



Central Kentucky Heartland

RURAL HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

NEWSLETTER

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The RHDl Partners are happy to bring you the August issue of the *Central Kentucky Heartland Rural Heritage Development Initiative Newsletter*. This newsletter is sent out monthly to update interested parties on the progress of the Rural Heritage Initiative and events important to the area. If you would like to submit information to the newsletter or have any questions, please contact *Field Representative, Amy Sparrow Potts, PO Box 262, Hodgenville, Kentucky, 42748, (270) 358-9069, amy@preservationkentucky.org*.

UPCOMING RHDl EVENTS

Lincoln Sites Interpretation Assessment Scheduled



Wren Smith of Bernheim Forest will lead an assessment of Heritage Tourism sites with connections to Abraham Lincoln, in order to help better regionally link the for the upcoming Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration. Smith's assessment will also be used to aid in the process of the revamping the Lincoln Heritage Trail.

The assessment will begin at Lincoln's Birthplace National Park and the Lincoln

Museum on Wednesday, September 6, and visit other sites throughout the region on September 7 and October 7 (see below for complete schedule). Smith will also conduct a workshop offered at Shaker Village on Thursday, November 16 which will address improving the visitor experience at heritage sites in the region.

September 6 : Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace and Abraham Lincoln Museum (Hodgenville)

September 7: Lincoln Homestead State Park (Springfield); Perryville Battlefield State Park and Merchant's Row (Perryville); Old Ft. Harrod State Park (Harrodsburg); Shaker Village (Mercer County)

October 7: Knob Creek, Lincoln's Boyhood Home (Hodgenville); *The Other Mary* – Historical Drama (Greensburg); Mary Owens Home (Greensburg); The Lincoln Academy (Greensburg).

If you would like further information on the Lincoln Sites Interpretation visit or workshop, please contact Amy Sparrow Potts, (270) 765-9235.

-Cemetery Preservation Workshop – September 19

A workshop on preservation of rural cemeteries will be conducted on September 19, 6-8 p.m. (EDT) at the Pleasant Run Baptist Church in Green County. The workshop will be led by Robin Zeigler, Preservation Kentucky Board member and Historic Preservation Planner for Bowling Green/Warren County.

Topics in the workshop will focus on identifying the most common stone materials and their critical differences; identifying the major types of monuments found in most cemeteries; as well as how to set-up a county-wide documentation project.

The workshop is co-sponsored by Greater Campbellsville United and there is no charge for participation. For more information or to register, please contact Amy Sparrow Potts, (270) 765-9235.



Bradfordville School Building

-Crossroads Communities Assessment

On October 10-13, the Kentucky Main Street staff and Todd Barman from the National Main Street center will conduct an assessment and resource team for RHDI Crossroads Communities to identify strategies for linking these communities with regional resources.

The team will visit small communities throughout the region and interview local citizens about past success stories and future needs. Recommendations from the assessment

will be used to determine year two goals. The assessment will conclude on Friday, October 13 with a public presentation of recommendations. More information will follow as the assessment is planned. For further information, please contact Amy Sparrow Potts, (270) 765-9235.

-Image/Branding Assessment

Community Design Solutions will be visiting the Central Kentucky RHDI region on October 16-20 to help determine the regional brand and logo for the Central Kentucky RHDI region with the goal creating of an image that “brands” the region as a distinctive destination for visitors, residents, and potential businesses, through capitalizing on its rich and unique history and heritage.

This consultation will include opportunities for public input, interviews with key stakeholders in the region, as well as site visits that will allow a broad and encompassing view of the Central Kentucky region. The RHDI Image Development subcommittee will meet on September 8, 10 a.m. at the Grayson's Tavern at Constitution Square State Historic Site to begin scheduling the community visits. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

-Mark Your Calendars -Date for Next Steering Committee Meeting Set

The next RHDI Steering Committee Meeting will be from 2-4 p.m. (EDT) on November 8, at the Technology Training Center at Campbellsville University. Please plan to attend this important meeting as recommendations from the Rural Resource, Crossroads Communities, Interpretation, and Branding assessments will be presented, and subcommittees will break into working groups to start the planning process for year two. Mark your calendar for this date and more information will follow as the meeting time approaches.

-Rural Asset Survey Staff Hired

The Preserve America Rural Asset Survey in Washington and Marion Counties is well underway with the addition of two staff members to conduct the surveys. Rachel Kennedy, Site Identification Coordinator at the Kentucky Heritage Council, who is coordinating the initiative to document rural historic resources in the two county area, comments on the new staff, "We are very excited about hiring RHDI rural surveyors and getting started with the RHDI Preserve America grant. Tamara and Jenn are both graduates of the University of Kentucky's Historic Preservation program and are well-equipped to begin the process of documenting and preserving the region's rich agricultural past".

The initiative will also document heritage tourism sites in each of the eight Central Kentucky RHDI counties. The survey consultants have already hit the ground running, planning for sites to be surveyed and meeting with the Washington County Teen Leadership program for partnership opportunities. There will be a public meeting on September 18, 7 p.m. at the Springfield Opera House. For more information on this meeting, contact Amy Sparrow Potts, (270) 765-9235 or Rachel Kennedy, (502) 564-7005.

Meet the Survey Staff

- ❖ Jennifer Ryall, from Lexington, Kentucky, is a student in the University of Kentucky's Master's of Historic Preservation program. Jennifer grew up on a farm in Salisbury, Maryland, where her grandfather used a mule to work the fields; on her family's farm she learned to appreciate the land, the farming lifestyle, and the ties to history an old farm can provide. Jennifer has worked on survey projects in Athens, Kentucky, and in various central Kentucky rural hamlets with the Center for Historic Architecture and Preservation. She received her undergraduate degree from Salisbury University in 2003.

- ❖ Tamara Carmichael Farnsworth was born in Oakland, California, but spent much of her childhood in Estill County, Kentucky where her extended family is from and now lives with her husband Dan Farnsworth in Fox, Kentucky. She earned a bachelor's degree from Ambassador College and graduated from the University of Kentucky Historic Preservation graduate program in 2005. Her master's project is entitled "Upward Mobility: The Mobile Home in Vernacular Architecture".

Historic Preservation work experience has included research assistantships with Nancy O'Malley in her research of KY 68; an internship with Cultural Resources Analysis, Inc. in Lexington, Kentucky and she has also worked as a Historic Preservation Consultant for Palmer Engineering in Winchester, Kentucky.

Rural Resource Team Update

On July 31 through August 4, a resource team consisting of regional, state and national consultants toured the Central Kentucky RHDI region. The team visited historic barns and farms in all eight counties, interviewed local residents and studied issues involving farmland and farm structure preservation; tobacco barn preservation and reuse, agritourism; rural design, land-use, and financial incentives for farmland preservation.



Team members tour a historic dairy barn in Nelson County

A set of recommendations were unveiled at the public presentation held at St. Catharine's College on Thursday evening, including the need to create case studies for historic barn rehabilitation projects, promotion of a demonstration barn rehab using partners from throughout the region, promoting awareness of locally grown food resources, and gathering sample land use policies. More formal recommendations will follow in a written report and the local Rural Resource team will present these findings to the steering committee for year two recommendations.

The entire team commented on the beautiful rural landscape and the friendliness and resourcefulness of the local farmers. A very special thank you to all that made this week a success. For more pictures of the tour, visit <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/washington>. More information on the progress of the Rural Resource team will follow in subsequent newsletters and updates.



Historic Horse Barn on Jack Coleman's Farm – Mercer County

National team members included Gerry Cohn, Southeast Director, American Farmland Trust, Graham, North Carolina; Dr. Charles Law, Director, Local Government Center, University of Wisconsin—Extension, Madison, and President, National Barn Alliance; and Jim Lindberg, Director, Preservation Initiatives, National Trust Mountains/Plains Office, Denver.

Regional team members are Rick Greenwell, University of Kentucky Agriculture Extension Agent, Washington County; Janet Johnston, Bardstown – Nelson County Planning Department; Carolyn Orr and Bill McCloskey, Regional Project Analyst, Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy and Rachel Kennedy, Kentucky Heritage Council. Throughout the

course of the week, the team also met with several state and local partners including the Kentucky Heritage Council (State Historic Preservation Office), Preservation Kentucky, representatives for the Department of Agriculture and Department of Tourism, local government officials, Farm Bureau, and UK Agriculture Extension agents from each county.



Curious visitors on Angela Jones' farm in Marion County

Upcoming Regional Events

Lincoln Bicentennial Speaker Series Honors African Americans and the Lincoln Legacy

Alicestyne Turley-Adams will give a presentation on African Americans and the Lincoln Legacy at noon on Friday, September 22, 2006. The event will be held in the Community Room in downtown Hodgenville. This program is free and open to the public. For those interested, an optional \$6.50 catered lunch will be available. Lunch reservations are due by Friday, September 18, 2006. (To reserve lunch contact: Stephen_A_Brown@nps.gov or 270-358-3137)

Historian, author, and Director of the Underground Railroad Research Institute at Georgetown College, Ms. Turley-Adams is an honored guest of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Speaker Series. Her presentation is co-sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, the Lincoln Museum, and the Hodgenville Rotary Club. Ms. Turley-Adams is currently serving as an Advisory Committee Member on the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Alicestyne Turley-Adams has published "Rosenwald Schools in Kentucky, 1917-1932," "Methodist and the Underground Railroad," and "Historic South Hill."

For additional information please contact Steve Brown, Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site at 270-358-3137 or by email: Stephen_A_Brown@nps.gov or call the Lincoln Museum at 270-358-3163.

Request for Volunteers – Battle of Perryville National Reenactment

This October 7th and 8th, Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site and the Perryville Enhancement Project will host the 2006 National Civil War Reenactment. Like in 2002, over 5,000 reenactors and 25,000 spectators are expected to attend this weekend of commemoration. It is rare to have national events in the same place so close together, and it is a compliment to this state that the reenactors wanted to come back so soon. This October is another great opportunity to showcase what a great area Central Kentucky is.

Without enthusiastic local partners, we cannot make Perryville 2006 a success. We are looking for volunteers for that weekend to help with registration. Reenactor Registration is open Thursday 5 October from 3-12 PM; Friday 6 October from 6 AM-2AM Saturday, and Saturday 7 October from 8 AM-2 PM.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Chris Kolakowski at 859-332-1862, or email at ckolakowski@perryville.net. All those who work 4 hours or more at the registration table (Thursday, Friday or Saturday) will receive 1 free pass to the event for the weekend.

For more information, please visit www.perryvillereenactment.org.

REMINDERS

2006 Kentucky Historic Preservation Conference

The 2006 Kentucky State Historic Preservation Conference will be held in Covington on September 28-30. This conference is coordinated by the Kentucky Heritage Council and Preservation Kentucky, Inc. in cooperation with Renaissance Covington, Inc.



The conference will include sessions on the preservation of historic and endangered buildings and places, downtown revitalization and community redevelopment, rural heritage preservation and cultural landscapes, preservation advocacy, heritage tourism, preservation case studies, tax credits and incentives and preservation legislation as well as a presentation on the RHDI.

Registration material is available online at - <http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/khc/khchome.htm> or by calling (502) 562-7005, ext 126. or e-mailing kyheritage@ky.gov or Preservation Kentucky, Inc., (270) 258-9069, director@preservationkentucky.org.

Make hotel reservations early by calling the Marriot at RiverCenter, (859) 261-2900 and request the Kentucky Preservation Conference Rate before Friday, September 8.

National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference

The National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, PA – October 31-November 5, 2006. There will be a session on the Rural Heritage Development Initiative during the week and informative sessions on many preservation topics.

The National Trust will be glad to send a preliminary program to anyone who is interested, or you can check the conference schedule and register online at <http://www.nthpconference.org/>.

Please contact Amy Sparrow Potts – (270) 358-9069, amy@preservationkentucky.org if you are interested in a program or further information on the conference.

Remember to Visit our Website at www.preservationkentucky.org for the new Regional Calendar of Events to find out about upcoming events in the Central Kentucky Heartland this month!

The Rural Heritage Development Initiative is a three year grant program to help preserve rural heritage in an eight county Central Kentucky area. The grant is sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Kentucky, The Kentucky Heritage Council and funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. For more information please visit www.preservationkentucky.org or call (270) 358-9069.



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