Friday, April 26: 13th Annual Win, Place, & Show Derby Party!

Tickets are already going for one of the best spring parties in town! Last year’s event was a sell-out and we anticipate an equally successful event this year as we once again return to the Barr House to celebrate and support HPBC/Hopewell’s youth and adult education programs. There will be great music from The Mercy Men, awesome food, specialty cocktails, and enthusiastic dancing! We will also have some fabulous items up for auction, such as box seats for a day at Keeneland, unique works of art, equine themed jewelry, and more! Purchase your tickets at www.hopewellmuseum.org today to guarantee your spot!

Can’t attend, but still want to be part of the event? Consider contributing to our silent or live auction! Popular auction items include event tickets (basketball, Derby, theater, etc), golf excursions, tours, local & unique art, rare & hard to find items, or equine themed items. Have something you think you might wish to contribute? Just call 859-987-7274 or email info@hopewellmuseum.org.

Call for Loans: Hattie Hutchcraft Hill Exhibit

Our next exhibit opens on June 9 and guest curator Margaret Layton is hard at work, but we need your help! While we have several of Hattie Hutchcraft Hill’s own works of art that will be featured in the exhibit we are also looking for works that her students might have done, letters to or from Hattie, other objects related to Hattie or her family, etc. If you have something that you think may be of interest for loan to the exhibit, please call 859-987-7274 or email info@hopewellmuseum.org.

April 20: Kid’s Derby Art Day!

We can’t let the adults have all the fun of Derby! For a little pre-Derby fun children are invited to the Museum from 2-4 PM on April 20 to create a unique Derby themed work of art to take home with them! We’ll provide all of the materials for this FREE event.

Tales From The Tomb

If you aren’t following us on social media, you’re missing out! Each Tuesday we are featuring something found during our inventory of our collections. Until we are able to share our collections online, this is our way to invite you in for a behind the scenes peek at what we’re working on from the comfort of your phone or computer! So far, we’ve shared a giant prescription bottle advertisement, bourbon bottle, and buggy warmer among others. You never know what you’ll see.

Becoming American Exhibit Opening Huge Success!

We could not have been more thrilled at the response to our exhibit opening on February 10 as we welcomed 115 (!) members of the public for the unveiling. There’s still time to see this exhibit as it remains on display until May 30.

Thank you to our volunteers! National Volunteer Month

April is National Volunteer Month, so of course we wish to thank all of our many volunteers that help out throughout the year. Whether they serve as a volunteer docent, board member, volunteer at our numerous events, lead school tours, or assist with exhibits HPBC/Hopewell could not exist without their time and willingness to step in when needed! In 2018 alone we had more than 40 volunteers who contributed over 1700 hours of their time for an average of 33 hours a week!
**Upcoming April-May Events**

**April 12, 5-9PM Paris ARTWALK.** Enjoy a look at regional artists’ works throughout downtown Paris and then join us at the Museum for a look at our featured artist, Sarah Spradlin’s works. You can learn more about Sarah and her art at https://artistdirectory.ky.gov/Pages/KentuckyCraftedArtistPage.aspx?ArtistID=567.

**May 12, 10-11 AM Paris Storytelling Festival Jam Session with the Ruckers.** Nationally known storytelling musicians Sparky and Rhonda Rucker will hold an all-ages jam session at the Museum. Whether you play, sing, or just enjoy music this is sure to be a fun time! You can read more about Sparky, Rhonda, and the rest of the events that make up the four day Festival at https://parisstoryfest.com/storytellers/.

**May 18, 10 AM Janie-Rice Brother** Join us for a Historic Preservation month event with architectural historian, Janie-Rice Brother. A native Kentuckian with over 15 years experience in the field of historic architecture and preservation, she will lead an exciting discussion about preservation as it relates to our community. You can learn more about her at her blog https://www.gardenstogables.com/author/tansylilliedottie/.

**Keeneland Foundation Grant Recipient!**

We are thrilled to announce that HPBC/Hopewell Museum is a 2019 recipient of a Keeneland Foundation Grant. With the help of board member, Jennifer Mattox, we applied for this grant at the end of 2018 and recently learned that we were awarded for the full amount requested! We will be able to use this grant to help toward costs associated with replacing some of our 10-15 year old computer and printing equipment.

**Mary Spears Van Meter History Award**

Do you work with 6-12 grade students in Paris or Bourbon County? If so, help us spread the word about the inaugural Mary Spears Van Meter History Award. There’s still plenty of time for students to get involved and we are here to help! Students or teachers can call or email if they have questions about any part of the competition or invite us to their classroom! More can be found at https://www.hopewellmuseum.org/learn/education/.

**Registration Opens April 15 for Summer Photography Camp**

Our popular summer camp registration will open April 15 for any area student ages 8-11. Campers will learn about the history of photography, learn photography techniques, explore downtown Paris for their own photos and finally create their own exhibit.

Space is limited, $20 per child includes lunch and supplies.

**Camp: June 18-21, 12-4 PM.**

**Exhibit opening June 21, 5:30 PM.**

You can register online at www.hopewellmuseum.org beginning April 15! Email info@hopewellmuseum.org for.