

The Bugle



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SUMMER EVENT TO CELEBRATE ANTIQUES

BY JOE LASSUS

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Brentwood will be treated to a most entertaining session on antiques this month at the Brentwood Library. On Saturday, August 27th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Connie Sue Davenport will appraise antiques from your curio cabinets and far attic corners. Connie will

be conducting basic appraisals of your favorite antiques and heirlooms. You are sure to be delighted by her freshness, vitality and wry look at the world of antiques and personal treasures (jewelry and firearms not included).

Connie Sue is a Nashville area antiques and personal

property appraiser who has spent much of her life helping people uncover the treasure hidden in their homes—and helping them decide how to deal with what they find. She has conducted appraisals for thousands of individuals and has

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coordinated countless estate sales since 1983.

During the event you may bring up to two items per person. The charge for the appraisals will be \$5 each. Of course, at this price you will not receive a formal documented appraisal, but you will gain a great understanding of the nature and value of your historic possessions.

In addition, you'll be joining again with your friends of the Brentwood Historical Society for fellowship and good times. We eagerly anticipate this opportunity to relax

with you at the Brentwood Library as we share Connie Sue's extensive knowledge and understanding of our antiques, collectibles and heirlooms. It is always interesting to view the historical items brought forth by the membership to these events. You are also encouraged to bring along your friends and neighbors to the appraisal session. They are most welcome to join in on the appraisals at this special price, and hopefully also learn more about the Brentwood Historical Society while in attendance. Refreshments will be served as is our tradition.

As a prelude to the event, Connie Sue Davenport will appear on Channel 5 for the "Talk of the Town" program. Connie Sue will be seen on the program on Friday, August 26th at 12:30 p.m. as she discusses our Saturday event on this popular local television show. It is reported that she will be bringing along several exciting antiques for presentation on the program. Be sure to tune in on August 26th at 12:30 p.m. More importantly, please join us the following morning for the big event at the Brentwood Library starting at 9 a.m. If you are not an early riser the program will extend to 1 p.m. in the afternoon. All of us with the Brentwood Historical Society look forward to seeing you again at this event.



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Membership Renewals Shifted to January!!

You may have wondered what became of the annual dues statement that usually graces your mailbox each June. In years past, the Brentwood Historical Society traditionally processed membership renewals during the summer months. However, the Executive Council recently voted to move the annual renewal to the first of January, creating a regular calendar year cycle for this effort.

This change provides all current members with a free six month grace period on all memberships. We will be sending out a courtesy invoice after the first of the year to

remind you of our need for continuing support. The Brentwood Historical Society is able to support events such as the summer antiques appraisal and show through your annual dues contributions. Thank you in advance for your great assistance in this regard!



JAMES J. SAYERS HOUSE (CONTINUED)



Rear of mansion (top left and bottom left). Front façade element (top right). Cellar entrance (middle left); and front view of connection from home to kitchen (bottom right).



JAMES J. SAYERS HOUSE DOCUMENTED PRIOR TO RESTORATION

PHOTOGRAPHS BY DICK DOUGALL

Recently, the developers of the Oman property on Split Log Road received the Brentwood Historic Commission for a preview of the historic James J. Sayers House. This structure will be part of the new Taramore development. The antebellum mansion is found to be in remarkable condition with minimal modifications to its original design and construction. Brentwood Camera Club photographer Dick Dougall was also in attendance, and provided a documentary record of the building prior to the onset of restoration.

In the January edition of this publication, we identified the original owner of the home,

James Sayers (1801-1865), who built the mansion during the 1840's. By 1859,



Sayers was listed as owning 540 acres at this site. The building is the classic two-story portico style with Greek Revival detailing so typical of the era preceding the Civil War.

Take note of the photographed kitchen breezeway connector to the main house on page 7. This is one of the few homes of the era that retains this distinctive building element. Photographs are continued on page 5. Enjoy!

-Front façade of home facing west (top); rear porch facing east (bottom).



INGLEHAME SLATED FOR MAJOR RESTORATION EFFORT

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This grand Brentwood antebellum home on Wilson Pike was built in 1858 by James Hazard Wilson Jr. for his son James III and new wife Lucy. Inglehame was originally known as *Harpeth* due to the origination of the Little Harpeth River from springs nearby. During the 1930's, the home was purchased by Vernon Sharp who played a key role in Brentwood's "renaissance" through the pursuit and promotion of foxhunting.

Now Inglehame is about to enjoy a "renaissance" of its own, according to plans recently approved by the Brentwood Planning Commission and Historic Com-

mission. One condition of the development of the surrounding subdivision included the preservation of the historic home. This development condition also requires review of building modifications by the Planning Commission and Historic Commission.

The new owner Doug Martin plans on a total renovation of the mansion along with the addition of a two-story wing to the rear (see pictured below-additions shaded in red). The bottom floor will afford a grand kitchen with an upper floor recreation room for the children. Another single story addition (also pictured) provides a "mud room"

of sorts for the intensive gardening plans of the new residents. You will also notice a covered breezeway that will extend rearward to parking facilities behind the historic freestanding kitchen structure.

The undertaking will be an exciting one, and the Brentwood Historic Society applauds Doug Martin on this historic preservation project.



JAMES J. SAYERS HOUSE (CONTINUED)



Principal stairway (top left and bottom left). Main entrance door (top right). Typical bedroom pictured (middle right); note Greek Revival detailing. Front entrance doorway with columns (bottom right).

