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Take a Historical Marker Driving Tour Through Bourbon County

The weather is finally warm and when it's not raining it's a great time to get out and see the sights of the county while learning a little bit more about its history. Bourbon County currently has 26 Kentucky historical markers located throughout the county. These markers tell different stories about historic locations, events, and people of the county; such as Garrett Morgan, hemp, Mae Street Kidd, Martin's Station, and more. Historical markers are public driven—meaning that it is a homeowner, community organization, church group, or even a school group who are responsible for getting these markers placed within a county. They require that the marker applicant (s) conduct historical research, provide primary & secondary source evidence to support their claim, and write the final marker text. All of this is put into an application which is submitted to the Kentucky Historical Society for review and approval. If the application is accepted and once the fee (between \$2000 & \$3000) is paid, then the marker is installed by the Kentucky Department of Transportation. In some cases, the Hopewell Museum has served as a co-sponsor/applicant and has helped to raise funds for the markers—as we did for the Alexander House marker. The marker program has existed since 1949 and there are now more than 2400 markers around the state. Because of the long history of the program and changes in standards of historical scholarship you may notice dramatic differences between older and more recent markers. There have even been significant changes to the application process within the last 10 years, so if you helped on one before the process may be different than what you remember. We think that historical markers are a great way to educate locals and tourists about our local history, so if you have an idea for a historical marker in the county you can begin by familiarizing yourself with the process at <https://history.ky.gov/bring-khs-to-your-town/historical-marker-program/>. The Hopewell Museum is here to help answer research questions and in some cases can help with the application process.



You can find a complete list of all Bourbon County historical markers at <https://www.hopewellmuseum.org/learn/historic-preservation/bourbon-county-historical-markers/>. Each link provides a bit more information than can be found on the marker as well as directions or address for the marker. You can also download the Kentucky Historical Society's ExploreKyHistory mobile app to find the Bourbon County marker tour (it will not have the most recent marker, though!).

Hopewell Museum Receives Kentucky Humanities Council CARES Grant



The Hopewell Museum is happy to announce that we have been the recipient of a \$2500 Kentucky Humanities Council CARES Grant. Funding for these grants was through the National Endowment for the Humanities. These grants are meant to help provide relief to organizations who have seen their revenue impacted as a result of COVID-19. Funding can be used for operational & programmatic relief.

The Hopewell Museum will use this funding primarily to help us create or adapt current educational programs to virtual experiences so that we can better meet the needs of our audience in the future.

Paris-Bourbon Library: Summer Reading Secret Codes

The Library is using a rewards system called BookPoints for their Summer Reading program this year, and we are participating! Kids can find codes like the one below throughout our website, scan them, and earn points for the program.



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Regular Hours Wed-Sat 12-5 Sun 2-4 or by appointment

Admission \$5 adults; students, children and members free

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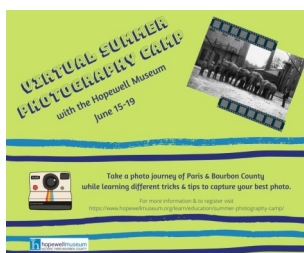
Letter from the Director: Hopewell Museum Re-opening Update

If you follow our Facebook page you might have already seen our note regarding re-opening last week, but we want to make sure everyone is as informed as possible. Many of you may have seen the Governor's updates last week that say that museums may re-open on June 8 as long as they meet certain guidelines. Though, we miss having the public inside the building, in order to meet these guidelines we will not be re-opening at that time. Below are steps we are taking or have taken to date.

1. We have reached out to our current docents regarding their comfort level at returning. As our front-line who most frequently interact with in-person visitors their safety is paramount and we must prepare a plan with their input. **If you are a current docent who did not receive this survey for some reason, please contact me at 859-987-7274.**
2. The Hopewell Executive Committee met on May 25 with our volunteer docent coordinator to discuss our plan and possible dates. Not only is our plan informed through docent input, but we are participating in online chats with other museums through the Kentucky Museum & Heritage Alliance, we are reviewing current CDC guidelines regarding cleaning policies, and American Alliance of Museum recommendations for museums. The next KMHA chat is May 28 and will further discuss what museums are doing around the state to prepare for re-opening. We hope that this chat will help us to refine our plan and think about any considerations we may be overlooking.
3. We will communicate with local government/county health regarding our plan before any re-opening date is confirmed and ensure that our plan meets their expectations and recommendations for local businesses.
4. We are working to secure any sanitation supplies prior to any re-opening. As many of you are aware, hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies are still in high demand and we need to be able to meet expectations for use with volunteers and visitors.

We are currently in the midst of step 2, but hope to be able to move to step 3 soon. Assuming we can achieve step 4 we hope to announce a tentative re-opening date in a couple of weeks. We know that plans may change due to state guidelines or as more information regarding the virus comes to light, so we thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to re-open.

Cheryl Caskey—Executive Director



Virtual Summer Photography Camp: June 15 - June 19

Registration for our virtual summer photography camp is open at <https://www.hopewellmuseum.org/learn/education/summer-photography-camp/>. Registration closes on June 3 so that we can order t-shirts and any necessary supplies. We recommend this camp for ages 6+. Camp lessons will be a mix of live & pre-recorded along with do at home activities. Campers will pick up their camp kits a few days before camp begins. Email info@hopewellmuseum.org for more information.