



## Annual Meeting

June 22, 2005

10:30 meeting • 12:00 Lunch

Price \$15.00

Reservations 546-0745 by June 20

The Annual Meeting for Ramsey House is June 22. The featured speaker for the day is **Steve Cotham, Manager of the McClung Collection and Knox County Historian.** The Customs House has recently undergone extensive reconstruction and restoration. Mr. Cotham will have a detailed slide presentation and will have a fascinating story concerning Alfred B. Mullet, the architect who designed and built the original building.

The Annual Meeting is a great time for inviting and enlisting new members to Ramsey House. Call 546-0745 by June 20 to make your reservations.

In addition to the enlightening program, a tasty basket lunch will be served and our "Caterer" President David Duncan promises a delicious surprise dessert. The price of the Luncheon is \$15.00.

## Country Market

Saturday, September 10th 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 11th 12 noon - 5 p.m.

The message from the chair, Willene Chalmers, is that the committee is working hard on finalizing plans for Country Market and all committees are well underway. If you would like to help on one of these committees, please call **Willene Chalmers at 560-0321** or call the **Ramsey House Office at 546-0745.**

Let's make this the best Country Market ever.

Please check our website: [www.ramseyhouse.org](http://www.ramseyhouse.org) for the latest listing of Country Market activities and participants.



# *Annual Commissioner & Government Appreciation Luncheon*

Ramsey House Plantation held its annual Knox County Commissioner and Government appreciation luncheon at Club LeConte on May 23rd. The luncheon really proved to be a success with more Commissioners in attendance than ever. David Duncan gave a delightful presentation on the recent successes of Ramsey House, such as our dramatic increase in visitation, and Brig. General Bud Bacon discussed our exciting Long Range Plan that is being developed. Ramsey House Board Members mingled and enjoyed a wonderful meal with our officials. The afternoon concluded with the officials receiving a Ramsey House T-shirt.



## *Congratulations*

Congratulations to Dr. Charles Faulkner on his retirement from the Department of Anthropology at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Faulkner, or Charlie as we know him, is a dedicated Ramsey House Board member and the Chairman of Grounds. He is retiring after 40 years of being a distinguished Professor of Archeology at U.T. Dr. Faulkner has written hundreds of publications specializing in Cave Archaeology of the Southeastern U.S., Prehistoric Rock Art, Historic Archaeology and Historic Architecture of East Tennessee. Over the last 20 years, Charlie has conducted numerous field schools and excavations at Ramsey House, and has written many reports, articles, and books on the history of our site. Dr. Faulkner's dedication to education and the Ramsey House has touched more people than he will ever know. Congratulations Dr. Faulkner, you deserve it!



## *Planting Time*

The Ramsey House Plantation heritage gardens are truly one of our greatest assets. The heritage gardens and heirloom seed program at Ramsey House has proven to be not only profitable, but most importantly, it is educational and preserving our past. Our seeds and gardens draw hundreds of visitors a year and request for seeds from all over the country. Our seeds were one of the first items to be a part of the "Uniquely Knoxville" campaign, and are also a "Pick Tennessee" Product.

Well, it is planting time again! The Ramsey House staff and special volunteers, Fiona McAnally and John Coykendall, have been busy hoeing and planting the new crops. This year the highlighted vegetables will be three variations of pumpkins and squash, a red tipped bean from Scott County, Tennessee red corn, a turkey crowder pea, okra, tomatoes, and much much more. A special thanks to John for his time, donating his seeds, and labor to help better Ramsey House Plantation, we don't know what we would do without him!



*Fiona McAnally, Lisa Allen, John Coykendall and his dog Nicholas, busy planting the 2005 heritage gardens.*



## Staff News:

**Holly Tunkel** is our new Museum Assistant at Ramsey House. Holly was born and raised in Knoxville by her parents, both artists and owners of a local art gallery. As a junior at U.T., she studied abroad for a year in Fribourg, Switzerland where she studied the French, German and Italian languages. She completed majors in English and French before moving to San Francisco. Eventually, Holly found herself in San Diego where she worked as an insurance broker for five years.

The desire to live near her family again brought Holly back to Knoxville in 2000. Her second incarnation as an undergraduate led to a B.A. in Anthropology with Summa Cum Laude. She continues to study Anthropology at U.T. as a graduate student where she manages the Zooarchaeology Laboratory. Holly will be at Ramsey House full-time for the summer until the fall semester starts once again.

Congratulations to **Dr. Jodi Jacobson**, who has been our Museum Assistant since February, on the birth of her first son. Jacob Bruce Matchen was born on Memorial Day and weighs 8 pounds 2 ounces. Jodi and her son are both very happy and healthy. Before Jodi left on her maternity leave, she was extremely helpful at Ramsey House conducting tours, daily business, and preparing a NEH Preservation assistance grant. Congratulations Jodi, we look forward to your return.

**Bryan Lee** has worked at Ramsey House on Sunday afternoons since 2003. While Bryan would love to be at Ramsey House more, his work as a stone mason limits his availability. Bryan gives wonderful tours, helps with maintenance, works in the gardens, and coordinates the music for Country Market. While not seen as much as the rest of the staff, Bryan plays a critical role at Ramsey House and is a great asset to our museum.

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### New Item in Gift Shop

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## Wooly Bugger Farm Soaps

Wooly Bugger Farm Soaps is made locally in East Tennessee and sells for \$4.50 at the gift shop.

Varieties include:

Pale Cucumber • Vanilla Oatmeal • Sandalwood Scrub • Rosemary Mist • Cinnamon Clove • Prairie Sage • Gardenia Spiced Tangerine

The soaps will be for sale at Country Market with a wider variety to choose from.



## Ramsey House P L A N T A T I O N

All memberships are renewed annually.

Please renew your membership and ask a friend to join you. For further information call **865-546-0745** or e-mail: **infor@ramseyhouse.org**

- Individual ..... \$35
- Family ..... \$50
- Contributing ..... \$75
- Sustaining ..... \$100
- Patron ..... \$250
- Colonel Ramsey's Circle ..... \$500
- Swan Pond Society ..... \$1,000
  
- Friend of Ramsey House ..... \$25



### “Doughboy” Statue Rededicated

Walter “Bud” Bacon, Ramsey House Board member has successfully completed (with the help of many others) restoring the “doughboy” statue which is located in front of the Historic Knoxville High School building.

We congratulate Bud on this effort.

The restored statue was rededicated on Memorial Day 2005.





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## Endowment Fund

In memory of Herman C. Kemmer  
from Ann M. Kemmer

In memory of Charlotte Ramsey  
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from Martha S. Rice  
of Dallas, Texas

## Upcoming Events

[ramseyhouse.org](http://ramseyhouse.org) for updates

June 22, 2005

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

September 10-11 2005

Country Market

## Thank You Donations

Thanks to all of you who donated money for the annual House and Collections Conservation and Inspection by James Hooper.

Also, thanks to those who participated in the Proffitt's Ticket Sale for Grounds, and those who sponsored a Commissioners lunch.

Ramsey House greatly appreciates it!



Other Ramsey House activities include visits from the Governors School of Tennessee Heritage and Judicial Conference. Other recent visitor groups include School Groups, Girl Scouts, and four weddings.



## Wildlife at Ramsey House

Springtime has been good to us at Ramsey House. Our flower and herb gardens are thriving, and our heirloom vegetable seeds are planted. Of course our usual animal sightings persist; we have spotted many raccoons, beavers and rabbits. Our male wild turkeys are strutting while the females guard their nests. We hope to see turkey chicks soon.

In addition to the typical animals, a couple of species new to our fields have appeared. Recently, a small pack of coyotes has frequented our pasture. However, of particular interest is the Golden eagle. Its wingspan is enormous, and it casts a shadow the size of a plane. We have been informed that Golden eagles are extremely rare this side of the Mississippi River, so it has been very exciting. Our copious wildlife has truly been a pleasure to witness this spring.

