



Kentucky Crossroads

RURAL HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

NEWSLETTER

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The RHDI Partners are happy to bring you the March/April 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

-HISTORIC BUILDING WORKSHOP OFFERED

RHDI presents the workshop, **"Now That I Have An Historic Building, What Do I Do?"** scheduled for April 14th at the Harrodsburg Historical Society (Morgan's Row, 220 South Chiles Street, Harrodsburg) from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Eastern time, in cooperation with Preservation Kentucky, the Kentucky Heritage Council, the James Harrod Trust and the Upper Green River Historic Preservation Center.

Presentations will be given by Marty Perry, Bill Macintire and Scot Walters of the Kentucky Heritage Council. Topics of the workshop include listing a property in the National Register of Historic Places, information on the Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax Credit program and the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program including eligibility requirements and review of the application process, the importance of the historic sites survey form to the preservation process, and the resources that are available through the historic sites survey files located at the Kentucky Heritage Council.

Spaces are still available, to pre-register contact Amy Potts at amy@preservationkentucky.org or call (270) 765-9235.

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

Spaces are still available for the upcoming Community Scholars Training program. 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.

This informative training program is designed 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.

The 12 week program consists of six classes hosted on alternate Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The classes will start at the Taylor County Extension Agency on April 14, April 28 and May 12 and continue at the Washington County Extension Agency on May 19, June 9 and June 23. The workshop series costs \$35 per participant for the entire course and at the end of the sessions each participant receives a certification as a Kentucky Community Scholar. 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.

-2007 PHOTO ESSAY COMPETITION DEADLINE EXTENDED

In celebration of National Historic Preservation Week in May, Preservation Kentucky and the Kentucky Heritage Council partner to sponsor the annual Photo Essay competition.



The competition is for all Kentucky school students with a deadline for submission of **April 15, 2007**. Students should look at historic buildings in their own community that reflect artistic touches or fine craftsmanship in its construction and/or those historic buildings that have been preserved through efforts that represent the work of local ‘artists’ who have used their talents to preserve and re-use these places. The essays and photographs created by the students can also reflect their own work as ‘artists.’ Students are challenged to tell the story of an important historic place and discuss why the place represents art and how art and craftsmanship skills are applied to its preservation.

For the competition, students should photograph a historic building or structure in their community and then write an essay describing the historic resource and explaining its relationship to the theme. As part of the competition, students are required to submit a copy of their essay to at least one local decision-maker in addition to judges.

First, second, and third place essays will be chosen from three categories: Primary (Grades 1-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8) and Secondary (Grades 9-12). The school submitting the most entries to the 2007 Competition will also be recognized and presented with an award for participation.

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 2007. *To download an application or to view winning essays from previous years online at Preservation Kentucky's website -- <http://www.preservationkentucky.org>.*

-PERRYVILLE FILM PREMIERE AT NORTON CENTER ON APRIL 14

The Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association (PBPA), a non-profit organization charged with preserving and interpreting Kentucky's largest Civil War battleground, announces the world premiere of Wide Awake Films "The Battle of Perryville: The Invasion of Kentucky", to be held April 14, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Norton Center for the Arts at Centre College in Danville.



Visitors to Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site learn about the battle through interpretive signs located at the park.

This event is co-sponsored by the Perryville Enhancement Project, the Danville-Boyle County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), and Wide Awake Films. The event is free and open to the public and invited guests.

For more information about this event, contact Chris Kolakowski, 859-332-1862.

RHDI UPDATE

-RHDI HOSTS "THE DOLLARS & SENSE OF RURAL PRESERVATION"

Over 175 people attended the recent symposium, "*Dollars & Sense of Rural Preservation*", a seminar on the economic benefits of rural preservation, Thursday, March 15, 2007 at Centre College.

The first keynote speaker, Donovan Rypkema, Principal for Place Economics in Washington D.C., discussed and gave examples of the economic benefits of historic preservation projects from across the region, state and country. Rypkema urged the audience to examine the benefits of upper floor housing in rural downtowns and gave examples of the economic benefits of rehabilitation projects versus new construction.

Robert McBride, Director, Rockingham Arts & Museum Project spoke about the challenges and rewards he faced while working to revitalize the downtown of Bellows Falls, Vermont (pop 3,600). He gave examples of how this rural community used public art, the creation of downtown artist space and housing and other incentives to create a new livelihood in their community.

The audience also heard from Lori Meadows, Executive Director of the Kentucky Arts Council about tools available to communities through this organization. Regional case studies were also shared including land preservation in Perryville, retail recruitment in Hodgenville, small business development in Washington County and successful economic development projects in Danville.

***-2007 RHDI PARTNERS MEETING
HOSTED IN KENTUCKY***

Officials from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Kentucky, the Kentucky Heritage Council and the Arkansas Delta Rural Heritage Development Initiative met in Central Kentucky in March. This annual meeting will be held next year in the Arkansas Delta region.

Meeting participants stayed in Bardstown and also toured LaRue and Washington Counties, observing heritage tourism opportunities for the upcoming Lincoln Bicentennial celebrations, the farmland preservation model barn rehabilitation projects in Washington County, examples of the historic architectural survey project and the Springfield Youth Ambassadors program.



Pictured from Left to Right: Beth Weidower, Field Representative for the Arkansas Delta RHD, Joanna Hinton, Executive Director, Preservation Kentucky, Ruth Hawkins, Arkansas Delta Byways and Cary Tyson, Arkansas Main Street State Director.

Bardstown mayor Dick Heaton and Alice Heaton hosted a reception at their historic home where guests had the opportunity to network with Kentucky RHD steering committee members and opened My Old Kentucky Home state park for a special tour of the grounds.

Special thanks to Dick and Alice Heaton, Kim Huston (NCEDA), Dawn Ballard (Bardstown/Nelson County Tourism Commission), Ron Langdon and other staff of My Old Kentucky Home state park, Danae Peckler and Jenn Ryall of the rural asset survey, and Sandy Brue of the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace national historic site.

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.

