



# Central Kentucky Heartland

## RURAL HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

### NEWSLETTER

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The RHDl Partners are happy to bring you the September/October 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](mailto:amy@preservationkentucky.org)**.

### **UPCOMING RHDl EVENTS**



***Merchant's Row - Perryville***

include New Haven, Magnolia, Buffalo, Bradfordsville, Perryville, Bloomfield, Salvisa and McAfee.

Recommendations from the assessment will be used to determine year two goals. The assessment will conclude on Friday, October 13, 12-1:30 p.m. in the public meeting room in downtown Bloomfield. If you would like to attend this presentation, please contact Amy Sparrow Potts, (270) 765-9235.

### ***-Image/Branding Assessment***

Community Design Solutions will be visiting the Central Kentucky RHDl region on October 16-19 to help determine the regional brand and logo for the Central Kentucky RHDl 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.

***-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 RHDl Crossroads Communities to identify strategies for linking these communities with regional resources.

The team will visit several small communities throughout the region and interview local citizens about past success stories and future needs. Some communities which will be visited

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 brand concept will be unveiled at a public presentation on **Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m. at the Mercer County/Harrodsburg Historical Society** (Morgan's Row – 220 Chiles Street, Harrodsburg).

### ***RHDI Interpretation Workshop Scheduled***

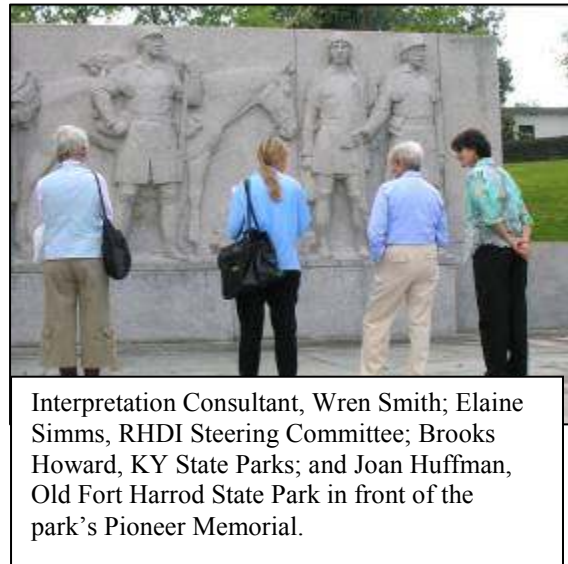
As a follow up the Interpretation Assessment of Lincoln Sites, the RHDI will host an Interpretation Workshop, ***“Connecting Visitors to Your Site -An introduction to the Art of Interpretation”***, conducted by Wren Smith of Bernheim Forest; held on November 16, 2006, 9-5 p.m. (EST) at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill.

This workshop will educate historic site personnel and interested volunteers about techniques for creating programs, tours, hikes and informal visitor conversations that bring historic sites to life.

This workshop includes:

- an exploration of the history and principles of interpretation.
- ideas, strategies and considerations for making programs purposeful, enjoyable, relevant, organized and thematic.
- ways to make programs more meaningful by incorporating tangible things and intangible ideas into design and delivery.

Registration is \$20.00 and includes lunch and workshop materials. Registration will be limited to 30 participants with a deadline of November 1, so please urge anyone interested to register as soon as possible! Registration materials are available online at [www.preservationkentucky.org](http://www.preservationkentucky.org) or by contacting Amy Sparrow Potts, (270) 765-9235; or [amy@preservationkentucky.org](mailto:amy@preservationkentucky.org).



### ***Kentucky Arts Council hosts Breakfast Meeting in Danville***

The Kentucky Arts Council will host informational breakfast meetings across the state, including one in the RHDI region on Thursday, October 12, 7:30 a.m. in Danville at the Community Arts Center. These meetings are an opportunity for artists, craftspeople, arts organization representatives, educators, community leaders and the media to celebrate 40 years of creating opportunities for Kentuckians through the arts.

Please plan to attend this meeting and learn about the many exciting programs the Kentucky Arts Council has to offer. The RHDI steering committee will be hearing a presentation on combining KAC efforts with the RHDI at the November steering committee meeting.

### ***RHDI Updates***



Rural Cemetery Workshop participants hear from Tonya Taylor on various techniques for repairing and restoring tombstones.

#### ***-RHDI Cemetery Preservation Workshop A Success***

Over twenty members of the RHDI region attended an informative workshop on Cemetery Preservation on at the Pleasant Run Baptist Church in Green County.

The workshop was led by Robin Zeigler, Preservation Kentucky Board member and Historic Preservation Planner for Bowling Green/Warren County; Tonya Taylor, Taylor Restorations; Maxine Rhea, Taylor County Historic Planning commission board member. The workshop was co-sponsored by Greater Campbellsville United.

The workshop focused on creating a county-wide cemetery documentation projects, identifying and retaining volunteers, and hands-on cemetery restoration techniques.

### ***REMINDERS***

#### ***-Steering Committee Meeting – November 8 – 2-4 p.m.***

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.

#### ***-2006 National Civil War Reenactment – Perryville Battlefield – October 7-8***

The 2006 National Civil War Reenactment will be held at the Perryville Battlefield State Park on October 7-8 – there will also be a festival in downtown Perryville with live entertainment, a craft fair, children’s games and living history. For more information visit; [www.perryvillereenactment.org](http://www.perryvillereenactment.org).

***-LaRue County's annual Lincoln Day's Festival - October 12-15***

The 2006 Lincoln Days festival will be held in downtown Hodgenville on October 12-15, 2006. For more information and a complete event schedule, visit [www.lincolndays.org](http://www.lincolndays.org).

***For a complete listing of RHDI Regional Events, remember to Visit our Website at [www.preservationkentucky.org](http://www.preservationkentucky.org).***

*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](http://www.preservationkentucky.org) or call (270) 358-9069.*



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