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Preservation KY News Inside

2012 Preservation Pedal: A Tour of Historic Danville, Boyle, and Mercer Counties

Wow! We had an impressive turn-out at the second annual Preservation Pedal in Danville, Boyle, and Mercer Counties. In spite of some very hot weather, approximately 275 cyclists rode through the beautiful country-side surrounding Danville & Harrodsburg and enjoyed the historic sites, such as the Beaumont Inn, Perryville Battlefield, downtown Danville, and Forkland Community Center.

One Pedal participant said of the 2012 ride, "Beautiful 60 miles. This was first time I had ever been in that part of KY. It was so cool to be in the middle of 60 or more bikes riding by stone wall fences, horse farms, the older homes, WOW!!! Why would anyone complain about a little hot weather?"

Thanks to all riders who participated in our 2012 ride. We had a great time organizing it and hope that the Pedal map and ride details we left with officials in the area will benefit Danville, Boyle, and Mercer Counties for years to come. We also hope to see you next year in Frankfort and Franklin County on June 22; details



photo by Timbike2 Photography

of which will be shared later this fall. Spread the word to your cycling friends and here's hoping for cooler weather.

Please note: If you are interested in purchasing 2012 T-shirts in small or medium sizes or a 2012 poster, please email our office at specialevents@preservationkentucky.org or 502.871.4570.

Photos of the 2012 ride can be purchased from Timbike2 Photography at http://timbike2.smug-mug.com/PreservationPedal



Letter From PK Chair

Regina Estes, Covington



I am very pleased to invite you to the 2012 Historic Preservation Conference, "Our Towns: Partnering Regionally, Preserving Locally." This conference partnership is our first in western Kentucky and our first headquartered in a very small town! Following the logic of PK's successful Rural Heritage partnership, we believe that small towns and rural areas have just as great an opportunity to develop using their historic places as the economic, social, and cultural basis, as larger cities and towns do.

We know, though, that it isn't just one locale or property that makes a town or city successful, but the partnerships within and among other towns and cities that make for a successful place. Kentucky's 2012 Historic Preservation Conference emphasizes the need to focus local efforts in neighborhoods and communities while seeking opportunities to work together regionally for the economic benefit of all.

Join us as we examine a regional approach to preservation, with wonderful educational sessions and other activities in Princeton, Dawson Springs,

Eddyville, and Kuttawa. Learn about best practices for preserving endangered historic sites, converting schools and other public buildings into affordable housing, form-based codes, revolving loan funds, earthquake retrofitting, brownfield redevelopment, the benefits of Cultural Arts Districts, and much more!

Register right now online: www.kypreservationconference.org. The run-of-conference price is an affordable \$135 for PK members and \$150 for nonmembers until August 31st. Please note you can become a new individual member for only \$10 or a new family/organization member for \$15 and still utilize the \$135 price!

By the way, have you reserved your PK License plate yet?

Preservation Kentucky collects \$10 from each plate sold to establish a preservation grant fund! www.preservationkentucky.org

PK's New K-12 Student Contest Heritage and Me: My Favorite Historic Places

Eric Whisman, PK Staff

As part of our dedication to fostering the next generation of preservationists, we have revamped our K-12 student essay contest. The student contest, which is a partnership with the Kentucky Heritage Council, is scheduled to debut at the preservation conference in September. The reworked competition requires students to use some form of multi-media component in their submission that both engages the student and broadens the scope of the contest--from digital photography, video production, website, PowerPoint, to video postcards. All submissions will be published to PK's website. Students must select a historic place that they find both interesting and important to them, find out more about that place and explain why "my favorite historic place is important because..." The students must also share their completed project with any local elected official, which expands their interaction and involvement with their community. We expect this interactive format will intrigue eager young minds to participate in the contest and learn more about their community's historic places, all while inspiring young preservationists. Visit our website this fall for more information about how to enter the contest.



photo by Becky Gorman

Congratulations 2012 Ida Lee Willis Award Winners!

Diane Comer, Kentucky Heritage Council Public Information Officer

The 2012 awards were given out on Thursday, May 31st in Frankfort at the Governor's Mansion. The 2012 *Memorial Award* recipient was **Richard T. Jett**, of Louisville, retiring Metro Louisville Historic Preservation Officer, for his career of service to the city and Commonwealth. In this position, Jett served as lead staff for the Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission, demonstrated leadership as an administrator and researcher, and built key alliances and partnerships among diverse groups of constituents.

Preservation Project Awards 2012 recipients were:

- 120, 225 and 227 South Main Street, Harrodsburg, and owners Tim Peters and Lois Mateus Peters, for their commitment to preservation and the exemplary work they have done rehabilitating three buildings within a historic Main Street district in their hometown. (Tim Peters is a PK Board member)
- -Thomas Edison School Apartments, Covington, rehabilitated by AU Associates Inc., of Lexington, for rehabilitating a 1939 Works Progress Administration school into affordable housing and preserving its original Art Deco charm and historic features both inside and out. (Johan Graham of Au Associates is a PK Board member)
- -Whiskey Row Lofts: Trademart Building and Hamilton Brothers Warehouse, Louisville, a rehabilitation project led by Bill Weyland of CITY Properties Group and siblings Valle and Stephen Jones of Whiskey Row Owner LLC, for creating a vanguard, mixed-use development that is serving as a model of what similar projects and other buildings on this block have the potential to become.

Service to Preservation Awards 2012 recipients were:

- -The Cropper Family, South Portsmouth Nita and her children Dwight, William Jr. and Gail Swick, and their ancestors who have lived at the Forest Home Farm since the late 1700s, for their diligent commitment to preserving the farm and its many significant architectural and historic resources
- Alberta Moynahan, Danville, assistant director of the McDowell House Museum, for her many roles in three decades of continuing service and for her passion relaying the history of Dr. Ephraim McDowell and his house to thousands of students and visitors
- -"Historic Preservation: Saving Place" video, produced by historic preservation staff of the cities of Bellevue and Covington, for its effectiveness as a teaching tool to educate northern Kentucky residents, business owners and others about the benefits of preservation and carrying this message throughout the state

The Kentucky Preservation Fund

Karen Nickless, Field Officer, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Since 2004, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Kentucky Heritage Council, and Preservation Kentucky have provided funding for preservation projects in Kentucky through the Kentucky Preservation Fund. In addition, the Cecil D. Wallace Preservation Fund for Boyle and Danville Counties funds projects in those counties.

Funding is awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies. The majority of the funding is awarded to hire professionals in such areas as architecture, archeology, engineering, preservation planning, fundraising, and interpretation. Intervention funding is also awarded in the case of emergencies, such as natural disasters and fires. Funding generally ranges from \$2,500 to \$5,000, and all grants must be matched dollar-for-dollar, except in the case of intervention funding, which does not require a match.

Grants are awarded annually in three competitive rounds (February 1, June 1, and October 1) and must be completed online. For more information and to apply, please go to: http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/ or contact the National Trust grants office at grants@nthp.org or 202-588-6277.



John Hunt Morgan's Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio Raid

Joe Brent, Mudpuppy and Waterdog Consultants

In July 1863, Confederate General John Hunt Morgan set out on one of the most spectacular cavalry raids of the American Civil War. The raid began July 2, 1863, when the 2,400 men of Morgan's cavalry crossed the Cumberland River in south-central Kentucky. It ended less than 50 miles from Pittsburgh, PA at West Point, Ohio, on July 26, 1863, when Morgan and what was left of his command surrendered. If not for the timing of the raid—which coincided with the Battle of Gettysburg and the surrender of Vicksburg, Mississippi—it would have been a national sensation.

In 2011, the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program awarded Preservation Kentucky \$29,500 to study the raid in all three states-Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio--and prepare a multiple property National Register

nomination. The study will also develop property types and establish the level of significance for the raid. After a competitive bid process, PK chose Mudpuppy & Waterdog, Inc. of Versailles, Kentucky, as project consultants.

As project lead, I have really enjoyed working with PK on this project. It has been much more than I anticipated. I understood the military aspect of the raid but I had no idea of its significance to the people in the states it passed through. There are many extant buildings, roads, river crossing sites and battlefields along Morgan's route and the memory of the raid in all three states is truly amazing. It was the perfect time for PK to take on this project. The Civil War Sesquicentennial has made more people aware of the significance of the Civil War and this project has allowed PK to do something meaningful for Kentucky's Civil War 150th commemoration.

Don't miss the Civil War Track at PK Conference---A day-long session will be held Friday, September 21st at the historic Adsmore Carriage House! Learn about this project as well as best practices in heritage tourism, archaeology, and interpretation. Register at www.kypreservationconference.org



2012 Conference Notes from the Kentucky Heritage Council

Diane Comer, Kentucky Heritage Council Public Information Officer

The Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to once again partner with Preservation Kentucky to present the biennial Kentucky Historic Preservation Conference, this year – for the first time – in a rural region. We and our local planning partners in Princeton, Dawson Springs, Eddyville, and

Kuttawa have been working hard to create an interesting mix of timely and practical educational sessions along with fun, interactive events designed to introduce participants to a wide range of programs, resources, and people.

As an agency of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, it is especially gratifying to work with and learn more about our partner agencies. Staff will primarily be staying at the historic Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park, with a rustic lodge, beautiful natural wooded areas, and Works Progress Administration (WPA) projects scattered throughout the park, including the dam on Lake Pennyrile. The Kentucky Arts Council will participate in a session on Cultural Arts Districts; the Office of Adventure Tourism will present information about the new Kentucky Trail Towns program; and a Kentucky Humanities Council speaker will explore Kentucky cuisine and culinary tourism. Speakers from the Kentucky Historical Society and others will participate as presenters during a daylong Civil War track and as part of the Cemetery Preservation workshop.

The Kentucky Main Street Program will be prominently featured on Friday, Sept. 21, with a whole track high-lighting issues of importance to communities of all sizes interested in economic development and community revitalization. Speakers will include Art Jackson, director of the North Carolina Small Towns Economic Prosperity Program (STEPs), who will focus on ways towns can implement new ways of thinking about economic development under changing circumstances, and Jeff Sadler, Virginia Main Street Program Director, who will discuss leveraging a regional strategy for local success.

KHC staff will present sessions about agency programs including state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credits, National Register and historic sites survey, preservation easements, and Section 106 and environmental review, which will be beneficial to those new to preservation as well as those who need a refresher about nuts and bolts preservation strategies.

Archaeology Plays a Big Role at the 2012 Historic Preservation Conference!

Nick Laracuente, Kentucky Heritage Council Staff Archaeologist

This year conference participants will have an opportunity to see archaeology, do archaeology, and discuss applications of archaeological information for historic preservation. On Thursday morning, join the director of the Kentucky Archaeology Survey, David Pollack, and myself on a tour of several archaeological sites within the Mantle Rock Nature Preserve. This tour will highlight cultural resources as old as 8,000 B.C. and cover a variety of prehistoric site types. We will take tour participants to rockshelters, the Mantle Rock Petroglyph, the McGilligan Creek Mound Complex, and the McGilligan Creek Village Site.

On Saturday, archaeologists from the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Archaeological Survey will be leading archaeological activities on the lawn of the Princeton Tourist Welcome Center. These activities are designed to give participants some hands-on time with artifacts recovered from archaeological investigations. By sorting these artifacts, archaeologists will take participants through the investigative process that is used to learn about the past through materials early Kentuckians left behind. And it will be great fun!

Concluding the conference, join us for a discussion of how archaeological information can be used to promote heritage tourism. In my session, "Archaeology's Place in the Heritage Tourism Toolkit," participants can learn about successful examples in which archaeology has been integrated into heritage tourism plans at historic and prehistoric sites. Following that, attendees will learn how to initiate and maintain similar programs in our local communities.

I hope to see you at these sessions and events at the 2012 Historic Preservation Conference. You don't have to be an archaeologist to appreciate and learn from these activities. Just bring your curiosity and interest to learn about what below-ground resources have to tell us about interpreting, preserving, and marketing our important past.



OUR HISTORY RESTS HERE Historic Cemetery Preservation Conference Workshop

Eric Whisman, PK Staff

Across the state, some of the most common preservation questions we get are in regards to historic cemeteries. "How do you repair broken stones? Who really owns the cemetery? Who is responsible for its upkeep? When is a cemetery really 'abandoned'? What's a safe cleaner for limestone?"

Cemeteries are living outdoor museums, art galleries, research facilities, gardens, and quiet places to contemplate life, but too many graveyards have fallen into disrepair due to neglect and vandalism. As part of the 2012 conference, we are hosting a two-day cemetery preservation workshop to build upon the successful training course held last fall in Perryville, KY. **Jason Church of the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training in Louisiana** will be teaching and demonstrating best practices at historic cemeteries in Dawson Springs and Princeton, KY. Participants will learn about all aspects of cemetery care and conservation which we hope will continue to build upon the field of trained preservationists eager to preserve our historic places.

Real Estate Training

Robin Zeigler, Historic Zoning Administrator-Metro Nashville Historic Zoning Commission

Preservation Kentucky is presenting a day-long Historic Preservation 101 for Kentucky Realtor's course this September as a part of the statewide preservation conference. It has been estimated that restoration's market share growth will exceed 80 percent of the entire U.S. Construction economy in the near future. As the country begins to explore sustainability, both in terms of the economy and the environment, buying and selling existing buildings, rather than developable lots, will increasingly become any realtor's main bread-and-butter. Historic properties are valuable to potential buyers because of their existing infrastructure and in numerous other ways, such as stable property values; aesthetically pleasing neighborhoods; and materials, construction and design that cannot affordably be reproduced today. Learn more about how historic properties can help increase your income at the "Preservation 101 for KY Realtors" course. *Note—Realtor credits will be available*.

PK News & Notes



PK is sad to announce **the departure of long-time Rural Heritage staff Amy Potts**. Amy resigned on June 6th to spend more time with her young family and provide rural heritage consulting for Kentuckians! Amy noted about her time with PK, "I have been incredibly fortunate to work for Preservation Kentucky for the last six years. I make this decision in order to spend more time with my family and pursue different career goals. It has been a truly wonderful opportunity to see PK grow and thrive during this time and I'm very excited at the direction the organization continues to take." Good luck, Amy!

On another note, PK is pleased to have **Amandalin Ryan as a new part-time staff member, dealing with membership and special events**. Amandalin Ryan (Mandy) is a Danville, KY native, where she currently lives/adventures. She graduated from Asbury University in 2010 with a BA in Business Management, where she also served

as the Student Manager of a small family-operated campus coffee shop, Grounded. After graduation she returned home where she recently served as the Visitor & Events Coordinator for the Danville-Boyle County Convention & Visitors Bureau. Mandy is passionate about the preservation of her beloved state and is delighted to be serving Preservation Kentucky in this role.

PK was the proud co-sponsor of the **2012 Fandango: A Summer Concert & Potluck Dinner** on Saturday, July 14, 2012 at the historic Holt house in rural Franklin County. Over 200 people attended and enjoyed the beautiful surroundings and 19th century house. Special thanks to PK member Richard Taylor for organizing this event.

PK attended the Kentucky Tourism Industry Association (KTIA) Summer Outing at General Butler State Park on August 1-2 in efforts to expand outreach, learn more about the current tourism industry, and enhance our role in heritage legislation. PK looks to have a presence at the KTIA Annual Meeting in October to bolster membership and continue networking.

We are very excited about the *Preserving Our Kentucky Heritage* Art Show at St Andrew's Church in Louisville. As of the writing of this newsletter, 150 pieces were submitted by approximately 50 artists from across the state. The range of media is really astounding—from wood carvings, baskets, jewelry to traditional media such as oil, water color, photographs, and collage. The show is a partnership between Local Art in the Highlands (Louisville) and St Andrew's Episcopal Church (Louisville).

Following a prolonged debate about the role of Metro Council in the Louisville Landmarks process, Metro Louisville Council overwhelmingly voted on Thursday, August 9 to override a veto by Mayor Greg Fischer of Council-driven changes to the Louisville Landmarks Ordinance, including the right to hear Landmarks cases before Council. For more information, please visit http://preservationlouisville.org/advocacy.html

Former Kentucky Heritage Council staff member **Cynthia Johnson has been named City Preservation Officer for Metro Louisville**, assuming the position vacated by 2012 Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award winner Richard Jett. If you get a chance, welcome Cynthia to her new position- **cynthia.johnson@louisvilleky.gov**

2012 HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

We are truly excited about the offerings at the 2012 Historic Preservation Conference, as noted throughout this newsletter. Some additional highlights are noted below. The full schedule and registration is available at **www.kypreservationconference.org**

Keynote Address

Join Art Jackson, Director of the Small Towns Economic Prosperity (STEPS) initiative for the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center Inc., at Friday's Keynote discussion as he shares his experiences helping North Carolina small towns navigate this economic development program launched in Spring 2006 as the centerpiece of the Small Towns Initiative. Mr. Jackson will share best practices that apply to small towns or large cities—so don't miss it! Local panelists will briefly respond to his talk from a regional and statewide perspective, including Johan Graham, Director of Development for AU Associates in Lexington; Princeton Mayor Gale Cherry; Julie Wagner, Director of the Harrodsburg First Main Street program; and Cindy Foster, City Clerk and Main Street Manager for Sadieville.



Endangered Historic Places

Two educational sessions will focus on how to effectively deal with endangered historic buildings. On Friday morning, the Basics of Revolving Funds will be discussed by Greg Sekula of Indiana Landmarks, Joe Pierson of the Kentucky Trust for Historic Preservation, and Ethiel Garrington of Knox Heritage (Tennessee). If you are thinking about how to start such a fund or even just casually interested, please attend this awesome session.

Then, on Friday afternoon, Ethiel Garlington of Knox Heritage will join the Charles Doherty and Sharon Poat from the city of Paducah to discuss best practices for preserving endangered historic buildings from both a nonprofit and governmental perspective.

Don't miss these two sessions! We know y'all need good ideas about how to handle endangered properties!

Regional Tours

We have some great tours in store for you at the 2012 conference. Check out these offerings:

- Mantle Rock Archaeology Tour: Join the director of the Kentucky Archaeology Survey, David Pollack, on a tour of several archaeological sites within the Mantle Rock Nature Preserve. During our hike, tour participants will visit the Mantle Rock sandstone arch. Dr. Pollack will interpret several archaeological sites during the tour including: rockshelters (on PK's 2011-12 Endangered List), the Mantle Rock Petroglyph, the McGilligan Creek Mound Complex, and the McGilligan Creek Village Site. Archaeological deposits at the Mantle Rock Nature Preserve date as long ago as 8,000 B.C. to A.D. 800. *Ticketed \$55 per person; space is limited so register now!*
- Land of Lakes Tour: Explore the relocated communities of Eddyville and Kuttawa, enjoy the beauty of historic Old Eddyville along Lake Barkley at the mouth of the Cumberland River, then tour the legendary Kentucky State Penitentiary, the "Castle on the Cumberland," a massive stone prison constructed between 1884-1890 and notorious for its executions by electric chair. Learn more about the history of Lyon County at the nearby Rose Hill Museum, then travel to the beautiful Cherokee State Park at Kentucky Lake, Kentucky's first segregated state park, and the historic Wilson Blair African American one-room school in Fredonia.

 Ticketed \$55 per person; space is limited so register now!
- Discover Dawson Springs: Learn about the unique history of Dawson Springs from its earliest days as home to Native Americans and site of "The Big Bend in Tradewater River," through its development as a railroad town, to the discovery of mineral wells in the late 19th century and an explosion in popularity that led it to becoming one of the South's leading health resort destinations. View historical displays at the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center; take a walking tour of a local National Register district; visit the historic Riverside Park, site of spring training for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1914 through 1917; and explore several WPA and CCC buildings constructed during the early 20th century in the surrounding Pennyrile region. This tour will conclude at 11:30 am. *Ticketed \$35 per person; space is limited so register now! Lunch is not included.*

Preservation 101 for the General Public

Are you interested in preservation but don't know how it works? This Saturday morning course will give you the tools you need to research, rehab, and register your important older property. Though intended for the novice historic homeowner, this course is a great refresher for anyone involved in preserving our important historic past!

Kid's sessions will be available on the Princeton Tourist Welcome Center lawn, including Archaeology demonstrations and a barn build activity. More details will be announced at **www.kypreservationconference**.

Ticketed: \$10 per person; \$20 for the entire family.

Registration for this event permits access to the Practical Preservation Showcase and all activities on the Princeton Tourist Welcome Center Lawn.

Practical Preservation Showcase

The Practical Preservation Showcase takes preservation outside the classroom with live hands-on demonstrations. Intended for everyone—at all ages and skill levels— this showcase will provide participants a basis of knowledge, skills, and available products to complete successful historic preservation projects. Professional tradesmen and members of the Preservation Trades Network (PTN) including Miles Miller, David Lyons, Rod Cessna, John Moore, Tom Francis, and others will present how to appropriately and practically preserve historic elements common to all historic places. Vendors of historic preservation products for cleaning repair, and replacements will be set up as part of the showcase, displaying wares that might be useful in many projects.

Saturday will feature many activities for children including an architectural scavenger hunt, genealogy workshop, archaeology, and even a timber frame construction project. This showcase will make preservation a practical and approachable subject for conference attendees and we hope will spur many preservation projects throughout our Commonwealth! *Free with conference registration.*

Preservation Kentucky Fundraiser Dinner

Join Preservation Kentucky for a **Fish Fry and Film Fest fundraiser with music by Princeton's own Eddie Pennington**, widely recognized as one of the greatest living thumbstyle guitarists, a sound popularized by Kentucky native Merle Travis in the 1940s.

Tickets are \$35 which includes food prepared by the Princeton Rotary Club--a selection of fish or chicken with sides, hush puppies and drinks, and hand-crafted ice cream for dessert-- and a showing of *The Greenest Building* at the beautiful historic Capitol Theatre, followed by a discussion with the film's producer Jane Turville and economist Donovan Rypkema. *Dinner tickets are available separately for \$25 a person.*

Jane Turville, The Greenest Building

Join us for a viewing of the Greenest Building and a conversation with filmmaker Jane Turville at the historic Capitol Theatre on Friday night from 7 pm-9 pm. "The Greenest Building," an hour-long documentary by producer Jane Turville, presents a compelling overview of the important role building reuse plays in creating sustainable communities. Narrated by David Ogden Stiers, the film explores the myth that a "green building" is a new building and demonstrates how renovation and adaptive reuse of existing structures fully achieves the sustainability movement's "triple bottom line" - economic, social, and ecological balance. Afterwards, Ms Turville will be joined by preservation economist Donovan Rypkema for what is sure to be a lively Q&A discussion. Film tickets are available for \$15 per person or \$35 for dinner and the film!



Rightsizing with Donovan Rypkema

Come see preservation favorite Don Rypkema talk about his new research on rightsizing and historic preservation on Saturday, September 22nd at 11 am!

For 60 years, many major cities in the United States have been losing population. For the vast majority of that time the primary strategy was, "Well, they'll all come back tomorrow." Finally cities are recognizing that is not the case and are preparing formal plans – often called "rightsizing" – to adjust to a city with fewer people. What is the role of historic preservation in these rightsizing plans?

PlaceEconomics has begun the Rightsizing Cities Initiative to assist communities in incorporating historic preservation into their efforts. An initial project was a survey and analysis for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on what cities are doing regarding rightsizing, what resources are being used, and the role of historic preservation. Rypkema's presentation will discuss the findings from this study available at http://www.placeeconomics.com/services/rightsizing

Free ticketed brunch with conference registration.