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President's Passage

Well it has been a long time since the last publishing of the Chatter. As the President of the Andersonville Guild, I decided to devote more of my time to raising money to complete projects and put out the Chatter on a more limited basis. But I also wanted for the Chatter to convey to the membership more about where we have been and where we are going. (Past, present and future) Since I have been President, a little over a year now, the Andersonville Guild has undergone lots of changes in leadership with the addition of several new board members. These new members are marked with an (*) in the Board of Director's list.

We have also completed several projects, which include rebuilding the re-enactors battery fencing, rebuilding the slab fencing at the entrance of Pioneer Park, reroofing the grist mill, rebuilding the porch on the Ole Shanty Antiques Building, priming of the Southern Railroad caboose, closing on the gift of the Andersonville Baptist Church building, replacing the ceiling in the Opossum Trot Postal Station and repairing a leak in the Drummer Boy Museum.

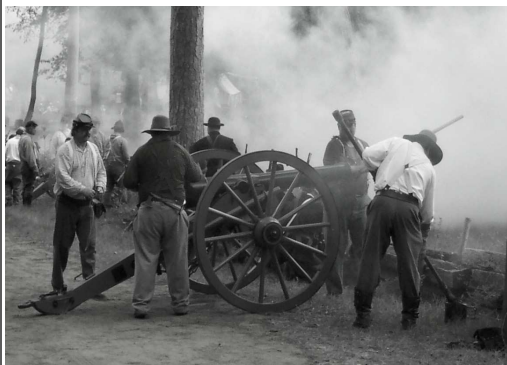
We have successfully written and received a Grassroots Arts Program (GAP) grant for the seven silhouettes now under the Easterlin Band Stand. Cynthia StormCaller wrote a (CAP) grant which paid for the Drummer Boy Museum to be assessed and its requirements detailed as a basis for future grant writing for upkeep of the collection and the building. Receiving the (CAP) grant has helped us show the needs of the collection and the building, which has spring-boarded the guild into a position to receive two other grants totaling \$6,800.00 for use in the Drummer Boy Museum. Currently we are also waiting to hear from a USDA grant, which Cynthia and Lindsey Johnson of the RDC wrote for improvements to the Drummer Boy building.

The addition of the Andersonville Baptist Church building to the guild's assets will enable the Andersonville Guild to host reunions, weddings, conferences and other facility uses. I wrote a grant to a private foundation, which gave us \$8,000.00 to do the exterior repairs and painting to the building. Cynthia and I are in the process of writing a grant to reroof the old Baptist Church building. Keep your fingers crossed. Leon Holloway, one of our new board members is spear-heading the charge to redo the interior of the church building. We have estimated the cost to update and refurbish the interior of the old church building at \$35,000.000. For more info on this project see Leon's article.

We are always looking for volunteers for upcoming events and upkeep to the buildings and other assets. The caboose needs the finish coat of paint and the stenciling replaced. We have the paint and supplies on hand to complete the job. We just need some worker bees. So please consider getting a group of



**Can you identify the people in
this picture?**



**Cannon Crew pictured during one of
our big fundraisers, The Andersonville
Historic Fair.**

friends together to volunteer today.

I have added Pioneer Park to the list of properties I mow on a weekly basis so it will look good for our visitors. Remember the guild is a volunteer organization so get involved today. I also welcome questions, comments and good old greenbacks.

Other projects include getting the grist mill operational so we can grind corn into meal at the fair. Jacking up one of the one roomed log cabins and replacing the joists and flooring so we can use this building for an exhibitor and replacing the tin on the blacksmith shop before the leaks cause structural damage. If you have supplies, or other materials to donate for any of these projects please contact Cynthia or me.

Since the last Chatter was written we have had two successful events and had to cancel one new event which we had planned on taking the place of the spring fair. The two successful events included the Wirz Monument rededication celebration and the annual Poker Run. Although both events were held successfully our revenues were much less than we had hoped. We actually had to cancel the Andersonville Folk Fest because we could not get enough vendors to participate.

Also tours have been off due to the economy and the State of Georgia has cut \$500.00 from their contribution to the operation of the Welcome Center. Our revenues are down and we have slashed our expenses to the bone for the daily operation of the guild. We need your help to keep ourselves afloat. It is much easier to raise money for specific purposes than daily running of a business. Please remember us when you give.

At this time I have promised to give \$1,000.00 if the other board of directors will match it collectively with a \$1,000.00 of their own. Additionally, I challenge the guild members to also match my \$1,000.00 with a \$1,000.00 that they raise. In this way we can potentially raise \$3,000.00 total for daily operations.

The Andersonville Historic Fair will be held Oct.3-4 of this year. We will need volunteers for parking cars, the ticket booths, lining up the parade, and cleaning up before and after the event. We welcome your participation in preparations for our big money making event of the year. Afterwards we invite you to enjoy the event since you will already be on site.

Remember Our Upcoming Events

Before and After Restoration Auction - August 8 at 7pm

Andersonville Historic Fair - October 3 and 4, 2009

Wirz Memorial - November 1, 2009 at 2pm

Holloway Holly Day - December 5, 2009

Before and After Restoration Auction

Dear Friends of Andersonville,

As you may already know, the Andersonville Guild has been deeded the Andersonville Baptist Church building. Our goal is to restore and renovate the building for use as a social hall type venue. This will be a major project for The Guild and we will need your help to accomplish our goals.

A fundraiser auction has been scheduled for Saturday, August 8 at 7:00 pm at the Andersonville Baptist Church building. Tickets to this event, the "Before and After Restoration Auction", are available now for \$100 per person. This ticket is not only your admission to the auction of August 8 but also to the celebration at the end of the restoration and renovation.

Some have expressed interest in the possibility of naming a room in the building. The opportunities for this are: Foyer - \$2,000.00, Brides Room - \$3,000.00, Sanctuary - \$10,000.00, East or West Wing - \$5,000.00, Kitchen - \$5,000.00.

A bronze plaque will be placed in each room to designate the memorial or honorarium as specified by the donor. All room-naming donors are extended an invitation to the "Before and After Restoration" parties as guests of the Andersonville Guild.

Please join us in this venture of the Andersonville Guild. Your support is greatly needed and will be appreciated by all who use the facility. Thanking you in advance for your contribution to this cause.

Sincerely,

Leon Holloway, Chairman
Committee to Restore the
Andersonville Baptist Church
Building



Pictured is the Andersonville Baptist Church building after exterior repairs and painting.

***“A Country without
a past has the
emptiness of a
barren continent;
and a city without
old buildings is like a
man without a
memory.”***

Graeme Shankland

The Drummer Boy Civil War Museum

As Curator for the Drummer Boy Museum, I am proud to tell everyone of some of the changes that are being made inside the museum. The admission fee has been updated to \$5.00 for adults, \$1.00 for 13 through 17 and under 13 is free when accompanied by an adult. This change was needed to help the museum support itself. There is also a new face in the museum. Skinny Ledford now cares for the museum on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Many tourists and young people enjoy getting their pictures taken with Skinny since he wears a Confederate or Union uniform on the days he works. He adds great color to the museum. With thanks to donations and grants we will finally be able to update the lighting in the cases and the standing exhibits so that the artifacts will no longer be damaged by horrible UV rays. Our next project will be updating the outside of the museum as many a visitor has expressed the horrible curb appeal that it has and that the building does not reflect how wonderful and unique the collection is. If any of you have any ideas or would like to donate time or supplies towards updating the outside of the museum, please let me know.



Pictured is the logo for the Drummer Boy Civil War Museum.

Cynthia StormCaller
Curator
The Drummer Boy Civil War Museum

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