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THE ART OF LIVING IN MOUNT PLEASANT

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June 2017

QUILT SQUARE TOUR



The Mount Pleasant Community Development Corporation is introducing a new tour for the Mount Pleasant Community...The Quilt Square Tour.

With our beautiful historic homes and entrepreneurial businesses, we are developing a tour for visitors that will take them into our neighborhoods and businesses and give them an in-site to the people that live and work in Mount Pleasant. Business and home owners are able to choose the quilt pattern that has a special meaning for them and tell their story. It will be paired with the pattern's history and some architectural information about their house or business.

Quilting was introduced by Crusaders in the 12th Century as a quilted garment worn under armor. It became a common practice in the United States in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. During Colonial times, only the wealthy had time for quilt making; so quilting was done by only a few. Obviously, quilts were not made of left over scraps or worn clothing as a bed covering during this time. They were used as decorative items that displayed the fine needle work of the maker.

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Plein Air Art Festival & Competition

June 17, 2017

PAINT

THE TOWN

MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE

The Mount Pleasant Arts C Pleasant Community Development Corporation are planning another festival for the community.

Sponsored by the Maury County Tourism Bureau, the Paint the Town Art Festival & Competition is scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 2017. A full day of events are planned.

This event is open to all artists and mediums. There are two age categories: 18 and over and under 18. Prize money includes:

<u>18 and Over</u>	<u>Under 18</u>
BEST OF SHOW - \$800	BEST OF SHOW - \$200
HONORABLE MENTION - \$300	HONORABLE MENTION - \$100.
PEOPLE'S CHOICE - \$100	PEOPLE'S CHOICE - \$50

Starting at 8:00 am, artists will meet and register at the CDC office. Artists are allowed to set up anywhere within the Mount Pleasant city limits, and a map of their locations will be available. Artists will be allowed to work on their art pieces until 3:00 pm. At that time, art pieces will be delivered to the Community Development Corporation offices and will be displayed in the Artists Workshop and Gallery upstairs. Judging will be from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. At 5:00 pm, the gallery will be opened to the public and an awards reception will be held. Artwork will be on display and for sale until 6:30 pm. Artists will be on hand to meet and greet.

At 6:30 pm the fun will move to the Square where you will be entertained by our favorite local band "Box of Rox", sponsored by the Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department. Come join your neighbors, dance a few steps and explore our new downtown businesses. They will be staying open late and are planning some exciting promotions.

Then, as the sun goes down, the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce will host "Movie Night on the Square". Be sure to bring your chairs and sit back and enjoy some free popcorn and drinks while you watch the movie.

More information and applications are available at our website visitmountpleasanttn.com.



CITY BEAT

Local Industry Continues to Grow

GCP Applied Technology (GCP) is a plant that sits between Canaan Road and Magnolia Avenue here in Mount Pleasant. They recently announced an \$11 million expansion which will add twenty-nine new positions. GCP is adding a sixth production line for their construction products which are shipped to customers all over the world in over one hundred countries. Their products such as; water proofing membranes, cement additives, can sealants, etc., are found everywhere! The Cowboys AT&T Stadium in Dallas, TX and the Freedom Tower in Manhattan, NY are just a couple of the thousands of places their products end up.

Last year sales for this Cambridge, MA based, publicly traded company, were \$1.3 BILLION! Right here in small town Mount Pleasant, TN, here at the "Hub of Reinvention" this plant is doing so well they need to expand.

It was refreshing at their groundbreaking ceremony to hear how welcoming the State of Tennessee, Maury County and the City of Mount Pleasant were throughout this growth process!

We welcome industry here in our community and the expansion of GCP as a perfect example of that cooperation!

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Garden Art



JAMBON

Well, April showers have brought May flowers along with heat up to the 80's, cool temps down into the high 30's and bright sunshine! Question is: "What will June bring?" Hopefully, summer temps that don't get too far into the 80's, enough rain to keep lawns and flower gardens pretty and healthy and garden pests at a manageable level. Not wishing for much are we?

June will bring garden veggies. First crops are usually tomatoes for those who planted early, snow peas, lettuce and radishes. Yet to come will be squash of many varieties, cucumbers, green beans and, later, okra. If you haven't planted or don't intend to do so, the farmer's markets will be starting shortly after Memorial Day. Some have started already though much of the produce is hardly local... but Georgia, Florida and Alabama do send some very nice "stuff" our way!

As regards our flower gardens, zinnia seeds should be sown and kept moist...not wet, but hard to do what with all the rain! For those who love poppies, you might ask Tom Harmon for some of the seeds from his beautiful pink ruffled poppies that were just in bloom in front of Breckenridge House on Main Street! Would make a beautiful bed for next year! Other seeds for perennials and annuals are still available in local stores and it's not too late to sow. Now that the buttercup foliage and other bulb foliage has turned brown, it can be mown down. Day-lilies and iris can still be transplanted if needed. Just don't expect them to bloom and do keep them moist. In another few weeks, it will be much too warm to move anything. If you're mulching beds, don't mulch too deeply around shrub or tree base. They do need to "breathe". The idea of mulch is to keep weeds to a minimum and the ground from drying out. Try pine needles for mulch for a change of pace. It doesn't wash out and runs the same price (if not less) than bark mulch. For pruning shrubs, bushes and trees, if in doubt, consult a local nursery or Google to make sure that you aren't damaging the plant or inhibiting its growth or blooming. The same goes for fertilizing. Contrary to popular belief, frequent fertilizing is not always the best idea!!

If you got a hydrangea for a gift lately and want to put it outside, the best idea is to Google the specific breed of hydrangea as there are many varieties that require different placements and needs. The same goes if you are buying these for your yard. The May issue of *Southern Living* had a really informative article on hydrangea.

In closing, remember, just like we go indoors as the temps rise, some plants react to temp changes too! Resist the temptation to put shade loving plants out to get a good soaking in the rain and leave them to get some sun too! They can get "sun burned". Same goes for bringing plants inside and outside. Changes from a/c to outside temps can affect plants and stun them. Just "food for thought". Enjoy the nice weather while it lasts! Happy gardening!

QUILT TOUR (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

As cloth became readily available in the States, more women had time to devote to quilt making. Quilts were not just made out of necessity. Many women expressed their artistic creativity through quilt making. Many obtained ideas from their own creative minds and from the trees, plants and natural objects around them.

If you are interested in having one of the quilt squares to display on your home, contact Vicky Jernigan at Jernigan's on Main. Classes are planned for those who want to paint their own and is also offering the completed project.

He had a fondness for women and a penchant for spirits. Southern rocker great and local Tennessee boy, Gregg Allmann, landed his final date Memorial Day weekend. Only a few months before, Gregg's bandmate, Butch Trucks, met his fate.

The pair were among the six founding members of the ensemble known as the Allmann Brothers Band. Butch held the group's longest tenure of 45 years. Together with the incredibly inventive percussionist, Johnny Lee Johnson, Jaimoe, of Mississippi, the rhythm section became one of the most groundbreaking in the history of rock 'n' roll.

The new band that bore the brothers' name also initially included the now legendary guitarist, vocalist, and songwriter, a Floridian like Butch, Richard Betts. It was a magic mix of stellar creative energies that crossed genres of African, jazz, country, blues, and even classical music.

Duane was chosen in 2003 by *Rolling Stone* as second only to Jimi Hendrix in the history of guitarists. Duane tragically lost his life in 1971. The following year Berry Oakley, Allmann Brothers Band's superb bassist, died in a hauntingly similar crash three blocks from where Duane had his fatal wreck.

It was the leadership ability of Dickey Betts that pulled the group through mourning. Gregg was able to rouse a confident keyboard virtuoso and a contralto that hummed as if condensed through tautly wrought copper wire.

The Allmann Brothers Band underwent many transformations. The final farewell tour took place in 2014. Only Betts and Jaimoe remain out of the original six. Jaimoe has become a top-notch actor, a highly regarded singer, and an eclectic jazz musician. Dickey Betts continues to compose and mesmerize audiences with his mastery of his instrument.

Tonight I'm playing "Whipping Post" for Gregg.



The Beautiful Tureen

Just the Other Day...

It's that time of year when the front porch begs sitting as summertime activity ensues along the avenue. Pathways of intersecting sidewalks connects our small close knit community. Sitting on my front porch beckons to the passerby a welcome invitation to settle for awhile and enjoy the simplicity of conversation. Porch chat seems to lend itself to the character of the home and an unmatched kind of hospitality. Conversation can quickly turn to culinary matters on my porch. What a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors.

Just the other day, as I was sitting on my porch Sherry passed by and stopped for a visit. Our chat led to a visit from Lauren who brought me a share of garlic chives from her garden. Meanwhile, as Lauren and I introduced ourselves to one another, her children excitedly rummaged through the children's books in my little library, which in turn hatched a porch tea party plan for her children to be held in the near future. Tales are told and ideas are shared on porch sit days. I welcome and treasure each and every one of them.

Beyond the porch, and through the front door, I've often heard the comment, "Your house always smells so good". It's not *L'arôme du parfum* in my house! Something is likely to be happening in the kitchen.

June signals full swing at the Farmer's Market and backyard gardens offer their bounty. Portions of simply roasted vegetables and herbs cooked on an open flame or roasted in the oven makes a delicious summer side dish. This dry heat technique transforms veggies and herbs into savory, sweetened, and succulent morsels. Together, let's enjoy the intersection where plant and palate meet for a most delightful union.

Until we meet again, may your tureen always be full.



JUNE 2017

Teen Center
Monday - Friday 3pm - 5pm

Senior Citizens
Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm
Live music every Thursday
for more information call Jan - 931 379-7222

Boy Scouts
Mondays - 6:30pm - 8pm
Howard Field Boy Scout Hut

Toddlers
Fridays 10:00am
Mount Pleasant Community Center

Saturday, June 3, 2017
Classics for a Cause - Cruise'n
Downtown Mount Pleasant
6:00pm

Tuesday, June 6, 2017
Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce
12:00 noon
111 N. Main Street, Mount Pleasant
931.379.9837

Wednesday, June 14, 2017
Flag Day Celebration
4:00pm
Public Square

Saturday, June 17, 2017
"Paint the Town"
Plein Air Art Festival & Competition
9:00am - 10:00pm
Awards Reception 5:00pm
Music and Movies on the Square 7pm-10:00pm

Movie Night on the Square
Host: Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce
Free Popcorn
Movie starts at dusk



"MOUNT PLEASANT ROCKS"

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The Page Gauge

The Light of My Father's Smile

Alice Walker's works have long been a staple of contemporary American literature as well as a stable voice that defines us as a people. Moreover, her fiction serves as a trust for truth that extends far beyond what fits one age or country.

By The Light of My Father's Smile is about dads and daughters. It deals with body-image and the paradoxes of humans as physical beings. You guys who demonstrate how to walk like a man also define how we look at ourselves as women.

Legends and laws, the way to live nobly or wrongly, were always the purview of males. Father's Day reminds us that each of us has learned to navigate the world by fleeing or following the footsteps or fandangos of men who lead either fearlessly or fecklessly. The author carries us through memories as if we were children gathered around an ancient ritual fire receiving the orally transmitted teachings of our forefathers.

And yet the news of the lessons is startling and disturbing. What about protection and respect? The narration moves like a dream, part nightmare, and full awakening. Its material is that of our instinctive motivations and our miraculous inspirations. We are left at book's close shaken and strengthened, transgressed and somehow triumphant. Walking with Walker conducts us to comprehend our vagaries through the vastnesses of our hearts. We are called to honor our fathers and to forgive them.

Hers is truth, the language of liberation. *By My Father's* comes from genuine American soil as surely as Alice Walker's words are shaped by the red clay of her Georgia origins yet communicates in an universal tongue like wavelengths across epochs and distances in space yet to be discovered.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Tales from Old Mount Pleasant

Special Delivery

An article in THE MT. PLEASANT RECORD JUNE 30, 1911 announced:

The discovery of Phosphate would soon bring in the rich plant owners and Millionaire's Row (Pleasant Street) would soon feature beautiful, large houses. Among the first merchants in Mount Pleasant was the saddler, Tillman Crisp, while Mr. Henderson and Mr. Dunham opened the first tailor shop. Dr. Spindle and Dr. Spockard were among the first Mount Pleasant doctors. But even more telling, there were JOBS for everyone!

Yes, the money was definitely coming and banks were needed! The Farmers & Merchants Bank with a capital of \$25,000 was the first to open in the fall of 1900. It was officered by the best men and was an institution to be proud of. According to the newspaper, the First National Bank was the second to open a few years later, with a stock of \$50,000.

Soon, approximately sixty young men recognized the need for a space to dance, play cards and to gather for "parties with their young lady friends". This space was located in a number of rooms on the second story of one of the main business blocks of the town. This social club was very popular. It was located on the left side of North Main Street, mid-way in the buildings and provided an upstairs veranda for enjoying evenings listening to the local piano musicians playing within.

Yes Mount Pleasant was the Place to be!!

The Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department will offer new programming this summer.

The Summer Fun Arts Program at the Mount Pleasant Community Center starts on Monday, June 12 through Thursday June 15 and every day a different art genre will be taught by qualified teachers.

SUMMER ARTS PROGRAMS AGES 7-12

PAINTING - MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017

MUSIC - TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017

THEATER - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017

DANCE - THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017

REGISTRATION

9:30 - 10:00

CLASSES

10:00AM - 12:00 NOON

MOUNT PLEASANT COMMUNITY CENTER

\$5.00 PER CHILD
PER SESSION

Also new this summer, in partnership with The Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, the Parks and Recreation Department will host

MUSIC AND MOVIES ON THE SQUARE

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

SATURDAY, JULY 15

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

6:30PM - 10:00PM

FREE POPCORN

TEEN CENTER

The Teen Center hours of operation for the summer will change from week to week.

Refer to the city Face Book page to see the hours for the upcoming week.

BEST. FOOD DRIVE. EVER.

Making a difference...that slogan alone describes the great folks in this town.

On May 13th, the Mount Pleasant Post Office participated in the 25th Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. It is the world's largest one-day food drive that takes place each May.

Earlier that same week, the carriers delivered reminder cards and grocery bags to every resident in Mount Pleasant.

Your response was amazing! We picked up more food than we ever have in Mount Pleasant! We typically fill 6 postal hampers full of food which equates to almost 3 tons. But this year, we filled nearly 10 postal hampers which is right at 4 tons. You read that right. 4 tons!

My favorite part of the food drive is that all the food that was donated, it all stays here in Mount Pleasant. Mount Pleasant residents taking care of Mount Pleasant residents. It doesn't get any better than that!

Special thanks to Main Street Church of Christ, 1st Baptist, Faithworks, a ministry of 1st Methodist and a new church added this year, Living Waters Church of God. These four churches will distribute the food to those that need it.

Also, I would like to express my thanks to the fantastic mail carriers that work at the Mount Pleasant Post Office! The annual Food Drive makes their day a little tougher than normal but they are always happy to help others.

Finally, let me thank all of you – the residents of Mount Pleasant. You made this food drive a success and I thank you for your help in taking care of those in need.

**Paperweight Printing
will be the
Host of the Town
June 22, 2017 at noon.
Come on out!**

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