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LIBERTY HALL HISTORIC SITE

"A National Historic Landmark"



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14, April 11, and May 9 *☞* Hunger for History Lunch Series
On the second Wednesday of the month at noon bring your lunch to LHHS for a free program which explores the history and preservation of the site. Beginning on March 14, Gene Butcher, window preservation expert from Georgetown, will answer questions regarding our window preservation project. Join us in April as we share exciting news about our interiors and May for a look at our historic landscape. Desserts and drinks are provided.

March 26 *☞* Heritage Touring: "Lies Across Kentucky"
Put on your coonskin caps, check your petticoat and come hear Kentucky's own historic myth-busters during this year's conference for guides, docent and educators. Conference fee of \$25 includes refreshments, lunch and hangouts. Registration and prepayment are required by March 23.

March 31, April 28, May 26 *☞* Family Fun Saturdays
On the last Saturday of the month from noon to 3pm
LHHS gears up for families seeking special weekend activities. Explore the lifestyles of 19th century Kentuckians with your family. Activities include exploring the site, hearthcooking, making Kentucky crafts, and hands-on collection sleuthing. Join us on March 31 for a scrapbook-quilting activity.

This Spring *☞* Self-guided Tours of the Gardens and Grounds
Enjoy a picnic, family photo, or stroll in the burgeoning gardens at LHHS this Spring. The history of LHHS sinks deep and flourishes with each season. The gardens and grounds are open to the public from dawn until dusk.



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features two houses, Liberty Hall (1796) and the Orlando Brown House (1835), as well as a large historic garden. Liberty Hall was the home of one of Kentucky's founding fathers and first US Senators, John Brown, and his family.

TOURS

The houses are open for guided tours March through mid-December.

Tuesday-Saturday
10:30am, 12noon,
1:30pm, 3:00pm

Sunday and Monday
by appointment
only

\$3 for adults and
\$2 for 18 years and under

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Happy Birthday Senator John Brown

2007 marks the 250th birthday of Senator John Brown and the 70th anniversary of Liberty Hall becoming a museum. To celebrate these occasions we have a full slate of events scheduled this year starting with our "Hunger for History" lecture series and ending with a symposium on John Brown's political career. In addition to special

events and programs, we are doing some repair work to both Liberty Hall and the Orlando Brown House, are having a paint analysis done on the interior of Liberty Hall, and are launching a new Friends membership program. We want to use these opportunities to re-introduce the site and the Brown family not only to Frankfort but to the state as well.



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Hats Off to... Liberty Hall Historic Site's 2006 volunteer Awards Recipients

In gratitude for the many hours donated to Liberty Hall Historic Site in 2006 by at least 60 of our volunteers, a luncheon was held in Bardstown at the Old Talbott Tavern on December 16. The event also included taking a tour of "My Old Kentucky Home." The tour afforded some volunteers the opportunity to see the Kentucky icon for the first time and others the opportunity to re-examine their perspective on historic house interiors.

In addition to lunch and a tour, we recognized the efforts of our volunteers through giving volunteer awards named in honor of the for-bearers of the site. In all, nine awards were designated and eight given. We are excited to introduce this new tradition and hope to select a volunteer for each award in 2007. Congratulations to the following award recipients!

Garden Committee
ANNE HORD BROWN AWARD

Given in honor of Orlando Brown's granddaughter and Colonial Dame of Kentucky, it is given to a committee or group of people who worked together to preserve and share the history of LHHS.



Louise Dearborn, Garden Committee Chair, accepts award in honor of the committee's diligent work in maintaining, interpreting and promoting the gardens and grounds.

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Site is to educate the public by interpreting
The mission of Liberty Hall Historic Site
highest professional standards.*

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The window repair project began at the end of February. Every window in each house will be removed and will go through a lengthy process of repair and repainting. Some of the original glass panes will not be reinstalled due to the fact that Brown family members have etched their names in them. These panes will be carefully stored and will be displayed at some point in the future. The repair of the windows is just the start in a multi-year plan of restoring the houses to their original glory. Structurally the houses are in fine shape but time has taken its toll and the houses are starting to show some wear. Having the windows repaired will not only make the houses look better, but will also make them more energy efficient which will help to cut down on our utility bills.

Sometime this summer, Matthew Mosca, historic paint finishes consultant, will be coming to do a surface analysis of the interior of Liberty Hall. There has been much discussion over the last several years as to what the interior of the house really looked like. Mr. Mosca will take samples from the walls, ceilings, windows (inside and out), door frames and floors. He will then take these samples back to his lab where he will study them with very sophisticated microscopes. He will then be able to tell us, among other things, if the walls were wallpapered or painted. If they were painted, he will tell us what those colors were. Once we get the information then the long process of restoring the interior of

**Emily Boggs, 2006 Summer Intern
ORLANDO BROWN AWARD**

Given in honor of Senator John Brown's youngest son, the award is given to LHHS's newest volunteer historian who dedicates his/her time to research.

**Ruth Schiller, Program Volunteer
CATALPA AWARD**

Named for our 200 plus year old catalpa tree, the award is given to the volunteer who like our catalpa tree, puts down strong roots and shows great dedication to our site.

**Pete Tancredi, Gardening Assistant
KITCHEN AWARD**

This award is given to the person who energetically takes on the dirty work of maintaining our site.

**Beverly Simpson and Emily Burns,
Hearth Cooking Demonstrators
MARGARETTA BROWN AWARD**

In honor of John Brown's wife who established and taught the first Sunday School west of the Alleghenies for young girls, this award is given to a person or group who shows the greatest dedication to fulfilling LHHS's educational mission.

**Daryl Embley, Student Volunteer
SARAH PARENT AWARD**

In honor of Liberty Hall's last custodian, the award is given to the person who is the greatest help back-behind-the-scenes of LHHS.



Daryl Embley receiving the Sara Parent Award from Sara Harger Elliott.



Ellen Bland received a reproduction porringer like the one carried by Margarett Brown from New York to Kentucky in 1801.

Liberty Hall will begin.

We have had a somewhat informal Friends group for several years. The new program is much more organized and has a special benefit package associated with each level of giving. By becoming a Friend of Liberty Hall Historic Site you will be helping to preserve not only the houses, but the collection and the gardens and grounds for future generations to enjoy. Our educational efforts for both children and adults are also supported by your donations. For more information about our new Friends group, see the "Be Our Friends" column on page 3 of this issue of the *Gazette*.

This year is a year of new beginnings, of remembering and honoring the patriarch of the Brown family, of restoring the houses to a condition the Browns would be proud of, and of building our support base so we can continue to do the important work that we do. We hope that you will join us in celebrating John Brown's birthday by attending one (or more) of our special events this year or by becoming a Friend of LHHS. Don't forget to come by and see the work that is being done on the windows.

Hope to see you soon!

**Sara Harger Elliott
Director**

**Greg Hardison, Museum Theater Director,
Kentucky Historical Society
ELIZABETH LOVE AWARD**

Given in honor of Margartta's steadfast friend, the award is given to the person who sacrifices their limited time and shares their talents without thought of receiving compensation beyond friendship.

**Ellen Bland, Chair of the
Development Committee
LIBERTY HALL AWARD**

Given to a volunteer who shows the greatest initiative and dynamic leadership in the effort to assure the sustainability of LHHS.

JOHN BROWN AWARD

In honor of our patriarch, this award will be given to the person or committee who raises the most money in the effort to preserve LHHS and its legacy. There was no recipient in 2006.

If you are interested in becoming a LHHS volunteer call us at 502/227-2560 or email us at libhall@dcr.net. Currently, we are looking for individuals who would be interested in sharing the history of the site through giving tours and broadening that history through the transcription of letters from the digital collections of LHHS. I hope to hear from you soon!

**Nicole Cox Markle
Curator of Education
and Volunteer Coordinator**

Be Our Friend

By becoming a Friend of Liberty Hall Historic Site, you will be helping to support our historic preservation and heritage education efforts. Help us maintain these architecturally significant houses, educate the public about the life and times of one of Kentucky's first families, and a put a human face on history through the stories of the Brown family who lived on the property for more than 150 years.

The site is a privately funded non-profit organization that relies on a variety of funding sources. We need friends like you to help us educate the public through guided house tours preserve Liberty Hall the Orlando Brown House and the gardens and grounds continue our public programming and special events enhance our children s programming and school tours

All members receive these benefits

- free admission
- discount on select events lectures and workshops
- The Gazette newsletter
- discount admissions and purchases at museums/historic sites through the Time Travelers Network (For more information about the Time Travelers Network, visit the Missouri Historical Society's web site www.mohistory.org.)

We hope you will consider becoming a Friend of Liberty Hall Historic Site. If you have any questions about this program or about planned or annual giving, please contact Sara at 502/227-2560 or email her at sara@libertyhall.org. A Friend's membership envelope is included in this issue of "The Gazette."

"Friendship is a sheltering tree."
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Bulletin Board

Announcements, Save the Dates, Etc.

CONGRATULATIONS Liberty Hall Historic Site

LHHS awarded Certificate of Commendation for the traveling exhibit *Our Castle at Frankfort* on March 3 at the Kentucky History Awards Program.



Transcribe from the comfort of your own home! Liberty Hall Historic Site seeks individuals interested in transcribing letters on their home computer. Contact Nicole Markle at 502/227-2560 or at libhall@dcr.net

SAVE THE DATES

August 13 and 14, LHHS along with Kentucky State University and the Kentucky Department of Parks will be sponsoring a **symposium on slavery in Kentucky**. Open to the public but designed for those who work at museums or historic sites that interpret slavery, this workshop will feature sessions on the history of different aspects of slavery while creating a three dimensional image of enslaved African-Americans. The keynote speaker will be Larry Earl, Director of African American Interpretation at Colonial Williamsburg.

LOOK OUT FOR

LHHS's articles in the **STATE JOURNAL** on the second Sunday of each month in 2007.

SAVE THE DATE

September 15, LHHS will host half day **symposium on John Brown** and his contributions to the state of Kentucky and the nation. The keynote speaker will be Stephen Aron, author of "How the West was Lost: The Transformation of Kentucky from Daniel Boone to Henry Clay." More details to come.