



Central Kentucky Heartland

RURAL HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

NEWSLETTER

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The RHDI Partners are happy to bring you the June 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**.

RHDI Website Launched

The Central Kentucky RHDI website link is now online. Go to www.preservationkentucky.org and click on Rural Heritage Development Initiative under the programs section. The site is designed to give an overview of the RHDI mission and goals and well as give links to partners and sites within the region, and a calendar of events.

Rural Resource Team Visit

On July 31 through August 4, a resource team consisting of regional, state and national consultants will tour the Central Kentucky RHDI region. This team will be touring farms in all eight counties and will draft a report and give recommendations at a community presentation. Areas to be addressed include farmland and farm structure preservation; tobacco barn reuse, agri-tourism; rural design, planning and zoning, and land-use; and financial incentives for farmland preservation.



The regional and state team members are Rick Greenwell, Washington County Agricultural Extension Agent, Jan Johnston, Bardstown/Nelson County Planning Commission and Bill McCloskey, Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy. National Consultants are Jim Lindberg (National Trust for Historic Preservation) and Gerry Cohn (American Farmland Trust).

More information will follow on dates and locations for the visit. If you are interested in more information, please contact Amy Potts at amy@preservationkentucky.org.

July Steering Committee Meeting Reminder

The next RHDI Steering Committee Meeting will be from **1:30-3:30 p.m. (EDT) July 13, at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** –note the meeting start time change from 1 to 1:30. The meeting will be held in the West Family Wash House, Meeting Room C. If you are interested in eating lunch at the Village, please call **1-800-734-5611** for reservations. Lunch seating starts at 11:30 a.m.

There will also be a presentation of Shaker Music starting at 11 a.m. If you are interested in attending, Shaker Village has generously agreed to give steering committee members complimentary tickets for the performance. There will also be a complimentary ride on Kentucky River aboard the Dixie Belle riverboat after the meeting starting at 4 p.m. The boat ride will last approximately 1 hour.

If interested in more information on Shaker Village, visit www.shakervillageky.org.

Mark Your Calendar - Preservation Economics Symposium Scheduled

The RHDI Preservation Economics Symposium will be held at Centre College on March 15, 2007. This day long symposium will feature quest speaker, Don Rypkema who will address preservation and place economics. There will also be panel discussions on the economic impact of cultural heritage tourism. Please mark your calendars, and more information will follow.

Civil War Speaker Series

The Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association is hosting the *The General Lovell H. Rousseau Civil War Speakers Series* which features a collection of speakers on the Civil War. All programs begin at 6:30 PM at the Boyle County Public Library, and are free and open to the public. Talks began in April and have focused on Tebbs Bend and Kentucky during the war. Other featured topics are listed below:

- July 20 – Dr. James Klotter, “Robert J. Breckinridge and the Civil War”
- August 17 – Stuart W. Sanders, “Lincoln’s Kentucky: the President’s Bluegrass Connections”
- September 21 – Panel Discussion: Stuart Sanders, Dr. Paul Rominger, Tres Seymour, Christopher L. Kolakowski, “The 1862 Kentucky Campaign”
- October 19 – Jim Prichard, “A Masterful Retreat: A Forgotten Chapter in the Perryville Campaign”
- November 16 – Dr. Charles Roland, “Albert Sidney Johnston”
- December 14 – Don Rightmyer, “Kentucky’s Fighting Men in the Civil War”

The speaker’s series is hosted by PBPA, the Boyle County Library, The Kentucky Historical Society. For more information on the series, contact Chris Kolakowski, Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association at 859-332-1862 or visit <http://www.perryville.net/>.

Potts Attends National Trust's Preservation Leadership Training

Amy Potts attended the National Trust for Historic Preservation's *Preservation Leadership Training* in Nebraska City, Nebraska, June 10-17. Preservation Leadership Training (PLT) has been hosted by the Trust since 1990 all over the country as a training seminar to give those interested in the field of preservation an intensive week long course in many areas including development, design, legal tools, advocacy and strategic planning.

Each year, participants form groups and help address an issue within the host community. This year, PLT helped create ideas and guidelines for adaptively reusing the Memorial Building in downtown Nebraska City. This city-owned building needs rehabilitation and several groups proposed an art and recreational facility as well as a heritage tourism visitor's center.

Nebraska City enthusiastically welcomed the PLT group, and according to Potts, "It was a great experience to meet preservation professionals from across the country and work to promote preservation in a rural setting".

UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS IN JULY

Central Kentucky Civil War Heritage Trail

The Third Annual Central Kentucky Civil War Heritage Trail will be held from July 15-23. This is a cooperative effort to showcase the state's diverse Civil War heritage, trail sites include battlefields, forts and camps. Each of the participating venues has interactive events that will be open to the public. Trail sites in the RHD region include: **Perryville, Tebbs Bend, and New Haven.** For more information, call (859) 332-8631 or go to www.kycivilwar.org.



Perryville Battlefield

June 27-July 8 –Pioneer Playhouse Presents “Rumors”

-For More information or to reserve tickets, call (859) 236-2747 or visit www.pioneerplayhouse.com

June 30-July 2 and July 7-9 –Day out with Thomas

-Thomas the Tank Engine rolls in the Kentucky Railway Museum in New Haven, fun for children of all ages! For more information visit www.kyrails.org

July 1 - Heart of Kentucky Aviation Celebration – Lebanon

-For more information visit www.visitlebanonky.com

July 4 – Stephen Foster – The Musical 4th of July Celebration

-Celebrate Stephen Foster's birthday with celebration including old-fashioned games, the musical, birthday cake and fireworks. For more information visit www.stephenfoster.com

July 4 – A Shaker Fourth

-For more information visit www.shakervillage.org.

July 8 -- Celebration Of Home

-For more information, visit www.greensburgonline.com

July 11 – Pioneer Playhouse Presents “Shakespeare In Hollywood”

-For More information or to reserve tickets, call (859) 236-2747 or visit www.pioneerplayhouse.com

July 15—Kentucky Shaker Music Day

-For more information visit www.shakervillage.org.

July 14 – 15 - St. Francis Picnic in Loretto.

-For more information contact St. Francis Parish Center at 270-865-2071

The Rural Heritage Development Initiative is a three year grant program to help preserve rural heritage is 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.

