

Thornhill Foundation Annual Meeting & Hardie Family Reunion

March 31 – April 2, 2023 - Memphis, Tennessee

Preliminary Agenda/Activities

Reunion Hotel Info

Holiday Inn at the University of Memphis – 3700 Central Avenue – 901-678-8200

Group Code: CFR (Hardie Family Reunion) - Rate: \$150 plus taxes/night – Website: www.ihg.com/hotels

Friday, March 31

4:00 P.M. – Visit to Hardie Auditorium at Rhodes College (named after William T. Hardie - #6)

5:30 P.M. - Welcome Gathering at home of host - Wine, beer and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Dinner on your own – Restaurant recommendations are available on Thornhill.org.

Saturday, April 1

10:00 A.M. – Tour at Dixon Gallery and Gardens. 4339 Park Avenue – 901-761-5250 - www.dixon.org

Noon +/- Lunch – On your own – see list of recommended restaurants and map on website – Thornhill.org

3:00 P.M. – Thornhill board meeting. Only Board members are required to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

6:00 P.M. – Cocktails at The Memphis Country Club, 600 Goodwyn Street.

6:30 P.M. – Annual Dinner and Meeting of the Thornhill Foundation at the Memphis Country Club, 600 Goodwyn Street.

Sunday, April 2 – Local Church Services

10:30 a.m. – St. John's Episcopal Church, 3245 Central Avenue - <https://www.stjohnsmemphis.org>

11:00 a.m. – Idlewild Presbyterian Church, 1750 Union Avenue - <https://idlewildchurch.org>

Some suggested optional activities in Memphis:

Graceland – Home of Elvis (Presley) - Elvis Presley Boulevard. Website: www.graceland.com

Ducks at The Peabody – Famous Ducks march to and from the lobby fountain at 11am and 5 pm daily. 149 Union Avenue. Website: Peabodymemphis.com/peabody-ducks

Beale Street – One of the most iconic streets in America. It is three blocks of nightclubs, restaurants and shops in the heart of downtown Memphis, and a melting pot of delta blues, jazz, rock 'n' roll, R&B and gospel. This National Historic Landmark district shares its rich history of legendary live music through museums, photo ops and clubs where you can still hear who's making music in Memphis today. With cold beer and hot music, Beale Street is one of the coolest places in Memphis. Website: www.bealestreet.com

Woodruff-Fontaine House Museum – Built in 1871, along “Millionaires Row”. Amos Woodruff built the house for his family. Noland Fontaine purchased the house from the Woodruffs in 1883. In 1929 the house was sold to Rosa Lee to expand her art school, later the Memphis College of Art. The house was vacant until 1961, when the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities restored the mansion as a historic house museum. 680 Adams Avenue. Website: www.woodruff-fontaine.org

Big River Crossing – The longest public pedestrian bridge across the Mississippi. Big River Crossing is also the country's longest active rail/bicycle/pedestrian bridge. It serves as the connection point of Main Street to Main Street, a 10-mile, multi-modal corridor that also features the Big River Trail System, creating ties to attractions throughout the Memphis, West Memphis, and delta region. Website: www.bigrivercrossing.com

National Civil Rights Museum at The Lorraine Motel – Explores the history of the Civil Rights Movement and its impact on our culture today. 450 Mulberry Street. Website: www.civilrightsmuseum.org

Bass Pro Shops at the Pyramid – Offering a retail experience like no other, this store features 100-foot tall cypress trees and two floors of immersive retail space. With over 600,000 gallons of water, 36 varieties of fish native to the Mississippi River can be seen throughout the store. Featuring: Ducks Unlimited Waterfowling Heritage Center; Aquarium and Fish Feeding; Archery Range; Pistol Range; Beretta Fine Gun Center. 1 Bass Pro Drive – Website: big-cypress.com/bass-pro-shops

Mud Island - Mud Island Park sits in the heart of the Mississippi River, a short walk from downtown Memphis. The peninsula features the new 50-ft “MEMPHIS” sign, a scale model of the Lower Mississippi River, an 18-gallery river museum, a 5,000-seat concert venue, and fantastic views of the Memphis skyline. Website: memphisparks.com/park/mud-island-park

Hardie Auditorium at Rhodes College - William Tipton Hardie (1840 – 1926) [Hardie #4] was a member of the board of directors from 1902-1926. He was a senior ruling elder in the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans, LA. Hardie Auditorium was established by his family as a memorial. Hardie Auditorium is located in the oldest building on campus, Southwestern Hall. The auditorium has been home to special memories for alumni since the college moved to Memphis in 1925. 2000 North Parkway