MURFREESBORO, Tenn.—Experience the chores of the mid-1800’s through period crafts, demonstrations, games and hands-on activities when you visit Oaklands Mansion’s “Autumn in the Oaks”, slated for September 20, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the historic site, located at 900 North Maney Avenue in Murfreesboro.

This event will focus on chores of the mid-1800’s through hands-on activities for students and adults alike. Plantation activities such as clothes washing, butter churning, quill writing, and rug beating will be explored. Focus will be on learning to appreciate the work and fruits of harvest. Artisans and living history demonstrators will be on the grounds to share their crafts and talents. Other activities scheduled for the event are: scavenger hunt of the exterior of the mansion, kneading dough and limited house tours. Crafts and games for the children such as: sack races, hoops-n-sticks, graces and 1860’s dress up will also be available.

“It gives us great pleasure to share the house museum and grounds with our community and the surrounding counties. There are so many new members to our area that have not experienced our rich civil war history,” said Oaklands educational director, Mary Beth Nevills. Teachers and parents can look forward to this event again when they attend the “Day of Washing, Churning and Learning” on May 10, 2019. Reservations are being accepted for both fall and spring educational field days which are open to public and private school groups and home school groups.

“Autumn in the Oaks” is presented by Oaklands Mansion. Admission is $5.00 per student, $5.00 per adult and free for teachers with ten or more students. Check-in and complimentary parking will be at the Roberts Street Pavilion. This event is open to the public with reservations required for groups. For information, please contact Mary Beth Nevills at 615-893-0022 or email mb@oaklandsmansion.org.

Oaklands Mansion is nestled in Oaklands Park, a native tree arboretum and natural wetlands, which includes Maney Spring as well as heritage and native gardens. Oaklands Visitors Center houses a gift shop and Maney Reception Hall for special events and temporary exhibitions. Oaklands Mansion is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00AM – 4:00PM and Sundays 1:00PM – 4:00PM. Tours begin on the hour and a short video is offered on the half hour. Plan your trip today! Tour admission is $15.00 for adults, $12 for seniors and AAA, $6.00 for children and students, call for group rates. For more information visit www.oaklandsmansion.org, find Oaklands Mansion on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.