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Chair Notes

By Joan Stewart, OLIC/OLNC Chair



It is St. James Art Show time... WHEEEEE!!! I love the Art Show! I always have a blast walking around... volunteering to help in booths or other Neighborhood endeavors... BUYING Art... jewelry and ...and... just everything about the Show! I hope you enjoy the Show as much as I do. The Art Show and the Art Show Gala begin a fantastic October in Old Louisville. Not only do we have all of the normal "things" going on... we have the Art Show Gala on Sept. 24, **The Art Show the first Weekend in October, Garvin Gate Blues Festival the second weekend, Old Louisville Day in Central Park on October 15 (Thanks CM James!!!) and the Old Louisville Ghost Walk Halloween Weekend. Wait...wait...wait! The annual Kentucky Tree Climbing Championship and Festival of Trees will begin at 8a.m.on Saturday October 15, 2011** and continue until about 6p.m. The event is free to the public and spectators can enjoy recreational tree climbing, live music and food from some of our local food trucks. (This is ever so much fun to watch... AND it is on Old Louisville Day!) That about takes care of October, doesn't it?

Well... maybe not! Please remember the Tours that the Chamber of Commerce does all year... especially near Halloween, the Neighborhood Association meetings, the Committee meetings, the Clean-ups, The Old Louisville Neighborhood Council Meeting the 4th Tuesday, all the eateries in Old Louisville which love your support, the businesses that love your support, and just walking around our fabulous Neighborhood. WOW!

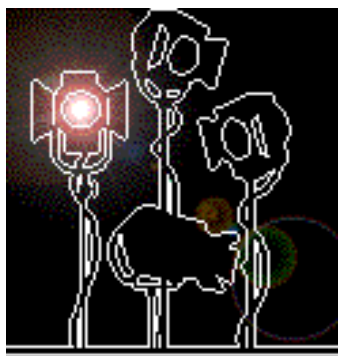
The Tree project... Toward the end of October there will be a tree planting event. If you asked for a tree(s), you will be contacted... we will need volunteers to plant the trees... so get ready!

The Ghost Walk and the House Tour need volunteers to make the events successful... VOLUNTEER! It is ever so much fun to be a part of these events! Call 635-5244 and leave your name, number and email.

The Garvin Gate Blues Festival is soooooo much fun. I hope to see all of you there at this FREE event in Old Louisville.

Thank you Ron Harris for all you do... the Ghost Walk and THE WINDOW PROJECT! **Much more info about the Window Project will be coming SOON! Get Ready!**

Old Louisville has so much going on now... hope you are a positive force in helping and enjoying all that is happening.



Spotlight On... Old Louisville Event Organizers!

By Joan Stewart

This month a huge THANK YOU to the Organizers of the St. James Court Art Show, The Old Louisville Victorian Ghost Walk, and The Garvin Gate Blues Festival. Without the dedication of the individuals who work diligently all year putting together the logistics that make these Events happen... the Events would NOT happen. St. James Court, Belgravia, 4th Street, 3rd Street, and The 1300 Association are to be commended for the efforts put forth to make The St. James Court Art Show the hit it is... Garvin Gate

Neighborhood Association works tirelessly to make sure the Blues Festival is organized, has great music and lots of food... it is a rockin' good time... thank you! Ron Harris, Director, Jane Harris, Stage Manager, David Domine, Writer, and all the actors and Volunteers who make the Victorian Ghost Walk the success it is... WOW! Much work and love go into the organizing of these activities... for this ALL of you... Salute!

And... CM James... thanks for Old Louisville Day. What an awesome way to salute the residents of Old Louisville.

Back by Popular Demand: The Vicotrian Ghost Walk

By David Domine

Happy Autumn! Come and celebrate the haunted past of Old Louisville during the 7th Annual Victorian Ghost Walk, which will take place over four nights, including Halloween, this year. Tours will depart from the Old Louisville Information Center every 15 minutes, starting at 7:00 and ending at 9:00 p.m., and for the next 90 minutes participants will enjoy tales of hauntings as told by some of the neighborhood's best actors. David Dominé has scripted the stories from his books about the ghosts of Old Louisville and some of the neighborhood's most famous phantoms will make command performances. Among those returning from the beyond are Alfred Dupont, Jennie Bowman, the Stick Witch, Simon Kracht the Resurrectionist, the gypsy Madame Zaneskaya and Annie Whipple, the former governess at the Russell Houston Mansion. In addition, random spooks and goblins will add atmosphere with spooky recitations and ghoulish antics. Once again, Ronald Lew Harris will provide his directorial talents and Louise Cecil will furnish the wonderful costumes for this popular yearly event. Support the neighborhood and get your tickets now by calling (502) 635-5244.

- October 28, 29, 30 & 31
- Tours depart every 15 minutes between 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Tickets cost \$25; \$20 in advance
- All proceeds 501(c)(4) go to the upkeep, restoration and promotion of the Old Louisville neighborhood

For more information, go to <http://oldlouisville.org/ghostwalk/> or contact:

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Message from Councilman David James (D6)

As anyone who walks along Hill Street is well aware, the overpass (or viaduct) located between 6th and 7th street poses a major safety hazard to pedestrians. The original pathways that led under the viaduct were closed due to structural hazards, leaving those on foot no safe option to reach the other side. This dangerous scenario is only exacerbated by the fact that schoolchildren attending neighborhood elementary schools must regularly walk under the overpass on Hill Street on their way to and from class. However, despite the obvious need to renovate or rebuild the entire structure, an initial assessment of such an undertaking by Public Works estimated the cost to be up to \$250,000.

Despite the major roadblock that such a high cost estimate presents for the constricted Metro budget, there may be light at the end of the tunnel (no pun intended). I recently partnered with the Public Works department in Metro Government to design and implement a new plan to allow for safe passage under the overpass, after learning that the railroad is not responsible for these improvements. The plan calls for a guard rail to be installed beneath the bridge that will allow pedestrians a few feet on the side of the street to safely walk on.

While I am the first to accept that this particular project will supply only a short-term solution, I believe it will be a major step in the right direction for the many students and residents of District Six that need to use this route. Something must be done to genuinely increase safety for pedestrians until a more comprehensive renovation of the overpass is feasible. Please call my office at 575-1106 or email me at david.james@louisvilleky.gov if you have any questions or input regarding this project.



Save the dates:

KENTUCKY STATE TREE CLIMBING COMPETITION ON **OCTOBER 15th!!!** Our own Limbwalkers will be competing. Come and cheer them to victory!

Elections for OLNC Officers will be held in November...if you are interested in being an Officer...call 635-5244 and leave your contact information....you WILL be contacted.

Taking reservations now for the Fifth Annual Remembering Molly
an event to support

Friend for Life Cancer Support Network
Saturday, October 22, 2011

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Chris joined Limbwalker as a full partner in 2006. He graduated from Dupont Manual, earned a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of Kentucky and a Master's in Forest Resources from Clemson University. Chris has been a Certified Arborist for ten years and is a five-time Kentucky tree climbing champion.

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On October 9, 2011 there will be a group of Youth and Adults from The 4th Street Unitarian Church doing a Community Service project in Central Park. If your schedule allows, stop by and say "THANKS!"

Help us create a Victorian time capsule during the Victorian Ghost Walk!

Do you have a Victorian wardrobe? (Men: A top hat, derbies, cutaway coats, walking sticks, spats. Ladies: long skirts, long dresses, high-collar blouses, lush ladies' hats, gloves, shawls, etc?) This year during the Victorian Ghost Walk we would like to dress our "set" of magnificent Victorian architecture with as many individuals in period garb as possible. The streets and areas involved in the ghost walk are: Central Park, Park Avenue from 6th to 4th Streets, 3rd Street from Park to Magnolia, 4th Street from Park to Fountain Court, Fountain Court from 4th to St. James Court, and St. James Court to Central Park. If you live anywhere along that route and have a Victorian wardrobe, please help us create the world's largest Victorian time capsule those evenings by dressing up and either sitting out on your front porch or by strolling up and down your block, or anywhere else along the route. Or if you live in another part of the neighborhood, please consider dressing up and strolling the route. We want to create the largest environmental theater set in history. Everywhere participants look they will see Victoriana. If you can only do it for one night or one hour, it will help. The more people we have, the more participants will get a real glimpse of what this neighborhood must have looked like on a late October night in the 1890s. If you don't have the wardrobe, or cannot participate, consider dressing up your front porch with a jack-o-lantern in the spirit of the season. With your help, on those evenings we will succeed in delighting our many visitors with the timeless magnificence of Victorian Old Louisville.



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 6:30-7:00 Jimi V & Screamin' John
 7:15-8:00 da Mudcats
 8:30-9:15 Walnut Street Blues Band
 9:45-11:15 Karen Lovely
 8:00 & 9:15 Jimmy Davis - Ear X-tacy Stage on Garvin Place

Saturday, 2:00-11:15
 2:00-2:45 The KingBees
 3:15-4:00 The Travelin' Mojos
 4:30-5:15 Nick Stump's Blues All-Stars
 5:45-6:30 Lamont Gillispie & 100 Proof
 7:00-7:45 Hellfish
 8:15-9:15 Tullie Brae & The Medicine Man Revue
 9:45-11:15 Grady Champion
 5:20, 6:35, 7:50 Mississippi Adam Riggle - Ear X-tacy Stage

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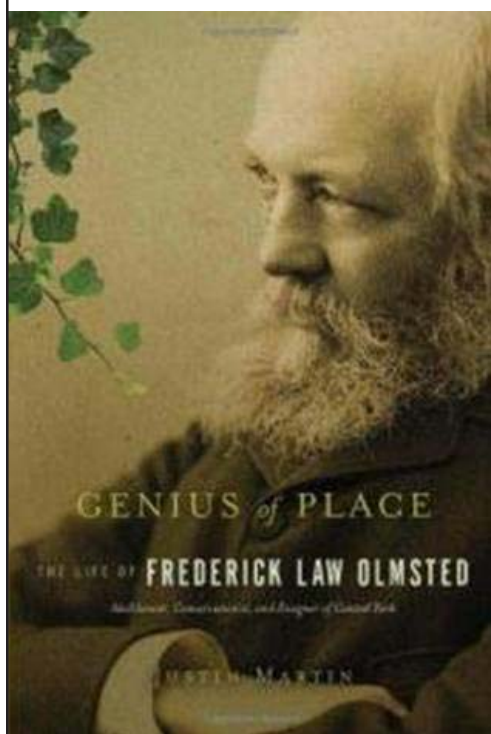


Old Louisville Calendar On Sale Now!

By Judy Stallard

Old Louisville Stained Glass Calendar 2012 is available for sale. Sales benefiting Central Park West Neighborhood Association and the Cabbage Patch. Pictures include stained glass from Conrad-Caldwell House Museum, several homes in Old Louisville and 2 churches as well as the Speed House. Price will be \$15.00 for 1, \$25.00 for 2 and \$30.00 for 3. This special pricing for the neighborhood ends with St James Art Show. At that time, the price will be \$15.00 a copy. They come in a beautiful envelope with a bow printed on it ready to be given as a Christmas Gift. We appreciate the support of the neighborhood.

You can buy on line from CPW's website – www.historicgathering.com. We have a paypal system set up so you can buy on line. Or you can contact any of the members of Central Park West. If you don't know one of our members, contact Mark Stallard – phone# 636-3113 and he will be glad to fill your order.



Join Olmsted Parks Conservancy for
an evening with
Justin Martin, author of
*Genius of Place—The Life of Frederick
Law Olmsted.*

610 Magnolia Restaurant
Wednesday, October 12, 2011
6:00pm to 8:30pm

Enjoy wine, appetizers and book discussion with the author.
Tickets \$65 per person and limited in number.

Books will be on sale and Mr. Martin will be available for signing.

You may also purchase books at Carmichael's Bookstore.

To purchase tickets call 502-456-8125.

Tickets are limited so reserve your tickets early.

Proceeds of this event will support improvements to Louisville's historic **Central Park**.

Read More about Justin Martin and his new book at

<http://www.olmstedparks.org/?p=1113>

PIC NOTES

Update regarding MSD Storm Sewer Proposals – Magnolia Ave. between 2nd & 3rd Streets and adjacent north-south alleys.

- When the plans are approved, bidding will take place.
- MSD should be giving the contractor a notice to proceed the 3rd or 4th week of October.
- The contractor will have 30 to 45 days to complete.

Address numbers on front and rear of all properties.

- PIC will ask the OLNLC to cooperate with surveying their neighborhoods for noncompliance.
- Numbers need to be at least 4" tall – and NOT painted free-hand with a spray can.

Landmarks Guidelines – Window Issues

- There will be 3 public hearings held to review the revisions to the Landmarks Window Guidelines for approval.
- The original 1974 guidelines were too loose; what was later approved has been deemed too strict; hoping to strike a balance with these changes.
- As soon as the dates for the public hearings are set, we'll send out a notice (1st meeting probably early Nov.)

Brightside – Give-A-Day, Mayor's Day of Service, October 22, 2011.

Discussion – Bicycle Pathways.

- Everyone wants bike paths.
- 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st and Brook are planned at this point.
- 1st & Brook would not be implemented until next year after the new utilities go in.
- Everyone wants to bike to Central Park!
- We now have a bike rack in Cenral Park near the Information Center.

Attending a Masquerade Ball is the Highlight of a Spirited Halloween Weekend!

By David Domine

Photos by Gary Kleier

To celebrate the ghostly season in 19th-century style, the lavish Spirit Ball will be once again be held at the Conrad-Caldwell House Museum on St. James Court. "This Victorian-inspired masquerade ball is a fundraiser for the Conrad-Caldwell House and it has become a highlight of the city's social calendar," says Earlene Zimlich, executive director of the Old Louisville Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center.



Author David Domine will host the gala event that attracts Old Louisville enthusiasts and ghost story aficionados to the streets made famous in his bestselling books about haunted Old Louisville; in fact, some characters described in his stories make *spirited* appearances at the ball, where revelers are urged to don costumes or black-tie attire befitting this festive fundraiser.

The masquerade ball begins in the grand foyer and parlor at 8 PM, where guests will enjoy bourbon tasting, chamber music, champagne and cocktails, butlered hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. At 9 PM, a cocktail buffet from the Catering Company, dance and live auction, will begin downstairs in Caldwell Hall. Throughout the evening, guests can wander the first and second floors of the 1890s mansion to socialize and bid competitively for Bed & Breakfast weekend getaway packages, jewelry, wine, decorative items, confections, restaurant gift

certificates, performance tickets, art and more.

The Conrad-Caldwell House "is the only house museum in the area which enjoys the involvement of descendants. By having them available, we are able to tell the story of the house from a very personal view . . ." says Margaret Young, a Caldwell great-granddaughter and president of the museum's board of directors.

One hundred-and-eighteen years ago, the mansion was known as "Conrad's Castle," because of its astounding price (\$75,000). The richly carved, heavily ornamented Richardsonian-Romanesque mansion remains a treasure-among-treasures in Old Louisville. The mansion is described in *Victorian Homes Magazine* (August 2011) as a "design template," for homeowners who seek "a bit of formality, elegance, refined craftsmanship and a respect for decorative arts."

The ticket-price for the 6th Annual Spirit Ball is \$150.00 per person (\$140 per person before October 1). All proceeds from ticket sales and auction purchases will go to the upkeep and preservation of the Conrad-Caldwell House Museum. Tickets can be purchased by calling (502) 636-5023 or by logging-on to the website <http://www.thespiritball.com>. Please call the Conrad-Caldwell House Museum for details. Photos and comments are ongoing at The Spirit Ball Facebook fan page.



Tea? Coffee, Anyone?

The Victorian Holiday Tea will be hosted by the Conrad/Caldwell House Museum during the Holiday House Tour call 502-636-5023 for reservations...\$20 in Advance...\$25 day of event.

Smokey Bean Coffee Shop is open! It is at the corner of 1st and Burnett. Nice atmosphere AND good coffee!



Save the dates: 9/30, 10/1, 10/2, 10/8, 10/9, 10/15, 10/28, 10/29, 10/

30, 10/31, 12/3, 12/4 for The St James Art Show, Garvin Gate Blues Festival, Old Louisville Day in Central Park, The Victorian Ghost Walk and The Holiday Home Tour...happening in Old Louisville!

We need Volunteers...call 635-5244 leave your name, phone number and email address... you WILL be contacted!!!

If you are interested in Chairing a Committee or have an idea for a new Committee...call 635-5244 and leave your contact information...you WILL be contacted!!!

The Old Louisville Book Club for the Month of October will be reading *The Burden of Desire* and meeting for discussion October 19th. Call 635-5244 for more information.

Kentucky's Best Tree Climbers to Compete at State Championship

On October 15, incredible skill and agility will be demonstrated by tree climbers from Kentucky and around the region, at the Kentucky Arborist Association's annual Tree Climbing Championship (KTCC) in Louisville's Central Park.

The event will showcase the talents of some of Kentucky's best climbers as they compete for the title of state champion. Working arborists from all over Kentucky and several other states will perform six different preliminary events to highlight their skill. Each event tests a competitor's ability to quickly, professionally, and safely maneuver in a tree while performing work-related tree-care tasks. The KTCC is an exciting, competitive event that promotes safe working practices, demonstrates improvements and innovations in techniques and equipment, and provides industry recognition to the general public. It also serves as a forum for climbers, professionals, and the public to gather and exchange ideas with one another. Competitors with the highest scores during the preliminary events move on to compete in a final event called the Masters' Challenge. The Masters' Challenge winner is named the champion, and then goes on to represent Kentucky at the International Tree Climbing Championship.

Oct 14th: Event setup and pruning will begin at 7:00AM in Central Park

Oct 14th: Mandatory meetings and gear inspections for Climbers and Volunteers at 7:00PM at Limbwalker Tree Service, 901 Dumesnil St., Louisville, KY 40203

Oct 15th: Preliminary Events begin at 8:00AM. Climbers arrive by 7:00AM. Volunteers arrive by 6:00AM

Oct 15th: Master's Challenge at 3:00PM followed by Awards Ceremony

All events are free and open to the public.

The St. James Court Art Gala was SMASHING!



Todd McGill and Marque Esrock.



Kathy Soloman and John Enoch.



Jean Simon and Keith Ray Simon (poster winner).



Jim and Sharon Stone.



Randy and Cheri Wilcher.



Can you Can-Can? Darlene, Miren Asemundi, Keith Simon and Marilyn Lattis can!



Keith Simon and Jess Mychael.



Don Driskell and Sandy Richardson



Keith Simon and Darlene



Karen Macaller and Keith Simon



Maria Eckerle and Joe Harrison



Michelle and Councilman David James



Laura and Linc Snyder, and Karessa Knight



Mrs. and Mr. Donald Santos



P.J. and Elaine Steele.



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Marc Riggs and Bambi Hagerty



Ginger and Charlie Harrell



Keith Ray Simon, Rollia Knight, and Todd McGill



Jean Simon and Marilyn Lattis



Mrs. and Mr. Jarvis Jointer



Joan Stewart, Jeff Perry, Keith Ray Simon.



Gayle and Herb Warren



Mark and Karen Macaller



Jeff Perry and Ken Crissinger



Don Driskell and Pam Broadhus



Don Driskell, Jeff Perry, and Travis Provencher



Linda Plunkett and John Plunkett



Rollia Knight, Ken Crissinger, Jeff Perry, and Sandy Richardson.



Joe Plunkett, his brother John Plunkett and wife, Linda.



Lou and Barb Townsend



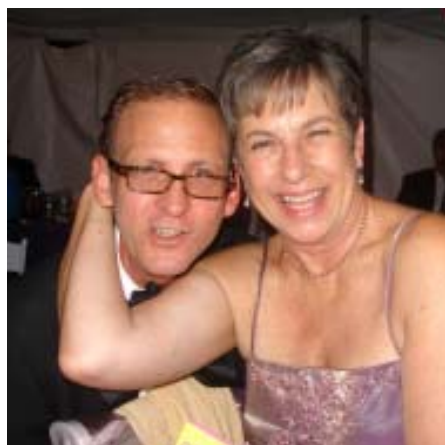
Susan Coleman, Jeff Layman, and Mark Macaller



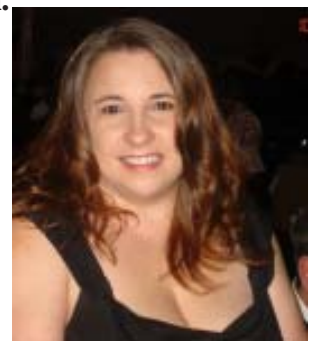
Don Keeling and Sandy Richardson.



Susan Coleman holding a picture of Malcolm Bird, one of the first St. James Court Art Show founders.



Jeff Perry and



Elaine Steele



Gayle Warren, Ann Triplett, Herb Warren, Bambi Hagerty, Marc Riggs, and Linda Plunkett



Crazy Hula-hoppers



Rob and Laura Holtzman



Roger, Tim Foster



Cynthia Welch



Linda Plunkett and her great-great-great, etc. grandmother's lace shawl.



Jena and Howard Rosenberg



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OCTOBER 2011

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16	17 Crime & Safety 7p.m.	18	19 3rd St. NA 7 p.m. OL Book Club 7	20 Toonerville 7p.m.	21	22
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