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RURAL HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

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The RHDH Partners are happy to bring you the January/February 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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-RHDH HOSTS "THE DOLLARS & SENSE OF RURAL PRESERVATION"

The Kentucky Crossroads Rural Heritage Development Initiative (RHDH) is proud to present the "*Dollars & Sense of Rural Preservation*", a seminar on the economic benefits of rural preservation, Thursday, March 15, 2007 – 9a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Centre College, Danville, Kentucky.

This event is sponsored by Preservation Kentucky, the Kentucky Heritage Council, and Centre College with assistance from the Danville/Boyle County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, McDowell House Museum and the Heart of Danville.

This day long, informational symposium will feature keynote addresses from nationally known experts on the topics of the economic advantages of historic preservation and community development as well as regional success stories.



Keynote speakers include, Donovan Rypkema, Principal for Place Economics in Washington D.C., (www.placeeconomics.com) who will discuss and give examples of the economic benefits of historic preservation projects.

Robert McBride, Director, Rockingham Arts & Museum Project (www.ramp-vt.org), will give examples of jump starting the rural economy of Bellows Falls, Vermont (pop 3,600) by effectively integrating the arts and how these strategies can be effectively applied in your community.

Lori Meadows, Executive Director of the Kentucky Arts Council (<http://artscouncil.ky.gov/>) , will speak at lunch on the community development tools available from that agency. Regional case studies including land preservation in Perryville, retail recruitment in Hodgenville, small business development in Washington County and successful economic development projects in Danville. Participants will also have the opportunity to tour the Danville examples (www.downtowndanville.com).

The Danville-Boyle County Convention and Visitor's Bureau and McDowell House Museum will host a reception at the museum, where participants can view current renovation work and network with others. Also take advantage of the Rousseau Civil War Lecture Series at 6:30 p.m. at the Boyle County Public Library, and the presentation of Chris Kolakowski - "Saved or Paved: the Fight to Save Civil War Battlefields" sponsored by PBPA with financial support from the Kentucky Preservation Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Registration is \$30 and includes lunch. Seating is limited, so please plan to register no later than March 7. Register online at www.preservationkentucky.org or call (270) 358-9069 to have a registration packet mailed to you .

***-RHDI PARTNERS WITH THE KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL TO PROVIDE
COMMUNITY SCHOLARS TRAINING***

With assistance from a National Endowment of the Arts Challenge America grant, the RHDI is partnering with the Kentucky Arts Council to host the Community Scholars Program within the RHDI region.

The Community Scholars Program of the Kentucky Arts Council is a partnership between the Kentucky Folklife Program, the Folk Studies Graduate Program of WKU, and communities across the state. It is a training program for individuals interested in documentation and promotion of community culture, folklife, and traditional arts.

Through coursework and training sessions participants become familiar with folklife documentation techniques, ethics of working with communities, research methods, presentation of cultural resources, grant writing, and project development. They become part of a community scholars' network that reaches across the state, promoting and

advocating traditional arts and culture by sharing cultural resources with teachers, students, communities, and cultural tourists.

Community Scholars who have taken part in the training include:

- Individuals working with heritage and cultural tourism
- Local cultural organizations (museums, arts councils, places of worship)
- Educators
- Those with an interest in community-based documentation efforts in our state

Some of their projects include:

- A state-wide traveling exhibit on Family Folklore
- Educational programs at Stringbean Bluegrass Festival
- A cultural heritage festival website for Eastern Kentucky
- Presentations of artists from five Eastern Kentucky communities at the Kentucky Folklife Festival.

The 12 week program consist of six classes hosted on alternate Saturdays and is currently being planned for this spring and early summer with more details will follow about locations and dates. If you live within the RHDI region and are interested in participating in the program, please contact Amy Potts at amy@preservationkentucky.org or call (270) 765-9235.

-NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION RURAL HERITAGE WEB PAGE



This picture of Harrodsburg's Main Street is featured on the Rural Heritage web page

The National Trust for Historic Preservation recently launched the Rural Heritage web page (http://www.nationaltrust.org/rural_heritage/).

This site features the Kentucky Crossroads and Arkansas Delta RHDI programs as well as many resources for rural historic preservation. Other sections include Main Street revitalization, heritage tourism, the Barn Again! program, information on improving rural public policy and links to rural historic sites.

-THE KENTUCKY HERITAGE COUNCIL ANNOUNCES LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL PRESERVATION GRANTS

The Kentucky Heritage Council, State Historic Preservation Agency will administer the Kentucky Lincoln Bicentennial Preservation Grants. These grants are available to state and local governments and non-profit organizations with the goal of providing opportunities for projects that highlight President Abraham Lincoln's legacy and his association with Kentucky as his birthplace.

Grant funds will be awarded to support identification and nomination to the National Register of Historic Places of Lincoln-related sites, acquisition and rehabilitation of historic sites associated with Abraham Lincoln, development of heritage tourism programs associated with Lincoln's legacy and infrastructure for the Bicentennial celebration and projects, conferences or events that interpret Kentucky's history as it relates to Lincoln's legacy. Grant deadlines are March 16 and November 16, 2007.

For more information or to request grant guidelines and application, contact Becky Shipp at becky.shipp@ky.gov or call (502) 564-7005.

-DRY STONE CONSERVANCY ANNOUNCES SPRING WORKSHOP INFORMATION

The Dry Stone Conservancy has announced the dates and locations for their spring workshop series. In keeping with their mission of preserving historic dry stone structures, and advancing the dry stone masonry craft, these workshops offer the public a chance to learn basic dry stone techniques as well as training for advanced masons.



Participants learn international standards in dry stone masonry while participating in building projects to upgrade their skills.

Dates and locations of the Dry Stone Conservancy workshops are listed below. Workshop fees are \$250.00 unless otherwise noted. For more information or to request registration material, please visit www.drystone.org or call (859)266-4807.

-Sat/Sun., Feb 24-25

General Public, Rock Fence - Shaker Village Pleasant Hill, Mercer County, Kentucky

This workshop will be held inside an old tobacco barn, unless the weather permits going outside to restore one of the historic fences at the Village.

-Sat/Sun., March 17-18

General Public, Rock Fence - Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Mercer County Kentucky.

Participants will dismantle and rebuild one of the historic fences on the property.

-Sat/Sun., Mar 31-Apr 1

General Public & Masons, Rock Fence (Stone Wall) – Franklin, Tennessee.

This workshop is offered in conjunction with Tennessee's Statewide Historic Preservation Conference (March 29-31) and involves restoring an old stone wall at Rest Haven Cemetery.

-Sat/Sun., April 28-29

General Public, Rock Fence - Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Mercer County Kentucky.

This workshop involves restoring one of the many historic fences on the property.

-Sat/Sun., May 5-6

General Public, Retaining Wall – Woodford County, Kentucky.

*This workshop involves restoring a historic retaining wall
Cost is \$200.00.*

Dry Stone Conservancy Events Also of Interest in 2007:



Several Saturdays in May, June, September & October-Volunteer Work Days in Central Kentucky – Organized by the Dry Stone Conservancy (DSC), with funding support from the Southern Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to provide previous workshop participants with ongoing fence restoration experience. Please contact Annie Dowling at the DSC office for dates, prerequisites, locations and more details.

September 13th-14th (Thursday/Friday)-Mason Workshop - Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

The purpose of this workshop is to prepare masons for the upcoming Annual Walling Competition on September 15th and the Certification Exam Day on September 18th, also at Shaker Village. Participants will gain experience on fences, retaining walls and wallheads.

September 15th (Saturday)-Third Annual Dry Stone Walling Competition - Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Novice, Intermediate and Professional Classes - Trophies, ribbons, tools and big cash prizes.

September 18th (Tuesday)-Professional Drystone Mason Certification Exam Day – Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Harrodsburg, Ky.

DSC Tests = Qualified (Level I), Journeyman (Level II) and Master Craftsman (Level III). For more information about DSC's certification process, contact Jane Wooley at the DSC office (859-266-4807), or visit our website at www.drystone.org.

DSWA Tests = Initial, Intermediate and Master (contact www.dswa.org.uk for details, August 18th deadline).

September 20th – 22nd (Thursday-Saturday)-Kentucky Folklife Festival – River Park in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Artisans, musicians and folklorists will highlight the wealth and diversity of Kentucky's folk culture and history. Kentucky drystone masons will demonstrate how to build a drystone wall. Contact the Kentucky Folk Life Program at www.folklife.ky.gov for schedule and more information.

Two Weekends in October

General Public Workshop – dates and locations to be determined. The fall workshop schedule will be available in June. Please contact the office for more information.

-CENTRAL KENTUCKY AGRITOURISM WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The Central Kentucky Agritourism Association website (www.centrankyfarmsarefun.com) is now online and promotes regional agritourism operations throughout the RHDI region by detailing each site on an interactive map. The website also gives recommended trip itineraries and features the Central Kentucky Agritourism Association (CKAA) Trip Rewards card. This card can be downloaded directly from the site, and gives participants a free gift after visiting five regional CKAA member sites.

Please visit the website and an agritourism site near you!
For more information about the Central Kentucky Agritourism Association, e-mail info@centrankyfarmsarefun.com or call (859) 336-7741.



***-ABRAHAM LINCOLN BIRTHPLACE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OFFERS
TEACHERS WORKSHOPS***

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site is offering teachers and staff members of Lincoln-related sites from Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois a 3 day workshop, June 26, 27, & 28, 2007. Teachers will design lesson plans that will be included in web-based programming with pre-visit, post-visit, and long-distance learning options. Teachers will have an opportunity to interact with Lincoln site's staff to determine what works best in the classroom and to design effective curriculum-based programs that will engage students in learning about history, math, science, and social studies.

Workshop goals include: the importance of Lincoln's Kentucky years, developing educational materials for classroom needs, providing opportunities for students who either visit Lincoln sites or use materials about these sites in the classroom, and finding ways that both the teachers and Lincoln site's staff might use the coming bicentennial to promote opportunities for classroom students.

The workshop is being hosted by the Kentucky Historical Society and will be held there, 100 W. Broadway, Frankfort, Kentucky. The workshop has been funded by a National Park Service *Parks as Classrooms* grant. The keynote speaker opening the workshop is Lincoln scholar, Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice Frank J. Williams. The second day will feature field trips to various Kentucky Lincoln sites. The master teacher and keynote speaker for the third day is University of Louisville professor, Dr. Thomas Mackey.

Graduate credit through Western Kentucky University will be available for those attending this workshop. Stipends will be paid to teachers creating lesson plans.

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.

