances on public grounds, in public places, or at public functions on the Assembly grounds is prohibited and subjects the offender to disciplinary action by the Board of Trustees.

Safety first! Call (931) 607-8615 when the main office is closed for any security questions or concerns.



ARC PROJECT SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Planning a renovation project? The Architectural Review Committee will accept projects for review and recommendation to the Board of Trust for approval four times per year. Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the General Manager. Projects submitted by the following dates will be reviewed and presented at the board meeting following the submission.

February 28 June 10 July 31 September 30 January 15

The ARC is available throughout the year to advise members on their project planning prior to submission of a request. Not sure if you need ARC approval? Check with the General Manager first.

Prayers

Ruffner Murray

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Ohio National Tschantz Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002.

Everyone who knew him well knew he had a heart of gold, a sharp dry wit, sage advice, and a strong moral compass. He was the man you wanted in your corner.

Above all else Ruffner was a man devoted to his family. He cherished his daughters and grandchildren, and they adored him. Most important to Ruffner was his 59 year romance with Judith. He lit up when she walked into the room. They were totally devoted to each other, and their love and care for each other was beautiful. In his final days, he held his hands up and declared to his family, "I have had the perfect life."

Donations may be made to Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Ann Hampton Bradford Tharp ("Bug" to most), died on January 14, 2023, after a brief illness, at the age of 88. The widow of Robert Gould Tharp, the second Episcopal Bishop of East Tennessee, she is survived by her children: Kent (Brent) Ballow, Andrew Ewing III, Christie Rolon and Ann (Scott) Ewing; her brother William H. (Lissa) Brad-

ford; nieces Lissa Bradford and Lillian (Greg) Smith; five grandchildren: Robert Ballow, William (Julia) Ballow, Andrew Ballow, Charlie Ewing and Sara Ewing; and great grandchild Annie Ballow.

The daughter of Ewing Lehman Bradford and Christine Hampton Bradford, she was born November 27, 1934. She attended Ward Belmont and graduated from the first class of the Harpeth Hall School. She graduated from Holton Arms Junior College in Washington, D.C., and Wheelock College in Boston where she had the opportunity to spend several months studying art and history in Paris and travel in that region. It was an experience that shaped her life, and therefore, she always encouraged her children to travel, seek adventure, appreciate other cultures, and embrace curiosity.

In the 17 years prior to her marriage to Bishop Tharp, she was the MSSA platform superintendent, a position she cherished. She was a member of the Centennial Club in Nashville, Otey Memorial Parish in Sewanee, Tenn., and the Woman's Association of Monteagle Sunday School Assembly.

Affirm her life with a donation to the Bishop Tharp Institute in Haiti through the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund or to the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. A service will be held at a later date.

Robert Lee Ballow (Bob), father of Brent Ballow, father-in-law of Kent Ballow, died December 14, 2022 at the

age of 91. He was born and raised in East Nashville where he attended Isaac Litton High School. He maintained many close friendships through the years with his Litton classmates.

At age 11, he began delivering newspapers and in 1963 he graduated at the top of his class from the Nashville School of Law and enjoyed a legal career in the publishing and media industry, eventually opening King and Ballow in 1969. It grew to be a national firm representing newspapers and other media companies in every state.

Before her death in 2004, he was married to Betty Lee Ballow for 49 years. He is survived by his children Tina Aiken (Leighton) of Dallas and Brent Ballow (Kent) of Nashville. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Robert Ballow, William Ballow (Julia), Andrew Ballow, Max Aiken (Emily), and Hannah Aiken and two great-grandchildren, Annie Ballow and Collin Aiken. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Sara Scott Harris Nelson, was born in Nashville, TN, to Sara Scott Grayson Harris and Eugene Owen Harris, Jr. After a brief, early childhood sojourn in Louisville, Kentucky, they relocated back to Nashville for her father's work in the family business, Harris Davis Dry Goods. She remained in Nashville her entire life with the exception of two years education at
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The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly was organized by Charter issued by the State of Tennessee on October 4, 1882 for the purpose of: "... the advancement of science, literary attainment, Sunday School interests, and the promotion of the broadest popular culture in the interest of Christianity without regard to sect or denomination."

The Mission of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is to be a welcoming community of Christian faith where people gather to engage in spiritual growth and renewal, lifelong inquiry and learning, recreational and cultural enrichment, while being good stewards of our natural resources and our Assembly heritage.

QUICK BITES



The Troll Bridge is closed to vehicular traffic. A structural issue was detected, and we closed the bridge out of an abundance of caution. A contractor and engineer will evaluate the structure, and repairs will follow. While the bridge is out of commission, the East Gate will remain open to allow easier access to the central campus and the Cabbage Patch.

Scott Parrish



Housing Questions? Ask Rhonda!

Interested in possibly being in the rental program? Has your cottage rented to your satisfaction? Do you want to offer your cottage for 3-night rentals or discuss rates?

Contact Rhonda to discuss options or concerns, 931-924-9000

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SAFETY FIRST

The MSSA security team is at your service. If you have any emergency --medical or otherwise-- call 911, but our seasoned team is here to help for non-emergency situations. If you have a safety issue or see suspicious activity anywhere on the grounds or at the Point, don't hesitate to call (931) 607-8615 after 5 pm or call the office during business hours. There are no silly concerns--it's better to call and quell your fears than to let something go because you are afraid of a false alarm.

Consider putting the security number by your home phone and/or plugging it into your cell phones.

Kids got cell phones? Plug the security number in those too.

Together we'll keep MSSA the safe haven it is!



Prayers

Sarah Nelson

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Holton-Arms Junior College in Washington, DC. She graduated Cum Laude from Vanderbilt University. Married to Dr. Innes Armistead Nelson for fifty-six years, she devoted herself wholeheartedly to family and the upbringing of their three children.

Her community work was extensive including leadership in the Medical Auxiliary and the Junior League of Nashville. A founding member of St. George's Episcopal Church, she served on the altar guild for years, attended innumerable Sunday school classes, engaged outreach projects, and lived out her faith with countless acts of kindness. A member of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, she was renowned for her enthusiastic hosting of children and grandchildren for extended, fun filled stays.

Throughout her life, she had a gift for friendship and extended graciousness to people in all generations and varied backgrounds. In later life, she took her place as the matriarch of an extended clan and won the adoration of all, especially that of her grandchildren.

Her hobbies included reading, tennis, gardening, travel, bridge, and hiking. With a steadfast love for nature and an unwaning sense of adventure, she even took a hiking trip in Europe in her eighty-fifth year, training for it with daily eight-mile walks. Her children especially treasure trips with her in later life that included tours of Peru, Italy, Israel, and Costa Rica. Her last trip in her ninety-second year was to Grand Cayman Island with her two eldest grandchildren and their mother. She relished creating gatherings for friends and family with a flair for simple elegance and an openhearted grace for every guest.

The Nashville Steeplechase was a yearly ritual, and she attended the

inaugural event in 1941 and every race since then but two.

All of her children and grandchildren hold dear the adventurous spirit they inherited from her; and many especially admired her warmth, kindheartedness, intellectual curiosity, spiritual grounding, and playful good humor.

She is preceded in death by her parents and by her siblings Eugene Owen Harris, III; Grayson Warfield Harris; and Frank Scott Harris. She is survived by her children Rebecca Thornton Nelson, Eugene Harris Nelson, and Sara Scott Nelson Wingo (Patrick); grandchildren Sara Elizabeth Nall; Van Clyne Nall, IV; Sara Grayson Wingo Soto (Edgar), Anna Rebecca Wingo Acker (Cameron), and Abigail Pope Wingo; nieces and nephews Elizabeth Harris; Frances Harris Tacy; Margaret Harris Russell (Craig); H. Denny Taylor, Jr (Jennifer); Grayson Taylor Falcon (George); Owen Harris Taylor (Krissy); Lowrie Scott Taylor; Kae Nelson Bolling (Chan) and Ann Nelson Allen.

The family requests memorial gifts to Monteagle Sunday School Assembly or The University of the South.

Mary Julia Dossett Webb, mother of Susie Webb Ries. The first of five siblings, Julia was born September 6, 1926, to Burgin and Nell Dossett in Jacksboro. She attended University of Tennessee, where she was named "Freshman of the Year."

She married William Robert (Bob) Webb III in 1949, and they were married for more than 55 years. In 1955, they returned to Knoxville where Bob founded the Webb School of Knoxville. Tenn.

Julia became a civic activist. To spread the word throughout the state about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, she co-founded the statewide Friends of Tennessee Libraries organization in 1992. She also worked tirelessly with the Scenic Knoxville organization.

She is survived by a sister, Ann Blevins (Daniel); her two daughters, Julia Webb Bland (Will) of New Orleans and Susie Webb Ries of Nashville; grandchildren Will (Kim), Webb and John Bland; and Katie (Stephen Martin), Russell (Eleanor Schneider) and Robert (Bud) Ries, plus five great grandchildren. In addition to her husband and parents, Julia was predeceased by siblings Burgin Dossett, Jr., Tom Dossett, Genie Matthews and beloved son-in-law Russell Ries, Sr.

Memorial gifts to Julia Webb may be made to the Webb School of Knoxville or to the Friends of the Knox County Public Library.

Willis Manning Farris II, of Springfield, Tenn., formerly of Nashville, passed away on November 9, 2022. He is preceded in death by his father, Alfred Carter Farris III, and survived by his mother, Evelyn Carney Overall Farris; his children Nathanael Farris, Miriam Farris (Christopher Graham) and Annie Farris; his sisters Evelyn Farris Raines (Daniel) and Virginia Farris Gordon (Gilbert); and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Willis was a graduate of The McCallie School in Chattanooga. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Belmont College in Nashville and a Master's degree in Voice Performance from Indiana University Bloomington. Willis was an accomplished singer and musician since childhood. He worked as a performer in Nashville and across the state of Tennessee, bringing joy to many people through opera, musical theater, church choirs, and original compositions in the pop, folk, and gospel styles of music. A small, private gathering of family and friends will be scheduled at a later date.

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Prayers

Polly Trabue Halliday

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Mrs. Polly Ann Trabue Halliday died on Friday, November 25. She was predeceased by her husband, Edwin Wilkinson Halliday and her parents Thomas Malone and Martha Billington Trabue. She is survived by her son, Edwin Wilkinson (Win) Halliday, Jr. (Sandy) and two grandchildren, Edwin Wilkinson (Wilks) Halliday, III, and Currey Pillow Halliday, and her brother, Thomas Malone Trabue, Jr. (Evelyn).

Polly Ann was raised in Nashville, attended Parmer School and graduated from Hillsboro High School. In 1957, Polly Ann graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish.

She married Wick Halliday in 1957, and moved to Columbia, Tenn., where she became a housewife, while he managed the family farm, and together they raised their son, Win.

Involved in the community, she was on the board of the James K. Polk

Memorial Association and was active in United States Postal Service's issuance of the James K. Polk commemorative stamp in 1995.

Polly Ann was also active at Columbia Military Academy before its merger into Columbia Academy. She helped found the Academy Ball (currently known as the Maury County Benefit Ball) and served as its co-chair. She belonged to the Volunteer Garden Club and was a member at St. Peter's Episcopal Church where she served on the vestry. Much of her time in the summer was spent in Monteagle at the Assembly grounds where she could be with family and friends.

Memorials can be made to James K. Polk Memorial Association, P.O. Box 741, Columbia, TN 38402, or St. John's Churchyard or St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 311 W. Seventh Street, Columbia, TN 38401. Condolences may be extended online at www.oakesandnichols.com.