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Chair Notes

By Joan Stewart
Chair OLN/OLIC



Well here it is December...WOW...where did the year go? It has been exciting and stressful for me as the Chair this year...probably you, as an Old Louisville Resident, have felt those same emotions...for different reasons. We have accomplished much working together this past year. Please make sure your Association sends to Linda the accomplishments of your Association for the 2010 calendar year. Please email it to olnc@bellsouth.net. The Council has many to be featured

in the January issue of the Journal. I am so proud of all the things that have been accomplished this year because we all worked TOGETHER. Just think, we GET to do it all over again for 2011!

Since the OLNC Bylaws were changed to have the Officers elected for two year terms last year, the Election we have at the December meeting of the OLNC will be for the Directors of The Old Louisville Historic Foundation Board (formally the OLIC Board) only. The meeting will be held on the regular meeting day, which is the 4th Tuesday of the month...December 28, 2010. There is a possibility of a surprise in the works...so please plan on attending!

The Holiday House Tour is happening December 4th and 5th, Noon to 6 p.m. It is hoped that you will volunteer (go to hhtvolunteer2010@yahoo.com and email your name, email address, phone number, preferred day and the shift (1st or 2nd). You will then be contacted to confirm. There is much to do prior to our guests coming to our Neighborhood to be wowed by the homes on the Tour this year. If you are not volunteering, please support the work of the Council and The Foundation by purchasing a ticket and attending the Tour.

This has been, and continues to be a great year...Thank you for all you do in this Neighborhood.

Nominees for the Old Louisville Foundation Board

- Ann Arnsberg
- Bob Bajandas
- Roz Fishman
- Rebecca Kessler
- Victor Marquardt
- Nancy Cogan McCormick
- Peggy Muller
- Howard Rosenburg
- John Sinternak
- Jeff Warner

These nominees have agreed to serve on the Old Louisville Foundation Board. The Election will take place on December 28, 2010. Please choose to attend the OLNC Meeting on the 28th at 7pm and vote for your choices to represent you for 2011. You must be a paid member of your Neighborhood Association in order to vote. Also, a surprise is in the planning...please choose to attend and be surprised!!! Food and Drink will be provided.

Congratulations Old Louisville Candy Company!

A hardy round of applause goes out to Ron and Jane Harris for being featured on the Cooking Channel for their "Happy Balls", the official candy of Old Louisville. Ron and Jane showcased their home and candy making skills in shows airing on November 1st and 6th. Hooray Jane and Ron...you are certainly Ambassadors of Old Louisville.

Congratulations David James Old Louisville's next Councilman!

Congratulations Chef Lee!!!



It was no surprise to those of us in Old Louisville who have frequented 610 Magnolia that Chef Lee was amazing on the Food Network Show “The Iron Chef”. Chef Lee astounded the judges with his culinary expertise working with “Tongues and Cheeks”. The judges praised his variety and his plating. His dishes were uniquely original...the sauerkraut soup was eaten by the judges with much trepidation...then GLEE! He served his famous Ruben Sandwich, made this time with tongue, with the sauerkraut soup.

Watching the Competition was ever so entertaining. Chef Lee was so calm and collected...while foodies watching were feeling the excitement that those who attend say, a Final Four surely must feel. It was inspiring...to say the least.

Chef Lee certainly helped put Louisville, Kentucky on the map of the Food Network audience. For those who still believed the stereotype food choices of those who live in our fair city...they now know, without a doubt, that Louisville, Kentucky residents choose to relish fabulous, unique and original recipes for delicious food.



Old Louisville Diners Club

The next meeting of the Old Louisville Diner's club will be at **Carley Rae's on January 27th, 6:30 p.m.** I hope to see you all there.

If you have never attended the Diners Club, there are no rules or red tape. Just show up and have some good food and conversation with your neighbors!

Questions or information? Call Peggy Muller at 689-0909.



THURSDAY YOGA CLASS Beginning Yoga Classes

will be held at the
Old Louisville Information Center on
Thursday at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Class fee: \$5

All levels welcome.

Please bring a mat or towel for your comfort.

Classes will be led by Nancy Clinton

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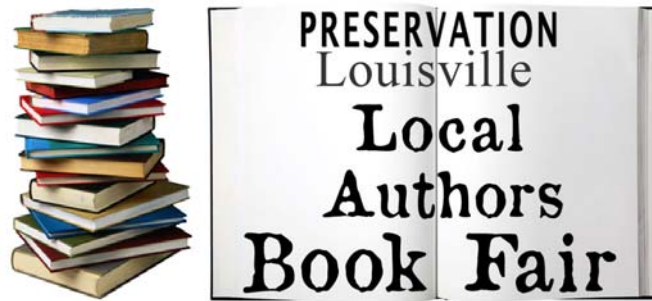
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The 15th of each month is deadline for submission of all ads and articles.

Preservation Points: Old Louisville Neighborhood Newsletter: December 2010***Preservation Louisville to sponsor Local Authors Book Fair***

Preservation Louisville, Inc., will host a Local Authors Book Fair on Saturday, December 11 featuring several local authors specializing in preservation, history and architecture. The event will include a panel discussion as well as book signings, and local authors will share their experience and inspiration. Books about local history make great holiday gifts for family and friends, and a portion of sales goes to support Preservation Louisville. Presented with the support of Carmichael's Bookstore.

WHEN: Saturday, December 11
12 to 3 p.m. Book sales & signing
1 pm Panel discussion

WHERE: Peterson-Dumesnil House
301 S. Peterson Avenue, Louisville

5th Annual Spirit Ball a Smashing Success!

On the evening of Saturday, October 30, nearly 200 party-goers showed up in colorful Victorian costumes and elegant disguises at the Conrad-Caldwell House for the 5th Annual Spirit Ball. The doors opened at 8:00 p.m. and guests were treated to champagne and butlered hors d'oeuvres in the foyer while Christopher White provided the enthusiastic strains of piano music that set the tone for the night. At 9:00, host and emcee David Dominé made the welcome toast that officially started the ball, and guests made their way down to Caldwell Hall, where there was live music from the Louisville Crashers, an open bar and a lavish cocktail buffet. There was also a premium bourbon tasting, and Peggy Brisson of Brown-Forman mixed up special batches of Halloween drinks using Finlandia Vodka. At 11:00, five different prizes were awarded for the best costumes.

Upstairs, in addition to fortune tellers, tarot card readers, and face painters, there was a silent auction with more than 50 items, with entertainment provided by harpist Nancy Stagner. According to Margaret Caldwell Young, one of the organizers of the event, a significant amount of money was raised, all of which will go towards the upkeep and promotion of the Conrad-Caldwell House Museum. When revelers started leaving as the party ended at midnight, all agreed it was the best Spirit Ball yet and many have already made plans to return with their friends next year, when the 6th Annual Spirit Ball will be held on Saturday, October 29. You can support Old Louisville's Conrad-Caldwell House Museum and buy your tickets for the 2011 Spirit Ball by going on line at <http://thespiritball.com/> or calling (502) 636-5023.

Brightside/UPS Community-Wide Cleanup: In the Spirit of Huck Finn, We Commence to Paint the Fence...

By Rebecca Kessler



Last year at this time members of Toonerville Trolley Neighborhood Association had gotten down and dirty during the Brightside/UPS Community-Wide Cleanup with a mission in mind: To clean up its overgrown and newly acquired Fort George Cemetery, located along the 1200 block of South Floyd Street. Fortified with Krispy Kremes on a crispy fall day, a can-do attitude, Brightside bags and t-shirts, rakes and hacksaws, mowers and other sundry implements of destruction, Fort George was transformed and

made presentable in a way it has not been for some time. Ages, in fact.



L-R: Phil DiBlasi, Emma Percival and Ken Herndon.



L-R: Gail Tucker and Nancy Woodcock.

In the 12 months since, Fort George has been the site for the first screening of the “Movies at Fort George” series as well as the first annual Poetry Festival, both in support of the Old Louisville Dog Run currently in development. Fort George supporters continue to turn time and attention to the restoration of this historic property. NOTE: Plans are afoot! (And underfoot...)

One of said plans - the “facelift” - has come to pass: The scraping and sanding, priming and painting of the original wrought-iron fence that fronts Fort George was the order of the day during last

month’s annual fall Brightside Cleanup. Take a look - pictures do indeed speak a thousand words.

A Fort George refresher:

~ The property upon which Fort George is sited was first settled by Captain George Gray from Virginia and his wife, Mildred, in 1782. Born in Virginia in 1740, Captain Gray was a wealthy plantation owner when the Revolutionary War broke out. He spent his own fortune maintaining and equipping the Third Virginia Infantry during the American Revolutionary War.

~ Both James Monroe and Zachary Taylor were first cousins of Captain Gray. Gray and Monroe, who served as a lieutenant in Gray’s company, were with George Washington at the iconic crossing of the Delaware in 1776 to attack the



L-R: Phil DiBlasi, Tom Woodcock, JanMarie Hemberger and Bill



L-R: Tom Woodcock, Rebecca Kessler, Emma Percival (perched behind fence) and Bill Kessler.

British at Trenton. Washington later awarded Gray the Masonic Gold Badge for his valor.

~ The war had consumed the entirety of Gray’s fortune. Consequently, in 1782 he moved his wife, 11 children, and 40 slaves to a 4000 acre tract of land given to him in the fledgling town of Louisville (established by the Virginia General Assembly in 1780). The farm, which Gray named “Fort George,” stretched along present day Preston



Rebecca Kessler

Street to First Street and included the family’s burial ground. Captain Gray died in 1822. Both President Monroe and future president, Zachary

Taylor, were pallbearers at his funeral. The captain, his wife, and thirty family members are reportedly buried at the Fort George grave site, located in the present-day 1260 South Floyd Street, between Oak Street and Ormsby Avenue.

~ Over the years the cemetery property was deeded to by the Episcopal Church of Kentucky by descendants of Captain Gray, maintained by the John Marshall Chapter of the DAR and subsequently an earlier incarnation of Fort George Neighborhood Association as late as 1981, then sold by the Episcopal Church apparently into private ownership. The Toonerville Trolley Neighborhood Association acquired the Fort George property in October of 2009 for the grand sum of one dollar. Under the leadership of Nancy Woodcock, TTNA has researched and undertaken next steps to best preserve the history and physical aspects of this site, which falls within its boundaries.

~ To learn more about this history and view the deed of transfer, follow TTNA’s neighborhood link to “Fort George” at http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Toonerville_Trolley/home.

Many thanks to Toonervillians Phil DiBlasi and Jan Marie Hemberger, Ken Herndon, Bill and Rebecca Kessler, Emma Pervival, Gail Tucker, and Nancy and Tom Woodcock along with four Dismas Charities’ clients for continued efforts in restoring this historic property, a neighbor in its own right. Stay tuned for further developments!



Dismas Charities’ clients.



L-R: Jan Marie Hemberger and Nancy Woodcock . . . ‘nuff said!

5th Annual Spirit Ball All pictures by Gary Kleier









All Spirit Ball photos by Gary Kleier. To see the entire album from the event go to:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/gkleier/SpiritBall2010?authkey=Gv1sRgCL3rh4LXzYjGGw#>

The Victorian Ghost Walk was most successful. If you missed it, plan now for next year. October 28, 29, and 30th, 2011 are the dates for the 2011 walk.







Thanks to Gregg Moore for donating a microwave to the OLIC!

Does anyone know why the trees in Central Park have mulch rings around them instead of the mulch spread around the tree?

Call Linda at 635-5244.

Preservation Louisville announces Victorian Holiday Tours at The Brennan House Historic Home

*Victorian Holiday Tours
at The Brennan House
Historic Home*



Come marvel at the beauty of The Brennan House Historic Home during Victorian Holiday Tours hosted by **Preservation Louisville, Inc.**, December 19 and 20. Become transported to a time when horse-drawn carriages clip-clopped their way around downtown Louisville. When the stage of the old Macauley's on Walnut played host to some of the country's finest artists. When Fifth Street was lined with homes reflecting the grace and ease of the times. Today, the Brennan House remains virtually untouched since the Victorian era. Join us for music and refreshments and experience the warmth of the holiday season in an authentic keepsake of the 19th century.

WHEN: 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, December 11, 18

1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, December 12, 19

WHERE: The Brennan House Historic Home

631 South Fifth Street, Louisville

COST: \$5

Built in 1868, The Brennan House is a Victorian mansion in downtown Louisville filled with an entirely original family collection. The home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a designated local landmark. The building is the headquarters of Preservation Louisville, Inc., a charitable non-profit organization.

Three Recent Extensive Fires in Old Louisville

By Herb Fink

923 S. 1st St.

The three story brick rooming house containing eleven units burned extensively on Sunday evening, November 7, 2010 at about 7:30 p.m. The fire started on the 3rd floor, totally taking out the roof and consuming much of the 2nd floor. The wall of the front facade is extensively bowed and unstable.

Staff member of the Louisville Metro Dept. of Codes and Regulations have issued an emergency order to the property owner to immediately stabilize the structure or demolish the structure.

The property is located immediately south of Austin's Inn Place Bed & Breakfast and across from the developing Scholar House facility.



1163 S. 4th St.

On Monday, November 8, 2010, at 4:58 p.m. fire started within a check cashing business at 1163 S. 4th St. and spread through the above area into the adjacent businesses - Kay's Hair & Tanning Salon to the north at 1161 S. 4th St. and Clean Cutz to the south at 1165 S. 4th St.

Forty-two fire fighters responded to the 2-alarm fire. One person was taken to the hospital with burns about the face and arms.

Kay's Hair & Tanning has relocated to 321 W. Oak St. and Clean Cutz has relocated to 329 W. Oak St.

1404 S. 6th St.

An extensive fire occurred on the rear of the one-story frame cottage residence occupied by six UofL students at 1404 S. 6th St. early Thursday morning, November 11, 2010, at 12:30 a.m.

The fire totally consumed the rear of the residence and spread to the adjacent properties to the north and south.

The 3-story brick residence to the north, 1402 S. 6th St., was extensively damaged.

The fire was so intense that it melted the siding of the residence to the south at 1406 S. 6th St.

A benefit for the fire victims was held at the Rudyard Kipling on November 18, 2010 and helped raise \$1,000+.





The Old Louisville Chamber of Commerce welcomes three new board members: Pamela Fulton Broadus, Owner, Splendid Events, LLC; Jennifer Fox, Courier Journal Account Executive; Robert Wessels, Owner, Central Park Bed and Breakfast.

Please remember the Visitor Center in Historic Old Louisville has a 'lovely' gift shop! The newest books about Old Louisville are available at the OLVC at 218 West Oak Street, [A Feast for the Eyes](#) cookbook by David Domine along with [Images of America Old Louisville](#) by David Domine and Ron Harris. Please stop by to take a look!

Not only does the Visitor Center have a delightful gift shop, also available is information on Old Louisville Chamber members.

At the center we have \$5.00 discount coupons for Derby Dinner PlayHouse, \$2.00 off coupons to Mega Caverns and \$2.00 off coupons for the Belle of Louisville. If you are having out of town guests for the holidays be sure to stop to pick up the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau Official Visitors Guide. Also available are Kentucky maps and Louisville maps and of course Old Louisville maps.

On Saturday, November 13, 279 Girl Scouts toured Old Louisville! These girls chose Old Louisville to be part of their day for the 2010 Festival of the Arts. Many, many thanks to Kevin Kouba and Rick Tabb for being tour guides for the day along with Jane and Ron Harris who opened their home up to all 279 girls along Jane being a character who the girls and scout leaders absolutely were awed with! Many thanks to Kevin, Rick and Jane for taking the time to make the day very special for the Girl Scouts in Old Louisville.

If you have or know of someone who would like to volunteer at the Visitor Center in Historic Old Louisville, please give Earlene Bisig Zimlich a call at 637-2922. Or ask one of our local, very dedicated volunteers from the neighborhood about volunteering!

Many thanks to Jena Blythe Rosenberg, Mari Lively, Norma Laufner and Dr. Greg Moore from the neighborhood and Charlie McAdams, from Fern Creek and Berta Schupbach from the Westport Road area and Leone Metzner, Bookkeeper, Fern Creek Area. The Visitor Center is open Tuesday thru Saturday, 10a - 4p. The volunteers help guests with directions, questions and promote the businesses of the Old Louisville Chamber of Commerce. The volunteers have many, many stories....ask them to share some with you!

Hold the Dates! Sponsored by the Old Louisville Chamber of Commerce
 Dining at the Mansions, Sunday, March 13, 2011
 Golf Scramble, Wednesday, June 8, 2011, Fuzzy Zoeller's Covered Bridge - More info later!!
 Both events will benefit The Visitor Center in Historic Old Louisville

Wanted: Vintage House Tour Programs

We are trying to put together a complete set of Holiday House Tour programs at the OLNLC, and so far we are about one-third short of a complete collection for an event that goes back 34 years to 1976.

If you can locate and donate any of the missing years House Tour programs, that were originally called the Candlelight Tour, please drop them off at the OLIC, and the history of our neighborhood will be preserved for future generations.

Missing: 1990, 1980 to 1988, 1976

Please bring to Linda at the OLIC or phone her at 635-5244 for pick up.

Thank you, john paul, House Tour Program Archivist

Central Park Improvements Participating with Brightside

By Herb Fink

Old Louisville folks and UofL students teamed-up and participated with Brightside on Saturday morning, October 23, 2010, and made improvements in Central Park.

Improvements were taking place all over the county in participation with the Brightside/UPS Community-wide Fall Clean-Up.

The volunteers gathered in the Information Center about 9 a.m., receiving welcome, general information, directions, materials, and thank you from Mary Byrne, Brightside Volunteer Coordinator.

The volunteers then proceeded into the park and undertook two major projects.

David Mills headed-up the volunteers who made improvements and corrections to the rear (4th St. side) of the Shakespeare stage which had been left with debris and ruts in the area.

The volunteers cleaned-up the entire area of construc-



David Mills and volunteers making improvements adjacent to Shakespeare stage.

At noon, all the volunteer workers gathered in the Information Center for pizza lunch provided by Interim Councilman Deonte Hollowell.

Councilman Hollowell, I can tell you that students love pizza and so do the rest of us. Thank you.

Funds for securing the needed materials and tools were generously provided by the Garvin Gate Neighborhood Association, 3rd St. Neighborhood Association, Belgravia Court Neighborhood Association, 4th St. Neighborhood



Paul Marchetti and UofL students improving base mulch to existing trees.

tion debris, rocks, limbs, leaves, bottles and cans, spread a load of topsoil, graded the area, planted 50 lbs. of grass seed and topped-off with 6 bales of straw.

Two other groups led by Bob Bajandas and Paul Marchetti, worked with the base mulch at existing trees, removing weeds, debris, and spent material and placing a thin layer of new mulch in a circular configuration.

The two loads of mulch were supplied by Metro Parks Forestry and Limbwalker Tree Service - certified arborists. We thank you for your helpful donation.



Rev. Gregory Moore, Ken Herndon and UofL students during lunch in the Information Center.

Association, 1300 S. 3rd St. Neighborhood Association, St. James Court Neighborhood Association, and an anonymous donor. We sincerely thank all who assisted in underwriting costs to secure needed materials and tools.

The following UofL students and neighborhood volunteers participated in the work session.

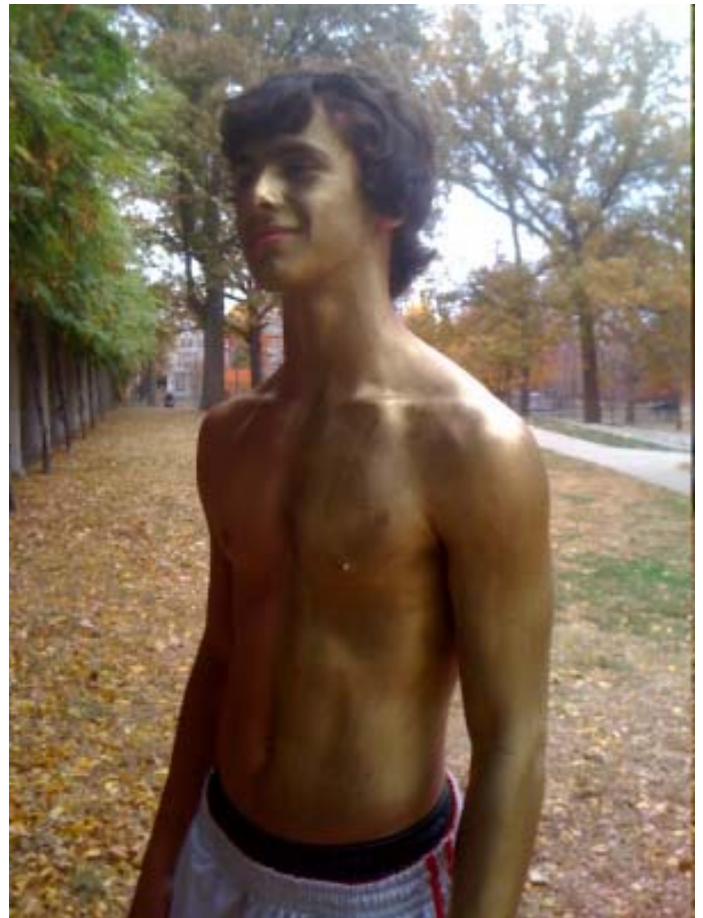
Hope Cutter, Brooke Schutte, Pam Curtis, David Meussa Buins, Sasche Allen, Brian Frazier, Amber Burns, Chinwe Okoro, Amashi-Ali Kendall, Chana Ludlow, Tiera Taylor, Shevon Christon, Ayarra Jones, Tabitha Overstreet, Tviaanee Smith, Paul Marchetti, Bob Bajandas, Marc Riggs, David James, Helga Ulrich, Ken Herndon, Mona Jackson, T.J. Jackson, Chandi Jackson, Rev. Gregory Moore, Martha Schroeder, Mary Schroeder, Joan Stewart, David Mills, Herb Fink.

Many thanks to the UofL students who participated, to the neighborhood volunteers, and to David Mills, Paul Marchetti, and Bob Bajandas for guiding the workers.

The work session was very successful and improvement accomplished.

The Spring 2011 Improvement Session in Central Park is scheduled for Saturday Morning, April 9, 2011. **See You Then!**

*Now this is what I call an
Improvement to Central Park!
Students created "Greek
Gods" for a school project
recently in
Central Park.
photo by Joan Stewart*



*The Holiday House Tour is
happening December 4 and 5, 2010.
Do you have your tickets? If not,
call (502) 635-5244 TODAY!!!*



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hours: Tuesday - Friday 1pm - 5pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 <i>Holiday House Tour & Tea</i>	6	7	8	9 Yoga 5:30-6:30 PIC 7 p.m.	10	11
12	13	14	15 3rd St. NA 7 p.m. OL Book Club 7	16 Yoga 5:30-6:30 Toonerville 7	17	18
19	20	21	22 CPW 7 p.m.	23 Yoga 5:30-6:30	24	25 Merry Christmas
26 1300 3rd St. 7p.m.	27	28 OLIC 6 p.m. OLNC 7 p.m	29	30 Yoga 5:30-6:30	31 Happy New Year's Eve	