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## Message from the President: Wonder Begins at Home



Robbie Jones, HNI president

This was a great year to live in Nashville. Okay, it's always great, but more and more in 2011 it seemed like the rest of the nation was catching on, too.

Some of the highlights: tourists ranked Nashville America's Top Destination (thanks to our unique history and, of course, music); Warner Parks was dubbed one of the top five running destinations in the country (Warner picnic shelters were included on the 2011 Nashville Nine) and Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, an anchor of Nashville's honkytonk strip on Broadway, was named one of the Top 25 Best Nightclubs of All Time on Earth!

And that's just the beginning! With so much going on, it's important to keep our focus on our city's special history as well. Join us as we strive to grow awareness, educate and

promote preservation for the places that fill us with wonder and make Nashville unique. Help us build among those who live here the same sense of wonder as our visitors.

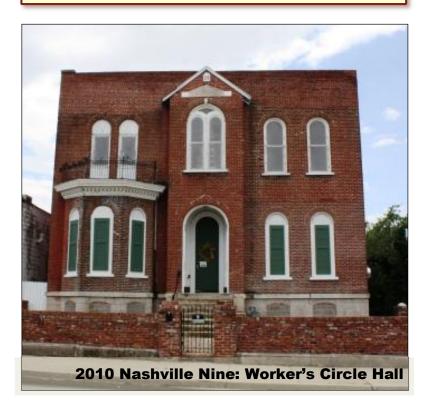
Many places on this or previous years' Nashville Nine lists continue to face deterioration or demolition. Read *In Memoriam* (page 10) to learn more about lost properties. In 2011, Historic Nashville's all-volunteer board of directors planned, promoted and hosted twenty events including exclusive tours, receptions, an Annual Meeting and the inaugural Brick & Mortar Bash. I believe 2012 will be even more exciting. Be sure to visit our new website (www.historicnashvilleinc.org) and follow us on Facebook to stay up-to-date. I look forward to working with you all in the year ahead.



## **2011 Financial Statement**

Total Assets	\$41,202.97
Cash-in-hand	\$25,128.57
Savings	\$10,815.15
Easement Fund	\$4,853.00
Other	\$406.25
Total Revenue	\$22,688.69
Total Expenditures	\$19,600.75
Net Gain/Loss	\$3,087.94

*Note*: A detailed financial statement is available upon request.



**Saved**! The oldest Jewish-affiliated building in Nashville was saved from demolition and reborn as a commercial catering kitchen.

## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

With the assistance of the Center for Nonprofit Management, in April 2010 the HNI Board of Directors developed an 18-month Strategic Plan for 2010-2011. This spring we will update the plan for 2012-2013. Where does HNI stand?

Our mission is **Promoting and Preserving the Historic Places that Make Nashville Unique**. To accomplish this we created five primary goals:

- Host a variety of programs
- Increase membership
- Enhance external communications
- Increase fundraising
- Find a home

We have continued existing programs to build education and advocacy in our communities. These include supporting Habitat for Humanity, Behind the Scenes Tours, our Nashville Nine and continued focus on our historic easement program.

In May, the CNM facilitated a one-year review of the plan. As a result, we decided to replace finding a home with launching a new website as our top priority. With no paid staff, we rely heavily on our website, social media and email to communicate with members and the public. Fortunately, we received \$2,500 from the Community Foundation through a Frist Technology Grant allowing us to undertake a drastic overhaul of our website. We are pleased to announce the launch of our new site!

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Behind the Scenes Walking tour, Germantown



2011 Nashville Nine: Fehr School, North Nashville



2011 Nashville Nine: Gallatin Road Fire Hall Engine No. 18

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Thank you to everyone who assisted in fulfilling our mission in 2011 by paying membership dues, making a financial contribution, volunteering your time or providing in-kind or discounted services.

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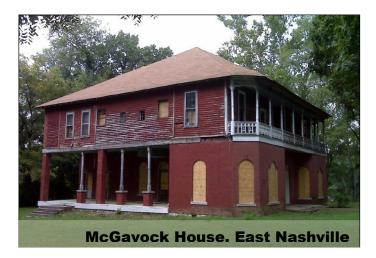
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## 2011 NASHVILLE NINE

Launched in 2009, the Nashville Nine is intended to promote public awareness of endangered historic sites and encourage preservation advocacy at the grassroots level. The annual list features nine historic properties nominated by the public and threatened by demolition, neglect, development or inappropriate renovation. The 2011 Nashville Nine includes a diverse range of properties dating from the antebellum era to the 1960s. These historic places help define Nashville's unique sense of place and include:









French-Starr Piano Building, Downtown

# **BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS**

In 2011, HNI hosted special tours of historic landmarks as a benefit of membership. We would like to express our appreciation to the following tour leaders and event hosts:, Jeff Lane, Lane Motor Museum; Cheryl Bretz, Ivy Hall; Tom Vickstrom, Hermitage Hotel; Stephanie Silverman, Belcourt Theater; Jim Hoobler, Tennessee State Capitol and Tennessee State Museum; Barry Walker, Marathon Motor Works; Rocky Alvey and Lynn McDonald, Dyer Observatory; Liz McLaurin, Glen Leven; Melanie Fly, Union Station Hotel; Michael Emrick, Germantown; and John Lamb, Belle Meade Mansion.

### Stay tuned for more great tours in 2012!



Corsair Distillery & Marathon Motor Works, July







## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY





This year, HNI agreed to assist Habitat for Humanity in the renovation of a second historic dwelling in East Nashville as part of its pilot ReConstruct project. Located at 1220 Stainback Avenue, the c.1908 Folk Victorian-style dwelling had been seized by the U.S. Treasury as part of a drug sting and donated it to Habitat.



Scores of volunteers from around the city helped the Habitat team repair the home. HNI members donated architectural plans, labor and guidance so the project complied with federal preservation guidelines.

Vintage Millworks donated a front door and trim; Home Depot of Inglewood donated landscaping materials and a developer donated vintage doors, a mantel, and trim from a condemned home in the 12 South neighborhood.

We are also proud that last year's ReConstruct project at 704 Meridian won a 2010 Preservation Award from the Metro Historical Commission.



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## **IN MEMORIAM**



**William Gunter & Sons Funeral Home:** North Nashville. Destroyed by fire in July.



Hale Stadium Field House: Demolition of the nearly 60-year old building at TSU is underway. HNI included the vacant and neglected state-owned landmark on the 2011 Nashville Nine list of the city's most endangered historic places.

## HISTORIC EASEMENTS

A preservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement that protects a significant historic or cultural resource. An easement provides assurance to the owner of an historic or cultural property that the property's intrinsic values will be preserved through subsequent ownership. In addition, the owner may obtain substantial tax benefits. Under the terms of an easement, a property owner grants the rights to their property's facade to Historic Nashville, Inc. Once recorded, an easement becomes part of the property's chain of title and usually "runs with the land" in perpetuity, thus binding not only the owner who grants the easement, but all future owners as well.

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### ABOUT HNI

Historic Nashville, Inc. (HNI) was originally chartered in 1968 as "The Historic Sites Federation of Tennessee." In 1975, the name and mission changed in response to the urgency of threats to historic landmarks in Nashville. The nonprofit 501(c)3 organization became "Historic Nashville, Inc." with the mission to preserve and maintain architecturally significant and historic places throughout Nashville and Davidson County.

Over the years, HNI has successfully advocated for the preservation of many downtown landmarks, including the Ryman Auditorium, Union Station, Shelby Street Bridge, Arcade Post Office, and the Second Avenue, Printer's Alley, Lower Broadway, and East Nashville historic districts. In 1982, HNI established the state's first Preservation Easement program and currently owns easements on 16 historic landmarks with a market value of over \$30 million. HNI hosts an annual membership meeting, publishes a newsletter, maintains a website, hosts educational programs and special tours, and recently launched the annual "Nashville Nine" endangered properties list.