



## *Annual Wreath Making Workshop*



Come make a beautiful Holiday Wreath to get you and your home into the Holiday Spirit! Our Annual wreath making workshop will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12-2 p.m. at Ramsey House. All live materials, such as magnolia, eucalyptus, boxwoods, holly, and much more, will be provided for you to make a beautiful live holiday wreath for you to take home.

The price is \$25 per person. Limit of 25 participants. Reservations are required by Friday, December the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Make reservations for you and your friends by calling Ramsey House at 546-0745. Don't miss out on this fun and rewarding Holiday activity!



## *Annual Christmas Tea & Candlelight Tours*

Come see Ramsey House decorated for the Holidays and experience a pioneer Christmas! The house will be decorated in beautiful, live, 18<sup>th</sup> Century Holiday décor. Guests will be guided through the 1797 home by candlelight to get a glimpse at a Ramsey Family Christmas. Refreshments and Entertainment will be provided at the Visitor Center. It's also a great time to stop by the Swan Shop to pick up some extra presents for the history and home craft lover in your life.

Come join in on the fun on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 p.m. No reservations required. Admission is \$5 per person.

After leaving the Plantation, we recommend traveling a few miles down John Sevier Highway to Marble Springs, the home of Gov. John Sevier, the "father of Tennessee". They will be hosting their candlelight tours from 6-8 p.m. After all, John Sevier and Col. Ramsey were friends and would have visited one another for the Holidays!

\*If anyone would like to bring refreshments, such as brownies, cookies, candies, etc., for us to sell at the Christmas Tea, then please contact the Ramsey House office to let us know.





*Students from Fountain City Elementary enjoying candle-dipping.*

## *News From the Plantation*

The last couple of months have been very busy and exciting at Ramsey House.

There have been nine lovely weddings this past summer and fall, one of which being a Ramsey descendant, proving that Ramsey House is a perfect and beautiful location for anyone's outside wedding.

There have been seventeen groups visit the plantation recently, most of which being School children. Through our *Hands on History* projects, children get to experience everyday life at the time of the Ramsey's, and love eating the butter they churn and taking home their hand-dipped candles! Other groups to attend include the Tellico Village Vintage Car Club, Son's of the Confederacy, Melaleuca Company picnic, and an ETHS Teaching History Workshop.

Recently a television show was filmed on our grounds that will be aired in the Spring on the *Do It Yourself Network*. Also, look for Ramsey House as the featured home in the *Knoxville Magazine* this December!

Next time you come to visit the Plantation, you may notice the new fresh coat of paint on the Visitor Center and the fabulous new UV Windows at the house from the same company who made Monticello's UV windows. These two new additions will further help to protect and preserve Ramsey House, its' collections and facilities.

The staff at Ramsey House wishes to thank all of the volunteers who have pitched in these busy months and helped with school tours, gardening, and much more!

## *Staff News:*

Jeannine Cole is our new Museum Assistant at Ramsey House. She's recently moved to the area to pursue an M.A. degree in American History from UT. Jeannine grew up as a "corporate brat" around the country and in Asia, but her parents have since settled in the golfing country of Pinehurst, North Carolina. She graduated *cum laude* from Knox College in Illinois with a B. A. in History and Creative Writing. Since then, she's taught at a public school in North Carolina and at a private institute in South Korea. She's enthusiastic about learning how Ramsey House operates and is looking forward to expanding our educational outreach program.

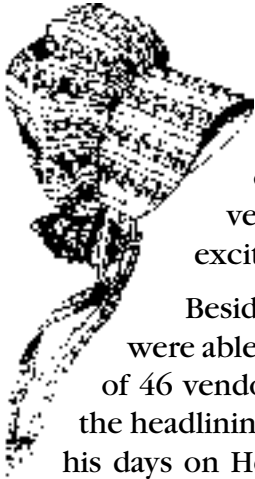


### **New Item in Swan Shop**

The new *Ramsey House Plantation Limited Edition Prints* by Jack Avent are available for purchase or order in the Swan Shop. These 4 beautiful limited digital watercolor prints, each signed and numbered, highlight special and beautiful images of the plantation that might be overlooked with the everyday eye. Perfect for framing and a great gift idea for the true lover of Ramsey House.

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| 4x6   | \$7.95  |
| 12x16 | \$95.00 |

# 2005 Country Market



Our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Country Market was a success! Most people agree that it was our best event ever, with event organization and more to offer our visitors, such as quality entertainment, more vendors and demonstrators than ever before, and exciting new children's activities.

Besides the usual great Ramsey House booths, guests were able to stroll through the antiques, home crafts, and art of 46 vendors and 8 historic demonstrators. Leroy Troy was the headlining musical act. Some of you may know of him from his days on Heehaw. He entertained hundreds of visitors by providing unique, quirky entertainment on his old time banjo. The Children's Meadow allowed kids to make cornhusk dolls, butter churn, listen to various story tellers, and jump on a Moonwalk!

Thanks to all of those who volunteered their time, money, and hearts to make Country Market another great event at Ramsey House!



*Churning Butter at Country Market.*



*Country Market Entertainer LeRoy Troy.*

## *New Officers*

At the Annual Meeting in June we elected our new Knoxville Chapter A.P.T.A. Officers. The 2005-2007 Officers are:

**Cecilia Jones**- Treasurer

**Joe Spence**- Assistant Treasurer

**Charles Faulkner**- Vice President Grounds

**Greg Reed**- Vice President Buildings

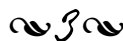
**Mary Bresenham**- Vice President Education

**Pat Klein**- Recording Secretary

**Caroline Rowe**- Corresponding Secretary

Thanks to all of you for your continued dedication and commitment to Ramsey House!

Please check our website: [www.ramseyhouse.org](http://www.ramseyhouse.org) for the latest listing of Ramsey House activities





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Any questions or corrections concerning the Newsletter contact Lisa 546-0745.

## *Endowment Fund and Donations*

In memory of Virginia Nicely &  
Jean Hilliard from Sarah B.  
Lesesne.

In memory of Almon Kennedy  
Bacon for her birthday from Mrs.  
Frank Ramsey Kennedy, Jr.

A gift by George & Kaddie Barber.

A gift by Miss Margaret L.  
Goodman.

A gift by Bobbie Congleton.

A donation was made in gratitude  
of Bud Bacon, by the Second  
Presbyterian Church of Knoxville  
for speaking at an event.

A donation was made in memory  
of Robert C. Knott by The  
Questors, Watauga Chapter 920.



## *Upcoming Events*

ramseyhouse.org for updates

- December 3, 2005    **Wreath-Making Workshop**
- December 4, 2005    **Christmas Tea & Candlelight Tours**
- April 29 & 30, 2006    **Civil War Living History Days**

## *Holidays at Ramsey House Plantation:*



*Lisa, Bryan,  
Jeannine and the  
Board of Directors,  
wish everyone a lovely  
Holiday Season!*

