



# PA Update

Spring 2003

## PA Annual Meeting at Yellow Creek Park

Ross Leigh to speak, lead tour of County Park's growing assets at Pioneer Village

**Friday • May 16, 2003 • 12:00 Noon**

**Yellow Creek Park • Pioneer Village**  
5710 KY 144 in Thruston

**Box Lunch • \$10.00 per person**

**Please make reservations by May 12**  
**By form on page 3 or**  
**By calling PA at 270-926-5058**

Short Business Meeting to Elect Board Members & Officers  
**Guest Speaker Ross Leigh**  
Program & Marketing Director  
Daviess County Parks & Recreation



**Potts Cabin now at Pioneer Village**

Preservationists in Owensboro - Daviess County will be celebrating a week after National Preservation Week (May 5-12), by attending the Annual Meeting of Preservation Alliance at Yellow Creek Park's Pioneer Village, May 16, 2003, at 12 noon.

PA also held its 2002 Annual Meeting at Pioneer Village, at which Wesley Acton, a retired teacher who grew up in Pleasant Ridge, KY, in southeastern Daviess County, made a presentation inside the Rosenwald Schoolhouse. The schoolhouse had been moved from Pleasant Ridge in 1992 with PA's assistance.

PA is returning to the park again this year because of the recent addition of the Potts Cabin to the growing complex. Guest speaker will be Ross Leigh, Program and Marketing Director with the county parks department. Leigh will discuss recent activities and upcoming plans for expanding and improving the village as an educational and tourist venue.

PA Treasurer Joyce Edwards donated the Potts Cabin from her family's farm to the

county parks department in memory of her mother and the Potts family. Edwards is seeking assistance in researching Civil War era furnishings for the cabin, recently erected in Pioneer Village.

Edwards intends on furnishing it as much as possible in the Civil War period. Anyone who has knowledge about or pictures of furnishings for that period or who might otherwise want to assist in research, please contact Joyce Edwards at 270-926-8882 or joyrde@bellsouth.net. ■

**The new Patio on the Ohio at RiverPark Center awaits upcoming Friday after 5 series of summer events**

**More Downtown scenes of spring on Page 3**



## Riverfront Master Plan's Patio about to open for summer festival events

Excitement grows as the whole town awaits the May opening of the Patio overlooking the Ohio River at RiverPark Center. Phase I of the Riverfront Master Plan, the enlarged outdoor plaza will better accommodate the growing Friday After 5 summer festival series. ■

**Preservation Week  
Cities, Suburbs and Countryside**  
May 5-12, 2003

A Message from Richard Moe,  
President of the National Trust

Every community has a spirit of place that identifies it as special and unique. It may be a building or a monument or a street, a public square or a stretch of lakeshore or a view of distant mountains. It sets the community apart from every other. It attracts tourists, contributes to the area's stability and livability, and gives residents a sense of connection with their shared heritage.

Sadly, despite its importance in the social, cultural and economic life of the community, the spirit of place is easily destroyed. Older neighborhoods, rich in

texture and character, start to decline. Familiar landmarks are allowed to deteriorate or are replaced by new buildings that fail to respect their historic setting. Scenic vistas are spoiled by insensitive development, and precious open space is devoured by sprawl. Uniqueness fades into anonymity. Every place starts looking like Anyplace, and eventually they all look like Noplace.

The theme of Preservation Week 2003, "Cities, Suburbs, and Countryside," calls on us to do all we can to recognize, save and enhance the irreplaceable features that give each community its distinctive character.

Organizing tours and special events that spotlight local treasures, fostering revitalization in commercial and residential neighborhoods, conserving open space, providing tax credits and other

incentives for the rehabilitation of historic buildings, launching initiatives to manage sprawl and promote smart growth - all of these are effective tools for preserving the spirit of place.

**Make Preservation Week 2003** an occasion for celebrating what's special about your community. Preserve cities, suburbs, and countrysides - and pass them on as our gift to future generations. ■

**Be a Preservationist**

*Picnic under an old tree.* Turn off the TV. Read a historic novel. Tour a house museum. **OR TWO.** Sleep in a Historic Hotel. *Go ghost hunting.*

*Drive a scenic byway.* Don't litter. *Hike an ancient trail.* Stroll in the park.

**Canoe a canal.** Collect old stuff. Share. Delve into your family tree. Write it down. Pass it on to your children. Go back to your grade school. *Help restore an old*

*farm.* **Get involved.** Know your community. **Admire its homes.** **Donate**

**a dollar.** Or more. **Learn about your community's founders.** *Find*

*out about the history of your house.* **Shop on Main Street.** **Vote.** **Wander the**

**streets of a historic district.** Look up at the second stories. **Turn on**

**the TV.** *To a history channel.* **Reenact the civil war.** Ask grandma. **MAKE A**

**PHOTO ALBUM.** Take a riverboat ride. Climb a mountain. Walk across a historic

bridge. **TAKE PICTURES.** Ride a steam train. Dance a Virginia Reel. Buy an old

house. **Don't change it.** **PROTEST A DEMOLITION.** **Learn**

**lessons from the past.** *Live for today.* Respect our nation's heritage.

**Leave it for our children.** **Celebrate Preservation Week.**

Adapted from the 2003 Preservation Week poster, "Be a Preservationist", designed by Lesley Anne Simmons of Chevy Chase, MD; chosen from more than 90 submissions in a national contest conducted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

**Preservation Bits**



**The PA board has offered a grant** of \$3,000 to TWO to assist in the repair of its slate roof. The grant offer stipulates that the building must be registered as a local historic landmark under the review authority of the Owensboro Historic Preservation Board. ■



**Last August, PA heard that owner** Terry Dukes was considering applying an exterior insulation coating to the buildings at 5th & Frederica that would mask the interesting brick and stone work of the facades.

PA believes the interesting architectural features of the buildings should be enhanced not hidden behind an artificial surface, such as the blue metal screen that was removed in early 2002. ■

**Your name and address are already shown on the mailing label on the back of this form.**

Please make any necessary corrections. Then, return this form, along with your check made payable to:

**Preservation Alliance**  
**319 Booth Avenue**  
**Owensboro, KY 42301**  
**270-926-5058**

## 2003 Preservation Alliance Membership

If "2003" is NOT on your mailing label, it's time to renew with PA.

- Annual PA Membership @ \$20.00 per household
- \_\_\_\_ Persons for Annual Meeting @ \$10.00 per person

**Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please let PA know if you have interest in any of the following:

- Serve on the Board of Directors of Preservation Alliance
- Serve on a standing or ad-hoc committee
- Receive updates by email at address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other interest: \_\_\_\_\_

## Status of Endangered Buildings

PA's list of the five most endangered historic buildings – current status:



**OLD JAIL • 1886 • 110 St Elizabeth St**  
 In April 2002, Daviess Fiscal Court opened sealed bids for the purchase of the old Daviess County Jail, but to date has not formally accepted any of the three submitted bids. Fiscal Court has stated its interest in preserving the historic front of the Second Empire building. It could be incorporated into expanded exhibition facilities at the Executive Inn or become the focus of a city riverfront plan to add new street-front commercial space adjoining the Old Jail.



**BATES BUILDING • 1880s • 101 W 2nd St**  
 Even though the upper floors have been considered for conversion to residential use, since the closure of Club 101 & Lizard Lounge, the site may come under pressure for replacement by new construction. Interest in downtown property is expected to grow as the Riverfront Master Plan is implemented over the next several years. The impressive façades on 2nd and Allen streets make this building a cornerstone of downtown's Historic Main Street corridor.



**SMITH-WERNER • 1880s (1860s?) • 118-124 W 2nd St**  
 Daviess County Fiscal Court has owned this building since October 2000. The county should make certain to preserve the historic and distinctive Italianate façade, which continues to deteriorate; it is one of the last remaining and most extensive examples of 19th-century pressed-metal technology in the downtown area. The structure, which may date from the 1860s, continues to be occupied by active businesses.



**SUTHERLAND SCHOOL • 1930 • 7625 US 431**  
 Terry Dukes, owner of the former Stacy Chrysler buildings, also owns this historic building, which formerly was a public elementary school. Currently for sale, the school has sparked the interest of a group of Apollo High School students who are researching its history.



**BARRET-FISHER • 1900 (PVA) • 409-411 E 2nd St**  
 Currently undergoing structural renovation by owner Terry Woodward, this building features an iron and pressed-metal storefront by City Foundry and Machine Works of Owensboro. The storefront has survived intact for over a century, representing Main Street's heyday of commerce. To date, Woodward has not announced a prospective use for the building, located just two blocks east of the current National Register Main Street Historic District.

## Downtown Springs to Life

Celebrating good signs of preservation



**Owensboro Symphony Orchestra's** future Performing Arts Academy in the Miller Building, under rehab at River-Park Center



**Newberry Wile complex shows** Historic Main Street looking great!



**Smothers Park fountain** springs forth

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Potts Cabin

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**Preservation Alliance Membership 2002-2003**

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Ed Allen.....2003	Mary & George Crowder.....2002	Ted Lolley.....2002-2003	Betty Puckett.....2002-2003
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