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Preservation KY News Inside

2011 Preservation Pedal: A Very Successful Bike Tour of Historic Springfield and Washington County

The first **Preservation Pedal Bike Tour** was held on Saturday, July 2, 2011 in Springfield and Washington County. The tour attracted 176 participants—many of whom were unaware of PK's historic survey work in the original eight-county rural heritage area. The 50-and-30-mile rides traversed Washington County's beautiful countryside, and viewed sites such as the Mt Zion Covered Bridge, the Mordecai Lincoln house, and the historic Grundy farms. Cyclists also visited the small towns of Mackville and Willisburg—which PK is currently working in partnership with local groups to get listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The ten-mile ride was led by architectural historian Jennifer Ryall and PK Board member Don Stosberg. This tour maintained a slow and easy pace while visiting Springfield's important historic places such as Kalarama Farm, the Johnson's Chapel African American Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and Eleanores, home of writer Elizabeth Maddox Roberts.



Preservation Pedalers pose in front of the Mt. Zion Covered Bridge.

We also had great Board participation! There were at least nine Board members (and spouses) who rode on one of the three tour routes. In all, the bike tour was a great event that raised money and awareness for Preservation Kentucky. Next years' location is under consideration—if you have suggestions, please email director@preservationkentucky.org

PK NEWS

August 2011

From The Chair

Nancy Turner

I am truly honored to serve as the new Chair of Preservation Kentucky. Having been on the Board since 2007, I have seen PK undergo a variety of changes. I am proud to be part of this worthwhile organization and excited as we enter a new phase in its development. A large part of this development is, of course, our staff. RHD staff Amy Potts has worked tirelessly for PK for the last six years and has helped Kentuckians gain much traction in understanding the vital importance of rural heritage to economic development. Executive Director Rachel Kennedy, a more recent addition to staff, has helped guide PK into new territory with events and programs such as the Preservation Pedal, the 2011 Strategic Action Plan, and the upcoming Legislative Summit. This essential personnel, along with our intern from UK's Historic Preservation Graduate Program—Eric Whisman, carry out the core mission and duties of the organization. We owe them a debt gratitude for their service to preservation in the Commonwealth.

I hope you will join our Board and staff of Preservation Kentucky at this year's **Historic Preservation Legislative Summit**. This one-and-a-half day event will educate us on how to work with our state legislators and help us develop an action plan for the upcoming legislative budget session this January. The Summit is our opportunity to plan for a brighter future and more effective advocacy network for preservation throughout Kentucky. Among the topics to be addressed are: archaeological resource protection, historic preservation funding (tax credits), and Main Street issues. I know how important these topics are to you and your community and look forward to seeing you August 18-19th in Frankfort

Kentucky's Most Endangered Historic and Prehistoric Places Update

Preservation Kentucky announced the first and second parts of the 2011 Most Endangered Historic and Prehistoric List in May and July 2011. PK sponsors the *Most Endangered Historic and Prehistoric Places* list every year to highlight trends and threats to historic preservation in the Commonwealth. This year, the list will be announced in five parts and will include archaeological resources, historic preservation funding, and barns and outbuildings.

Part I of the list focused on **Endangered Small Town Kentucky**. At a press event held in Sadieville, KY on May 23rd, PK discussed the issues facing small town KY with partners such as the city of Sadieville, the University of Louisville, the Kentucky Heritage Council, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. A series of meetings are being planned to follow-up with the city of Sadieville, to assist their situation using preservation development strategies. These efforts will be catalogued and presented on the PK website as case studies in May 2012.

Part II of the list focuses on **Historic Wood Windows as Endangered Resources** in the Commonwealth. This portion of the list was announced on July 25, in Pine Mountain, KY. This release is timed to be in conjunction with the National Window Preservation Summit, which is intended to develop national standards for the repair and weatherization of old and historic windows. To do this, critical research

was be performed at the Kentucky-based Summit to provide definitive energy testing data comparing the energy efficiency of replacement windows to that of preserved wood windows, and establish industry guidelines for the sustainable repair, restoration, and weatherization of historic wood windows. Speakers from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Kentucky, the Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office, and the Window Preservation Standards Collaborative (WPSC) were on hand to discuss the issue and answer questions.

For more information on both of these releases, please visit: www.preservationkentucky.org/programs.php



Karen Nickless from the National Trust addresses the crowd at Sadieville



Partner Profile: The Landmark Association of Bowling Green and Warren County

Jonathan Jeffery, Landmark Association Treasurer

The Landmark Association is a non-profit organization established in 1976 with the mission to advocate for "the preservation, protection, and maintenance of architectural, cultural and archeological resources of Bowling Green and Warren County, Kentucky." Under Landmark's leadership, Bowling Green became one of the Commonwealth's first cities to participate in the Main Street Program. Landmark also undertook a massive county-wide cultural resources survey which led to a major publication outlining the county's cultural treasures and to the establishment of five National Register historic districts.

The association became an all-volunteer organization in 1991. Since that time, Landmark has continued to administer an awards program honoring outstanding preservation projects. Landmark also has an impressive history of publishing books, maps, tour brochures, cards, and pamphlets related to the region's cultural heritage. The organization sponsors educational programming for children and adults which includes seminars and workshops, in-class presentations, re-enactments, tours of historic districts and cemeteries, and home tours. Most importantly the organization acts as a vigilant observer of the community's cultural resources and advocates for proper planning and re-use of historic properties. The organization's 350 members have created a nurturing network for intrepid individuals embarking on preservation projects. The Landmark Association works cooperatively with other historic organizations within the community to make sure that Bowling Green and Warren County have "a future with a past."

Director note: The Landmark Association was the 2011 winner of an Ida Lee Willis Service to Preservation Award.

NEWS AND UPDATES

-PK is sad to report that KHC Director and State Historic Preservation Officer **Mark Dennen** is retiring as of August 1, 2011. Mark and his partner Kelly have purchased a house and intend to retire in coastal South Carolina. Displaying his typical gracious manner, Dennen said of his time at the KHC, "I have worked with many people across the state and learned so much about the wonderful resources Kentucky has and the preservation ethic we enjoy. I will miss so many of you and know you will carry on the important work you are doing to preserve the prehistoric treasures and historic structures and landscapes that extend across our Commonwealth."

-Winners of the **2011 Historic Preservation Photo Essay Competition for Young Persons** were announced at the Ida Lee Willis Ceremony at the Governor's Mansion in Frankfort on Tuesday, May 24. *Preservation in Your Community: From Endangered to Enlivened* was the theme of the 13th annual competition, through which students were asked to take at least three photos and write an essay demonstrating an example of preservation in their city, town, neighborhood or rural area, highlighting a historic building or site that was previously endangered by demolition, an act of nature or neglect--- and how that threat was resolved.



Drayden Zaring poses with her first place award. Pictured with Drayden from l-r: Lindy Casebier, Deputy Secretary TAH Cabinet; Mark Dennen, KHC/SHPO; Marcheta Sparrow, TAH Secretary; Rachel Kennedy, PK Executive Director; Zanne Jefferies, PK Vice Chair; and Audrey Marshall, Community Trust Bank.

This year's winners were: Andrew Segal of Louisville (11th grade)
Mason Miller of Harlan County (6th grade)
Drayden Zaring of Prospect (5th grade).

-**Ida Lee Willis Award** winners were also announced at the Frankfort ceremony in May. These awards include: Eastside Revitalization Project in Covington; the Louisville Water Company Pump Station 1; the West-Metcalf House at Mill Springs Battlefield in Wayne County; the Landmark Association of Bowling Green and Warren County; Lynda Closson of Stanford; Donna Horn-Taylor of London; and Julie Nelson Harris, editor, Tara Kaprowy and Nita Johnson, reporters, London Sentinel Echo. The **Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award** went to Bob Polsgrove of Frankfort, retired president of the Kentucky Trust for Historic Preservation.

-The **PK Advisory Committee** met on Tuesday, March 29 at the historic Vest-Lindsey house in Frankfort. Old friends and colleagues came from all across the Commonwealth and one from as far away as Washington, D.C. Much progress was made in the capable hands of Co-Chairs Barbara Hulette and Gail Melvin. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held in September in Winchester.

-Local partner, the **Danville/Boyle Co Convention and Visitor's Bureau** will hold a traditional **Volksmarch** through the historic streets, neighborhoods, cemeteries, and districts that give Danville its charm, in conjunction with the Oktoberfest event in downtown Danville on October 24 from 1-3 pm. What is a Volksmarch, you say? Very common in Germany, they are noncompetitive walks with friends and family, usually ending with food, beer, and camaraderie. For more information, please contact mandy@betterindanville.com or phone at 859.236.7794

-Please see the enclosed insert regarding the **2011 Historic Preservation Legislative Summit**. PK truly hopes you can participate to help develop and implement a strong statewide preservation legislative action network. To register, please visit: www.kypreservationsummit.org or complete the enclosed form and send to PK.

RHDI NEWS

Since the Rural Heritage Development Initiative (RHDI) began in 2006, it was quickly clear that design recommendations were needed to help strengthen rural commercial centers; to maintain the character of the rural landscapes; and preserve existing buildings that make the region distinctive.

To achieve this goal, PK partnered with Ned Crankshaw, professor with the University of Kentucky's Department of Landscape Architecture and his students as well as students from UK's Historic Preservation Graduate Program. This working group looked at rural planning and zoning as well as architectural standards for the smallest communities--- often nestled at a "cross roads." From this evaluation, a set of Rural Design Guidelines was developed.

These guidelines are meant as suggestions. According to the introduction of the document, "Their purpose is to illustrate ways in which landowners and residents of rural areas can continue to develop their rural economies while preserving traditional buildings and rural landscapes and developing new buildings and sites that enhance the quality of their rural places."

They address design issues for three key parts of rural landscapes: crossroads communities, farmsteads, and rural businesses. For each category, there is a discussion of the design considerations and a series of case studies meant to illustrate best practices. Though these guidelines have not been used yet in Kentucky, the Preserve America program intends to spotlight the project as an example of a well-done project.

Any Potts, Rural Heritage Programs Manager

Funded by a grant from Preserve America* and launched in July 2011, these documents are web-based and can be downloaded at www.kycrossroadsregion.com/resources/RuralDesignGuidelines.html

If you are interested in using these guidelines or if you have questions, please contact amy@preservationkentucky.org

*The Rural Design Guidelines are based upon work assisted by a grant from the Department of Interior, National Park Service. Any opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this material are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Interior.



Workshop participants tour Historic Merchants Row in Perryville.

UK Historic Preservation Graduate Organization News

Eric Whisman, President UK HPGO and PK Staff

The University of Kentucky Historic Preservation Graduate Student Organization is planning many new and exciting events for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. Nine new students have been accepted in the program, hailing from all across the nation. At the same time, we have the honor of welcoming our new *Helen Edwards Abell Endowed Chair*, Douglas Appler. Appler is a recent PhD Graduate of Cornell's Historic Preservation Program, and will be working extensively with HPGO this school year.

This summer, planning has begun on a student orientation weekend, a fall community preservation outreach project, and a follow up to the well-regarded 2011 Spring Symposium. HPGO hopes to build upon our key goals of community outreach and involvement between the academic classroom setting and real world experience. HPGO will also be working with Preservation Kentucky and the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation to provide support on a number of preservation projects. For more information on HPGO and event details, visit our website at www.uky.edu/centers/preservation/hpgo or visit our group on Facebook.

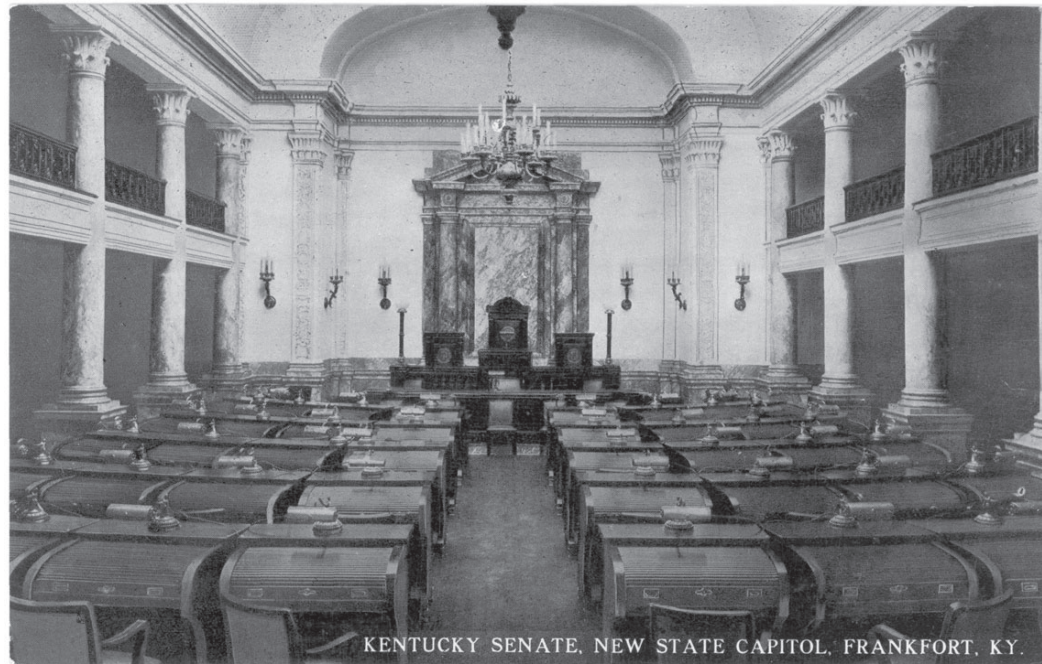
Annual Meeting

The **PK Annual Meeting** was held on Friday, April 29 at the L & N Depot in Bowling Green during which attendees provided input to PK staff on historic preservation issues in Warren County. The meeting was sponsored by the Landmark Association who provided locally-produced refreshments.

Following the meeting at the depot, PK Board members enjoyed dinner at Verdi Restaurant in Fountain Square. Next morning, a tour of several landmark buildings in Fountain Square, including the Capitol Theater, Morris Jewelers, and the Quigley-Younglove Building, was conducted. The Board of Directors meeting, held at the Kentucky Library & Museum, concluded the visit to Bowling Green. Thanks to the Landmarks Association, WKU, the city of Bowling Green, and local volunteers who made this possible!



PK Board Members tour the Morris Jewelry Store in Downtown Bowling Green.



KENTUCKY SENATE, NEW STATE CAPITOL, FRANKFORT, KY.

Photo: Courtesy of the Kentucky Historical Society

To register, complete and mail this form and a check to:
Preservation Kentucky PO Box 5192 Frankfort, KY 40602 Attn: Legislative Summit

Summit registration includes all events on Thursday and Friday. Note that Thursday's lunch and Friday's breakfast will feature Kentucky Proud products. **Register by Friday, August 12, 2011** to receive the early registration discount of \$75.00. Full time students can participate by registering by August 12 for \$40.00. After August 12 registration will increase to \$100.00 per participant and \$55.00 for students. No refunds for cancellation.

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Thursday, Aug 18: Lunch Conservation with State Legislators	Attending <input type="checkbox"/> Not Attending <input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday, Aug 18: reception in downtown Frankfort	Attending <input type="checkbox"/> Not Attending <input type="checkbox"/>
Friday, Aug 19: Breakfast with Preservation action, 8:30 am	Attending <input type="checkbox"/> Not Attending <input type="checkbox"/>

Rooms reserved at the Capital Plaza Hotel in downtown Frankfort. 502-227-5100

**For more information or to register online please go to:
 www.kypreservationsummit.org or phone 502.871.4570**

ENDANGERED PROPERTIES



Sadieville Grocery Store

The **Sadieville Grocery Store** was built circa 1890 and was originally known as the Lancaster Drug Store. (For those of you unaware of Sadieville's charms, think Midway, KY, prior to any revitalization efforts). The grocery building, which is located at 125 Main Street, is in need of an owner to restore it to its former glory. For more information, please contact Cindy Foster at the City of Sadieville, 502.857.4576.



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.



Hogan's Pavilion

The 1964 **Hogan's Pavilion** structure, designed by architect E.J. Schickli, is an 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 planning 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> Since our last newsletter, preservation for the Pavilion has been endorsed by Preservation Louisville.

Like most cities, Lexington has had serious issues with vacant and abandoned properties, such as the one pictured at **412 West Third Street**---especially prevalent with absentee and/or out-of-state owners in this economic climate. Local partner, the Blue Grass Trust For Historic Preservation, has identified and is working to raise awareness of this serious issue---which impacts local property values and preservation efforts.



412 West Third Street

The **Fannie Harrison Farm** in Hardin County is a Depression-era farm of 85 acres listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The farm is an excellent example of early 20th century efficient farm planning that includes a circa 1922 bungalow house, a multi-purpose aisle barn, meat house, granary, chicken house, and an aerometer windmill. The integrity of these five contributing buildings and one contributing site within the farm's intact National Register boundary tells the story of farm's significance. Now, the farm is threatened by a state road project that would demolish each of the important historic buildings. For more information, please visit:



Fannie Harrison Farm

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Save-The-Historic-Fannie-Harrison-Farm/213849091994889>



Fleming Dudley House

In Transition

The circa 1819 **Fleming Dudley House** was previously endangered by the Fleming County Courthouse project. On May 3, 2011, the Fleming County Project Development Board voted to sell the building at auction, rather than demolish it for additional parking. The auction will not likely take place until after the new courthouse is completed. Stay tuned to the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce site for more details. <http://www.flemingkychamber.com/>

Landmarked

The **Twig and Leaf Restaurant** on Bardstown Rd in Louisville was designated a local individual landmark by the Louisville Landmarks Commission on April 23. This roadside architectural gem, complete with neon sign, was previously endangered by a proposed CVS Pharmacy project. Rumors have since begun to circulate that CVS will continue planning a project behind the Twig site on the Douglass Loop. PK will keep you informed as matters unfold.



Twig and Leaf Restaurant

Demolished

As part of an agreement made between Metro Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and developer Todd Blue, the circa 1900 building at **306-310 East Main Street** in downtown Louisville will be demolished for a parking lot. The agreement was made in order to save five of the seven buildings on Whiskey Row, which were sold to preservationists Steve Wilson and Laura Lee Brown, along with several other investors. Preservation groups were surprised to discover later that the 308 East Main building was part of the deal to preserve Whiskey Row, as the building was in excellent condition and was a contributing element in the Phoenix Hill Historic District.



306-310 East Main

Interested in making a contribution to Preservation Kentucky? Consider planned giving options, such as remembering PK in your will or Trust. To discuss these options, contact Rachel Kennedy, Executive Director at 502.871.4570 to set-up a meeting.

Preservation Kentucky Sponsors 2011 Historic Preservation Legislative Summit Frankfort, KY in Conjunction with the Kentucky Heritage Council



Legislative Summit to Include:

- Case studies in successful lobbying from nonprofit organizations in Kentucky
- Lobbying 101: How to get your message heard by the State Legislature
- Guide to the Kentucky Legislature
- A lunch-time conversation with state legislators, featuring Representative Tanya Pullin & Representative Arnold Simpson
- Renee Kuhlman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation: Successful case studies in historic preservation legislation from across the nation
- Friday morning breakfast with Erik Hein of Preservation Action in Washington, D.C. Hein will discuss legislation and funding as it relates to the federal preservation movement

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