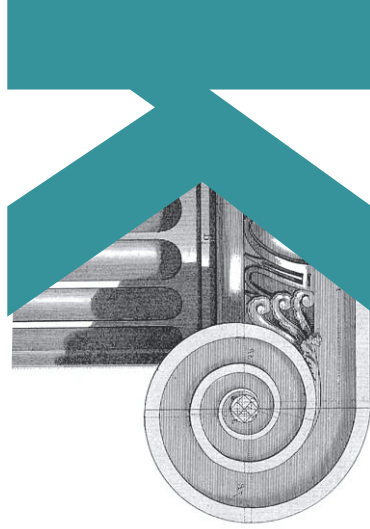


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Rural Heritage Programs Update—RHDl Is A Core Program Of Preservation Kentucky

Amy Potts, Rural Heritage Programs Director

Since 2006, the RHDl has been working with small communities across Central Kentucky to encourage economic development opportunities through historic preservation. One such reinvestment project was recently completed in the Buffalo community of LaRue County (pop. 300) by finding a new use for their historic 1936 WPA school building. The RHDl worked to list this property on the National Register of Historic Places and completed a market study showing the positive impact that affordable senior housing could have in this area. RHDl staff introduced the property and stakeholders to AU Associates (www.auassociates.com) from Lexington who purchased the property from the local school board, procured state and federal historic preservation tax credits, worked with the Kentucky Housing Corporation on financing, and rehabilitated this space into nineteen affordable senior housing units. The economic impact from this project is estimated around \$2.8 million. The grand opening of the Buffalo School apartments was held on February 23, 2011 with local community residents and graduates of the school.

The RHDl is continuing work on a comprehensive set of Rural Design Guidelines, in partnership with the University of Kentucky Department of Landscape Architecture and funded through a Preserve America grant. The guidelines' purpose is to illustrate ways in which enlightened landowners and residents of rural areas can continue to develop their rural properties, while preserving traditional buildings and rural landscapes and developing new buildings and sites that enhance the quality of their rural places. They will be featured on www.kycrossroadsregion.com as well as the National Park Service's website as a specially featured Preserve America project. Look for the guidelines to be complete and online in May during National Preservation Month!

Also, the RHDl will launch a comprehensive toolkit for Barn and Outbuilding in summer 2011. Whether researching the history of farm buildings or planning to undertake a rehabilitation project, the information listed on this website is intended to assist property owners with rehabilitating and maintaining their historic farm properties. Sections will include articles and current information in the field of barn preservation; presentations; lists of contractors; resources and funding assistance; and links to helpful websites and partner organizations. If interested in featuring your barn or outbuilding or if you have an idea for a submission in the toolbox, please contact Amy Potts, at amy@preservationkentucky.org.



Members of the Buffalo Project Team at the ribbon cutting ceremony including County Judge Executive, Tommy Turner; LaRue County Economic Development Director, Bob Sims; Johan Graham and Holly Weidemann, AU Associates; LaRue County School Superintendent, Sam Sanders; and Amy Potts, Preservation Kentucky

PK NEWS

April 2011

From The Executive Director

Rachel Kennedy

Happy Spring, PK Members. I trust you are as excited about warmer weather (& Keeneland) as I am! It has been a busy winter for Preservation Kentucky. In addition to the January Board Retreat described in this publication by PK Board member Darlene Gooch, PK began our strategic planning effort. On February 17, PK staff met with a group of central Kentuckians at the Sadieville Christian Church in northern Scott Co and discussed the future of Preservation Kentucky as well as the future of preservation in Kentucky. The group had some great ideas regarding preservation education and funding sources that will definitely help us as we develop our four-year strategic plan.

In addition, PK received a Preservation Fund grant from the National Trust to help hire a preservation planning consultant in February. Mary Ruffin Hanbury will join our planning team and help us solicit input from membership and concerned Kentuckians beginning in May. In the meantime, strategic plan listening sessions are planned in Paducah (March 22), Bowling Green (April 29), and Bellevue (May 23). Details are in the upcoming events section of our newsletter. Other listening sessions will be coordinated in Whitesburg, Louisville, Lexington, and southern Kentucky. PK's strategic plan will be completed by early 2012.

PK also coordinated this year's Historic Preservation Lobby Day, in collaboration with Preservation Action. PK Board members Zanne Jefferies and Anna Maas, PK members Anne Arensburg and Julie Wagner joined me and former SHPO David Morgan for the annual Preservation Action conference in Washington, D.C. in early March. On Tuesday, March 8, our Kentucky group visited the entire federal congressional delegation and discussed historic preservation's importance to Kentucky's economy, job creation efforts, and quality of life. In spite of a tough budget year, legislative staff expressed great interest in our message and promised to assist in any way possible.

PK also monitored legislation before the Kentucky General Assembly this February. Among the bills followed was an amendment to the State Antiquities Act. Antiquities Act legislation was passed into law over forty years ago and needs to be updated. The proposed amendment to this Act (HB 379) would modernize the law's language to be more in-line with current professional archaeological standards. Additionally, the changes would bring the legislation into closer alignment with federal legislation regarding archaeological resources, as well as with legislation that has been passed in several states bordering Kentucky. This legislation was never called to the House floor, but we hope that it can be passed in the 2012 Session.

By the time this newsletter gets to your mailbox, the PK Advisory Committee will have met for the first time. This committee meets twice a year, or as needed, and consists of the immediate past Board Officers, PK Board Alumni, donors & fundraisers, the SHPO or designated staff person, the UK Historic Preservation Program Chair, and other members as designated. It is our hope that this committee will provide a direct link with past Board members and PK Founders for communications and institutional knowledge. Special thanks to PK Alum Barbara Hulette and PK Board member Gail Melvin for chairing this ad-hoc committee.

Again, thank you for supporting Preservation Kentucky through your membership. We hope you can join us at one of our PK Planning meetings and let us know what you think Preservation Kentucky can do to help in your community. We hope to see you at the Annual Membership Meeting in Bowling Green.

Local Partner Profile: Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation

Shelia Omer Ferrell, Executive Director

Founded in 1955, the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation (BGT) is a leading advocate for the preservation of historic structures and sites in Central Kentucky. The mission of the BGT is education, service and advocacy. We are a proud local partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Preservation Kentucky.

The Blue Grass Trust has helped save many historic properties over the years and are the stewards of the Hunt-Morgan House in historic Gratz Park, and Latrobe's Pope Villa, both located in Lexington, Kentucky.

The Blue Grass Trust endeavors to educate through hands-on workshops and preservation seminars and provides information and services to help revitalize and rehabilitate homes and community assets across the Bluegrass Region. As a preservation advocate, the Trust seeks to provide awareness, protection and promotion of historic sites. Their highly-recognized BGT Plaque Program serves to honor hundreds of significant places across the Bluegrass. "Hands on Heritage" offers a variety of heritage activities that immerse children in local history, and young professionals enjoy the BGT's new "detour" group that meets monthly to take behind-the-scenes tours of unique buildings and neighborhoods.

Opportunities to volunteer with the BGT abound at the Hunt-Morgan House and Civil War Museum, at historic Latrobe's Pope Villa, and at their annual fundraiser---the BGT's Antiques and Garden show. Becoming a member of the Blue Grass Trust helps support their ongoing mission to preserve the unique places of the Bluegrass for future generations. Please visit them @ www.bluegrasstrust.org or phone them at (859)253-0362



Preservation Lobby Day in DC

Anna Maas, PK Board Member & Architectural Historian with Corn Island Archaeology

March 6-7, Preservation Kentucky director Rachel Kennedy, former State Historic Preservation Officer David Morgan, National Trust Advisor Anne Arensburg, and board members Zanne Jeffries, Anna Maas, and member Julie Wagner attended Lobby Day on Capitol Hill to spread the message that "Preservation Makes Cent\$." Organized by Preservation Action, Lobby Day included one day of informational sessions and one day of action. Monday featured discussions about the state of preservation affairs nationwide and how to deliver our message to house reps and senators. Other states were represented by SHPOs, non-profit leaders, and private consultants.

On Tuesday, PK representatives met with legislative aides to Hal Rogers, Brett Guthrie, Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul, Ed Whitfield, Geoff Davis, and Ben Chandler. We emphasized the importance of historic preservation tax credits, the Kentucky Main Street Program (the oldest of its kind in the country), and Preserve America Communities (of which KY has the most), and their role in creating local jobs, businesses, and ultimately pride. Utmost on the list of requests was continued support of the SHPO, the Kentucky Heritage Council, which serves as the link and facilitator between federal government and local grassroots efforts to revitalize communities across the state. Overall, aides were well informed and receptive, but expressed guarded optimism in a financial climate where the previous year's budget remains undecided. Special thanks to Edie Bingham and David Morgan for their support of this effort.



Preservation Action lobbying coalition at the Capitol. L-R: David Morgan, Zanne Jefferies, Julie Wagner, Rachel Kennedy, and Anna Maas

Preservation Craft Training News

Historic Preservation Craft Training continues to thrive in the state of Kentucky. As a result of conversations held at the October 2010 conference, Preservation Trades Network (PTN), the Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC), and Preservation Kentucky (PK) have joined forces to sponsor the Window Preservation Summit at Pine Mountain Settlement School. This event is planned for July 22 – 26, and will feature six national window restoration specialists. The Collaborative, sponsored by the Preservation Trades Network, is now hard at work developing a set of standards for window restoration that can be used by architects and contractors. Window testing for energy efficiency will also be standardized. This event will be the unveiling of both sets of standards and a demonstration of the effectiveness of correctly-restored windows. Results will be published on the PTN and PK website.

As in past years, workshops continue at Pine Mountain Settlement School, in partnership with the Kentucky Heritage Council. The March 13 – 18 workshop will kick off the tenth year of hands-on workshops devoted to the traditional trades and preservation skills. The rehabilitation and repair of round log structures will be the focus of this five day hands on workshop. We will be working on the Putney Ranger Station, a CCC project built in 1937, in Harlan County with trainers from the National Park Service. This workshop includes a team from the National Center for Preservation Technology & Training who will be filming segments of the workshop for training videos.

In April we move to the other end of the state. April 14 and 15, the City of Paducah will hold a two-day hands-on window restoration "boot camp," a workshop for students and contractors. This workshop will be led by Bob Yapp, owner of Preservation Resources in Hannibal, MO. Our work site is the circa 1905 Elks Home in

Patrick Kennedy, KHC Restoration Specialist, PK Board Member, & PTN Board Member

historic downtown Paducah. As added value to the program, on Saturday morning April 16, Bob will be giving a presentation to the public "Old Windows Aren't A Pane---They're A Goldmine." This is a fun and intense, two hour seminar designed to give attendees a primer in cost effective and energy efficient historic wood window restoration. Local preservation contractors and vendors will have booths in a separate area.



Andy Roeper teaches window restoration skills at Pine Mountain Settlement School

For June the Kentucky Heritage Council and the West Kentucky Community and Technical College are developing a three day workshop at the WKCTC 'practice' house. While still in the planning stage, we hope to bring several traditional trades demonstrators for a series of hands-on workshops for homeowners and students. Tentatively planned for June 22 – 25, Saturday will be a public family day to view various trades demonstrations. Special child-friendly hands-on events will be offered.

An 'Ah-ha' Board Retreat

S. Darlene Gooch, Director of Russellville Main Street & PK Board Member

The Webster's Dictionary defines "Retreat" as a period of withdrawal for meditation or study. The Board of Directors of Preservation Kentucky did just that on the weekend of January 28 and 29 2011 in Lexington at the historic Hunt-Morgan House. Thanks to the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation for donating this space for our annual retreat!

The weekend began with dinner at Stella's Kentucky Deli and continued the next morning under the tutelage of retreat leader Mary Ruffin Hanbury (of Hanbury Preservation Consulting out of North Carolina) with Rachel Kennedy and Amy Potts giving a brief presentation of the ongoing programming for Preservation Kentucky. Those programs include the Student Photo-Essay competition, continued work on the Rural Design Guidelines, and upcoming Barn Surveys in Livingston, Crittenden, Taylor, and Franklin Counties.

Throughout the day we were given food for thought regarding various topics - i.e. What are the elements of a good board? The Importance of your Committees? and The Importance of a board knowing their organizations Mission Statement?

What are the elements of a good board? Serving a need in the community, working together to meet a goal, is sustainable, strong leader(s), hardworking, passionate, communicates within the community about your continued work. If you serve on a board are you doing any or all of these items?

Are committees important to the success of your organization? Without the continued help of your board members serving on committees it is almost impossible for one person (your director) to make everything flow along on a daily basis. He or she needs your help in making ideas a reality. Some of those committees are: fundraising, executive, finance/audit, advocacy, board development, programming/education and membership. Yes, we all live busy lives

but take a moment to find a place where you can use your talents and serve!

Mission Statement? Does your board – or even you – know your organization's mission statement by heart? By placing the mission statement at the top of your agenda, on a regular basis, you will highlight your organization's work ethic and what needs to be accomplished. It is in our agendas that we create an interest and excitement in the work to be done within our organizations. Prior to your board meeting send out, to each of your board members, a copy of your upcoming agenda (with the mission statement in a prominent position) so that your board members can see what is to be covered and by doing this you will create excitement prior to your meeting of what is to come. By creating this excitement for the work ahead it will allow your board members to start thinking about where they can put their various talents to work!



Preservation Kentucky Board Training at retreat in Lexington

Oprah Winfrey lives her life looking for those "Ah-ha" moments and for this writer, I was treated to several "Ah-ha" moments during this retreat. Over the last few years I have heard attendees of various retreats and conferences say that the time spent was a total waste of time. Even if you only learn one new element it was a successful meeting – But for me, being with colleagues makes any meeting a success because you go away more energized and ready to combat the next big roadblock in the life of your organization!!!

ENDANGERED PROPERTIES



Harrodsburg United Methodist Church

PK's Local partner the James Harrod Trust has been working to help preserve the **Harrodsburg United Methodist Church** on Chiles Street. The Trust brought an architect from the KY Heritage Council to assess rehabilitation options. With continued assistance from the Trust and the KHC, the church may continue to serve the Methodist community in Harrodsburg for years to come.

The **Columbia Heights** neighborhood in Lexington continues to fight its battle against encroachment from University of Kentucky and poorly-maintained student housing. Most recently, two houses in this early-to-mid twentieth century neighborhood, near the corner of Woodland Avenue and Columbia have been approved for demolition to be replaced by a study lodge for the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. If this pattern continues, the quality of the neighborhood and its building stock will continue to deteriorate.



Columbia Heights Neighborhood

The 1964 **Hogan's Pavilion** structure, designed by architect E.J. Schickli, is an important iconic historic feature in Cherokee Park that is used and loved by Louisvillians of all ages and walks of life. Currently, the Pavilion is in grave danger of demolition by neglect, due to a lack of maintenance by Metro Louisville Parks. A Save the Pavilion grassroots group has formed to help raise money and awareness of the structure's plight. For more information, visit <http://www.savehogansfountain.com/index.html>



Hogan's Pavilion

The **Twig and Leaf Restaurant** on Bardstown Rd in Louisville will be reviewed for the second time by the Louisville Landmarks Commission for local individual designation on April 23 at 5:30 pm. This roadside architectural gem, complete with neon sign, has previously been endangered by a proposed CVS Pharmacy project. For more information on the issue, see <http://www.thehighlanderonline.com/current-issue/89-features/396-twig-and-leaf-fate-uncertain>

Last but not least the **Whiskey Row** situation continues in Louisville. Mayor Greg Fischer has appointed staff to assist with finding a solution that will preserve the buildings or some portion of the buildings. However, the Louisville Landmarks Commission still does not have formal review of this case, though the buildings are locally landmarked. As a result, several historic preservation groups, including PK local partner Preservation Louisville, along with an adjacent property owner, filed a motion to intervene in the agreement between the city and Cobalt Ventures. To keep up-to-date with this situation, please visit: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/group.php?gid=115219601841766> or <http://preservationlouisville.org/whiskeyrow/>



Twig and Leaf Restaurant

Preserved

In Bowling Green, the 1928 Reservoir Hill Pump House was saved from demolition as a result of the Historic Preservation Board and Landmark Association obtaining a long term lease from the owner, Bowling Green Municipal Utilities. The building has been renovated by the Landmark Association and once again contributes to the character of this prominent hill.



Reservoir Hill Pump House

Demolished

Despite the best efforts of citizens in London, the **Pennington House** was demolished in December 2010 for an anticipated parking lot or structure. Our best wishes go out to all who tried to preserve this important building, including Donna Horn-Taylor, Ann Pennington, and Chris Robinson.



Pennington House



Whiskey Row

Upcoming Events & News Briefs

The **PK Annual Meeting** will be held on Friday April 29, 2011 at 5 pm CDT in Bowling Green, thanks to assistance from the Landmark Association of Bowling Green and Warren County and staff of the L&N Depot. We hope to see you there!

Please join us at a **PK Strategic Planning Meeting**. Details included below.

April 29, 2011, 5 pm CDT. Annual Meeting. Bowling Green: Historic RailPark and Train Museum at the L&N Depot, 401 Kentucky Street, Suite B, Bowling Green, KY 42101. Phone: 270.745.7317

May 23, 2011 6 pm EDT. Bellevue/Ludlow: Ludlow City Building, 51 Elm Street, Ludlow, KY

PK thanks you for your continued support of our organization. In an effort to strengthen our presence in Kentucky, we ask for your help. The more members we have, the greater political force we will become on behalf of preservation efforts across the Commonwealth. In other words, we are stronger together than we are separately. Could you take a moment to talk to your friends, local businesses, and nonprofits about membership in Preservation Kentucky? Let them know that becoming a member on our website also entitles them to a one-year membership to the National Trust for Historic Preservation! Click the donate button on our website for more info: <http://www.preservationkentucky.org/>

PK's first **Preservation Pedal** will be held in historic Springfield and Washington County on July 2, 2011. This event will be held annually to highlight historic downtowns and rural buildings in a different community across the Commonwealth. PK also intends for this to support local businesses and raise awareness of our organization, bike touring, and bike friendly amenities in small town KY. All proceeds will go to assist Preservation Kentucky in furthering our mission of historic preservation education and advocacy. For more information, click on the Preservation Pedal link at <http://www.preservationkentucky.org/newsEvents.php>

PK's 2011 Photo Essay Competition for school-age students across Kentucky is accepting applications until Friday, April 11, 2011. This year's theme is **Preservation in Your Community: From Endangered to Enlivened**. Students are asked to take

at least three photos and write an essay demonstrating an example of preservation in their city, town, neighborhood, or in rural areas. This example should highlight a historic building or site that was previously endangered by demolition, an act of nature, or by neglect. More details are available at: <http://www.preservationkentucky.org/newsEvents.php>

The **Kentucky Heritage Council**, our state government partner, has updated historic preservation statistics on their website. These stats include the historic preservation tax credits, National Register listings, and Preserve America grants. This is available by congressional district on the KHC home page (<http://www.heritage.ky.gov>), on a sidebar entitled, "The Economics of Historic Preservation." PK encourages you to use these statistics when speaking with your local, state, and national government officials.

PK's **Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee** met for the first time in January 2011. This committee is intended to assist Civil War sites as we approach the Sesquicentennial Celebration. Plans are being made for a Civil War Sites preservation symposium and PK staff wrote a grant to develop a John Hunt-Morgan Trail in Kentucky and surrounding states. PK Vice-Chair Nancy Turner is leading this effort. If you have an interest in being involved with this committee, please email Amy Potts at amy@preservationkentucky.org

PK welcomes New Board Members Wayna Adams (Lexington), Dr. Janice Blythe (Berea and Garrard Co), Adam Johnson (Danville), Ed Krebs, AIA (Louisville), Anna Maas (Louisville), John Moore (Paducah), Kary Stackelbeck (Lexington), and Dan Vivian (Louisville). To read more about PK Board and staff, please visit: <http://www.preservationkentucky.org/directorsStaff.php>

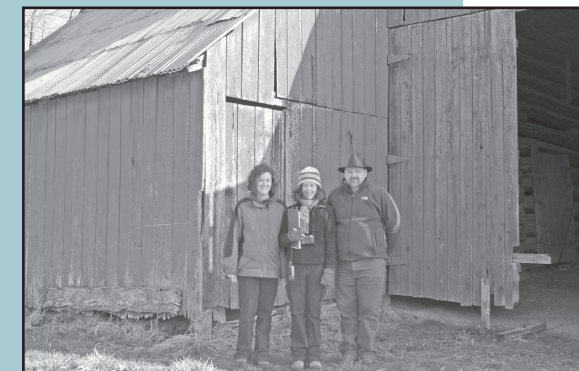


Amy Potts discusses rural heritage at the PK Strategic Planning Meeting in Sadieville

RHDI Survey Begins in Livingston and Crittenden Counties

Rachel Kennedy, Executive Director

In February 2011, the Livingston and Crittenden Counties Rural Farm survey was launched. Thanks to a grant from the Kentucky Heritage Council, approximately 75-100 important rural properties, with a special focus on farmsteads, will be identified and evaluated for the National Register of Historic Places. This survey will document the built environment associated with farming, including houses, barns, outbuildings, and landscapes. PK Director Rachel Kennedy and KHC Survey Coordinator Bill Macintire accompanied the rural survey consultants, Janie-Rice Brother and Jennifer Ryall of UK, on a reconnaissance survey of both counties on February 21-23. Great interest was shown to the survey effort in Smithland and Marion at public meetings held on Monday and Tuesday evenings. In Marion, a group of nearly 30 persons came to discuss their important rural properties. (<http://crittendenpress.blogspot.com/2011/02/rural-heritage-survey-set-for-this.html>). Special thanks to local volunteers, community historian Brenda Underdown and Livingston County Extension Agent Darrell Jones.



Rural Survey Team in Livingston County Jennifer Ryall, Janie-Rice Brother, and Livingston County Extension Agent Darrell Jones at the Margaret Jones farm.

News from UK Historic Preservation Program

Rebecca Gall, HPGO

The Historic Preservation Graduate Organization (HPGO) has been back in action this year! With the help of the College of Design at the University of Kentucky, the group was responsible for planning the student-run symposium "Adaptive Reuse: Preservation Through Innovation," which occurred on March 31-April 1 and featured such speakers as urban journalist and author Roberta Brandes Gratz and preservation economist Donovan Rypkema. Gathering for potlucks and meeting frequently with the Dean of the College, the students coordinated the event in its entirety. They hope to make this an annual event. Many students were in attendance at the 2010 State Historic Preservation Conference in Frankfort, attending several sessions and making important professional connections. The group has also teamed up with the Lexington-based Blue Grass Trust to help establish the Trust's new initiative, deTours, to inform more young professionals about historic preservation issues. Lastly, HPGO has been working to update its website, <http://www.uky.edu/Centers/Preservation/hpgo/welcome.html>



University of Kentucky Historic Preservation Graduate Students. L-R: Taylor Thistlethwaite, Rebecca Gall, Emily Skinner, Bruce Carter, Rachel Alexander, Eric Whisman, and Mark Fluehr.