
The RHDI Partners are happy to bring you the February/March issue of the *Kentucky Crossroads Rural Heritage Development Initiative Newsletter*. This newsletter is 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**.

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-REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 22 FOR “Preserving the Farm Landscape: Preservation Strategies for Farmland and Barns”, March 4, 2008



The Kentucky Crossroads Rural Heritage Development Initiative (RHDI) is proud to present the ***“Preserving the Farm Landscape: Preservation Strategies for Farmland and Barns”, March 4, 2008 – Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with presentations starting at 9:30 and ending at 4 p.m., St. Catharine’s Motherhouse, St. Catharine, Kentucky (located just outside of Springfield, KY on Highway 150 towards Bardstown)*****

This day-long symposium is approved for 4.75 hours of training credit for County officials through the HB 810 County Elected Officials Training Incentive Program in the Governor’s Office of Local Development (for more information on the credit, visit www.gold.ky.gov – county officials training program).

Keynote speakers include, *Jeffrey Marshall, Pennsylvania Heritage Conservancy*, (www.heritageconservancy.org) who will give a presentation on the Pennsylvania Heritage Conservancy's "Lasting Landscapes", an innovative approach to meet the ongoing challenge of preserving and protecting natural and historic heritage by involving local communities to combine complementary natural and historic resources, establish large and contiguous preserved areas, and achieve preservation objectives within an area's cultural heritage and regional context.

Joshua Phillips, Preservation Maryland (www.preservationmaryland.org), will give a presentation on the Tobacco Barn Restoration Fund, developed in 2006 by Preservation Maryland to rehabilitate tobacco barns as well as give case studies of successful re-uses of tobacco barns.

There will also be talks on preservation practices at the Loretto Motherhouse's farm in Marion County, the Fayette County Purchase of Development Rights program, the Clothesline of Quilts project and barn rehabilitation and re-use at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. Lunch will be locally grown food from St. Catharine's farm with a presentation on their farming practices.

Registration is \$35 and includes lunch, breaks and educational material. Please plan to register no later than February 22 by registering online at www.preservationkentucky.org or by sending the attached registration materials and check payable to Preservation Kentucky, PO Box 262, Hodgenville, KY 42748. For more information, please call (270) 358-9069.

The Maple Hill Manor, a historic bed and breakfast located on a working farm in Springfield (www.maplehillmanor.com) is offering discounted rates for overnight guests attending the conference. To make reservations, call 859-336-3075 or 800-886-7546.

For more detailed directions and more information about St. Catharine's, visit www.opkentucky.org.

-RHDI REGIONAL HISTORIC FARM & BARN TOUR – April 12, 2008

Due to an overwhelmingly positive response to the first historic barn tour hosted last October, the RHDI is excited to announce the next tour scheduled for April 12, 2008. This tour will focus on Nelson, LaRue, Green and Taylor counties with stops including tobacco barns, dairy barns, a turn of the century farming complex and a special visit to see the farming operations at the Abbey of Gethsemane. Tickets are \$45 dollars and include lunch, motorcoach transportation and materials on each of our stops.

Registration material will be available online after March 4th. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or would like more information, please contact Amy Sparrow Potts at amy@preservationkentucky.org or call (270) 358-9069.



-PRESERVATION KENTUCKY HOSTS TOUR OF HISTORIC SITES IN MERCER AND BOYLE COUNTIES

Preservation Kentucky will host a motor coach tour of historic properties throughout Boyle and Mercer Counties on Saturday, March 29, 2008. The tour will visit beautiful historic homes, downtowns and countryside. Stops will include: Roselawn, Governor William Owsley House, c. 1848; Lone Pine, Peter Dunn House, c. 1825; Andrew Forsythe House, c. 1830; newly restored Opera House in the Blue Front Building; and more. **These sites have never been open to the public before!**

The tour will also include a box lunch from Kentucky Fudge Co. in the Historic Ragged Edge Community Theatre, wine reception in Greystone House, and buffet dinner at Beaumont Inn.

Tour tickets are \$75.00 per person for Preservation Kentucky members, \$100.00 for non-members which includes one year membership.

Reservation information is online at www.preservationkentucky.org. Please register no later than March 15. For more information please contact Helen Dedman, 859-734-3381 or dedmanc@bellsouth.net, or Joanna Hinton, 270/358-9069, www.preservationkentucky.org All proceeds go to Preservation Kentucky.

-DRY STONE CONSERVANCY ANNOUNCES TWO WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES IN THE RHDI REGION

❖ **April 12-13 (Saturday and Sunday)**

Historic TB Bright Farm near Danville in Boyle County.

❖ **May 17-18 (Saturday and Sunday)**

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill in Mercer County.

The Conservancy's two day Introductory Workshops are designed for drystone enthusiasts with little to no previous experience who would like to gain a basic understanding of drystone construction. The pace will be comfortable and participants will learn the skills needed to repair historic fences and build simple garden walls. The workshop fee is \$250.00 and includes tools, lunch, a copy of our training manual *Building and Repairing Dry Stone Fences & Retaining*



Walls handed-out on the first day and online access beforehand to view our training video/DVD *Walls of Stone: Building and Repairing Rock Fences and Retaining Walls*.

For more information and to register, visit the Dry Stone Conservancy's website at www.drystone.org or call the office at (859)266-4807.

The mission of the nonprofit Dry Stone Conservancy is to revive and promote the ancient craft of dry-laid stone masonry and to preserve historic dry stone structures. The Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) organization.

-UPCOMING HANDS-ON PRESERVATION SKILLS TRAINING WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED

A series of hands-on historic preservation skills training workshops beginning in April and continuing through October has been announced by the Kentucky Heritage Council / State Historic Preservation Office in conjunction with local partners around the state. The first, ***Historic Bricks: Discover the Lost Arts of Red Masonry***, will take place April 1-4 at the Pope Villa in Lexington with internationally known consultant and educator Dr. Gerard Lynch of Great Britain and Miles Miller, owner of Rochester-Miller Restoration, Inc., in Paris and restoration mason for the Pope Villa.



Dr. Gerard Lynch, presenter at the workshop

The workshop is sponsored by the Heritage Council, Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation and University of Kentucky College of Design Department of Historic Preservation. Hands-on techniques, demonstrations and lectures will be featured, including brick making, lime slaking and mortar preparation, causes of brick failure, re-pointing, penciling, color washing, brick slips and more.

The public is invited to a free lecture by Dr. Lynch, ***Putting Value Back into Craft Education and Training***, at 7 p.m. Monday, March 31 at Lexington Public Library. Workshop registration is \$400 including materials. A daily morning presentation prior to hands-on instruction is free to students and registered participants, or \$25 a day for others. For registration, contact the Blue Grass Trust, 859-253-0362, or email Julie Good, executive director, jgood@bluegrasstrust.org, or Patrick Kennedy, Heritage Council restoration project manager, 502-564-7005, ext. 138 or patrick.kennedy@ky.gov.

Two workshops are being offered in Old Washington in Mason County by Maysville Community and Technical College (MCTC) in cooperation with Old Washington, Inc., and the Kentucky Heritage Council. Participants will work directly on sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places:

May 12-16: *Brick Masonry for Historic Buildings* – Ideal for homeowners, masons and others who would like to learn more about the historic methods of building brick structures and how to repair and maintain them. The instructor will be Miles Miller of Rochester-Miller Restoration, Inc.

May 19-23: *Window Sash Restoration* – Suitable for contractors, homeowners, beginners and others interested in techniques for restoring historic wood windows. Working with lead-safe practices will be taught throughout the course. The instructor will be Andy Roeper of Lyndeborough, New Hampshire, a member of the Preservation Trades Network and owner of Winn Mountain Restorations (www.winnmountainrestorations.com).

Class size is limited. To register, contact MCTC at (606) 759-7141, ext. 66120; for additional information, directions or other questions call Orloff Miller, (606) 564-0250.

Three upcoming courses are being offered through the Pine Mountain School for Practical Historic Preservation, a partnership of Pine Mountain Settlement School in Harlan County and the Kentucky Heritage Council:

May 16-18 – *Diagnosing Historic Buildings: Best Treatment Options*, with instructors Thomas McDowell and Michael Spencer of the UK College of Design Department of Historic Preservation. McDowell has been a preservation craftsman, project manager, consultant and preservation design builder for over three decades, and he regularly inspects monumental historic buildings for the federal government. Spencer is an assistant professor in the UK historic preservation department and will be demonstrating non-invasive diagnostic technologies.

June 22-27 – *Practical Preservation: Square Log Building*, led by log building expert Moss Rudley of the National Park Service Historic Preservation Training Center. This workshop will feature extensive hands-on experience and include demonstrations of full and partial log replacement, log end replacement, chinking and daubing procedures and more.

October 10-12 – *From the Ground Up: The Art of Building Dry Stone Walls* with instructor Richard Tufnell, co-founder of the U.S. Dry Stone Conservancy, Inc. Presentations will focus on the history of this art, demonstrations, and hands-on repair of a stone wall on settlement school grounds. Suitable for those with little or no building experience as well as those with more advanced skills. Tufnell, an award-winning stone mason from Scotland, makes annual trips to the United States to work on special projects.

For more information see www.pinemountainsettlementschool.com or contact Patrick Kennedy at the Kentucky Heritage Council, 502-564-7005, ext. 138, Patrick.kennedy@ky.gov. Pine Mountain Settlement School is a National Historic Landmark, founded in 1913 as a school for children in Kentucky's remote southeastern mountains and a social center for surrounding

communities. Today, the school provides instruction in environmental education, Appalachian culture and crafts.

REMINDERS

-DEADLINE EXTENDED - 2008 KENTUCKY PRESERVATION CONFERENCE SESSION PROPOSALS DUE MARCH 31

The Kentucky Heritage Council and Preservation Kentucky, Inc. invite anyone interested in historic preservation or preservation-related issues to take part in the biennial Kentucky Historic Preservation conference by submitting a proposal for one of three categories: **educational session**, **field session**, or **exhibit/display** for the Preservation Gallery. Presenters will receive complimentary registration for the day of the presentation and a discounted registration for presenters attending the full conference.

The theme for the 2008 conference, *Preserving the Spirit of Home*, highlights successful preservation efforts throughout Kentucky that have preserved the historic fabric of communities and also the spirit of Kentucky's heritage. With its religious and bourbon heritage, our hosts in Bardstown know something about preserving spirits. And as a designated Preserve America community, the location for the iconic *My Old Kentucky Home*, and one of eight featured counties in the Rural Heritage Development Initiative national pilot project, this community is also well positioned to showcase the importance of preserving all aspects of our home state.

Complete application forms are available at www.heritage.ky.gov

Submit all proposals by **March 31, 2008** to:
2008 Kentucky Historic Preservation Conference
Kentucky Heritage Council
300 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

For additional information contact:
Becky Shipp, Kentucky Heritage Council, (502) 564-7005 ext. 133
becky.shipp@ky.gov

-2008 PHOTO ESSAY COMPETITION –“RESTORE-REUSE-RECYCLE” – DEADLINE MARCH 15

To celebrate Preservation Month in May 2008, the Kentucky Heritage Council and Preservation Kentucky, Inc. are pleased to announce **Restore-Reuse-Recycle**: Photo-Essay Competition for all Kentucky school students. Students should select an older building, site or structure in their community and reflect on how its preservation and adaptive use can benefit environmental causes and sustainable development. In attempting to discuss the “green” benefits of preservation,

students may want to compare the benefits of ‘recycling’ historic places to the cost of ‘throwing them away.’” Students may want to address the intrinsic historic value and significance of the historic site, but also consider the energy used for its production, land fill, replacement material and other environmental costs to Kentucky represented by the loss of historic buildings. In the essays, the students will want to address the best way to ‘recycle’ the selected historic place for the economic, environmental, and social value to the community.

Photo-essay winners will receive cash awards and other prizes and all competition participants will receive a certificate of recognition. Photo-essay winners will present their winning essays and photographs and will be recognized at a celebration in May 2008.

For complete application information and to view winning essays from previous years visit Preservation Kentucky’s website - www.preservationkentucky.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL OFFERS SEMINAR TO FOSTER THE ARTS IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH

County extension agents, Renaissance and Main Street Program managers, Parks and Recreation directors, public librarians, local tourism directors and community arts coordinators are invited to learn about the programs and services of the Kentucky Arts Council at the **Community Arts Coordinators Seminar**, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., March 8, 2008 in conjunction with *Kentucky Crafted: The Market*, in Room B105, South Wing B at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville.

The seminar focuses on grants, consulting programs, and resources for community arts events and the jurying process for various artist marketing programs of the Kentucky Arts Council. Participants will be treated to a reading by Kentucky Poet Laureate Jane Gentry Vance and musical performances by Saxton’s Cornet Band and solo guitarist Andrew Leonard. In the afternoon, participants will have the opportunity to tour *Kentucky Crafted: The Market* at a discounted rate and meet the producers of traditional and contemporary art and craft along with authentic folk art, Kentucky related books, musical recordings and specialty food products.

Registration for the seminar is free, but pre-registration is required. To register, visit artscouncil.ky.gov/forms/CommunityArtsCoordinator_reg.htm

For more information about *Kentucky Crafted: The Market 2008* and to receive \$1-off-admission coupons, go to www.kycraft.ky.gov or call toll-free 888-833-2787.

Kentucky Crafted: The Market 2008

Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, South Wing B, Louisville, Ky.

Public Days

Saturday, March 8, 2008 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (EST)

Sunday, March 9, 2008 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (EST)

Adults \$8 (Children 15 and under free), Parking \$5

Kentucky Crafted: The Market is produced by the Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency in the Commerce Cabinet that creates opportunities for Kentuckians to value, participate in and benefit from the arts. Funding for the Kentucky Arts Council is provided by the Kentucky State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

The Rural Heritage Development Initiative is a three-year demonstration program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, in collaboration with Preservation Kentucky and the Kentucky Heritage Council, to help develop and implement preservation-based economic development strategies in the eight county Central Kentucky area of Boyle, Green, LaRue, Marion, Mercer, Nelson, Taylor and Washington. The initiative is funded largely through a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. For more information, please visit www.preservationkentucky.org or call (270) 358-9069.

