Dear Friends,

How did LHHS survive FY 20/21? By April 1, 2020 we were in full-blown pandemic mode—working from home, meeting virtually, and eating chocolate chip cookies three times a day. Using Zoom, we were able to continue with board meetings, staff meetings, and public programs. We also set up online systems for the museum store and ticket purchases.

The museum did not open for public tours until July, but our garden became a haven for people looking for a respite from the world. We welcomed My Old Kentucky Om who began having yoga classes on the lawn. “Pots, Plants, and the Past” was a joint program between LHHS and Broadway Clay, a local pottery shop. Participants made flowerpots at the shop, came to LHHS for a tour of the garden and received a plant to put in their hand-made pot.

We expanded our website by adding a monthly blog, crafts, coloring pages and puzzles based on collection pieces. Our pandemic version of Bourbon and Browns, a virtual auction, was very successful. Also, we received funding from the federal Payroll Protection Program that covered some costs for the three and a half months that we were closed to the public.

By March 31 we were pros at using digital equipment, had sat through over 1500 hours on Zoom, and were ready to welcome guests back to LHHS. If you need a break, come spend some time in our garden or take a tour of Liberty Hall. (COVID protocols are in place.) I think you will enjoy the experience.

Stay safe,

Sara
Our Mission:
The mission of Liberty Hall Historic Site is to serve the public by preserving collections and sharing stories that illustrate urban life in early Kentucky through the contributions of Senator John Brown and his family, and demonstrate the ways in which the people and customs of the past relate to the world today.

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"I can't say enough about the tour. There are definite measures taken to lessen the chance of Covid ... It was an extremely in-depth tour of the house, but focused on the family, which I found enlightening."

-Dewayne P.