H.P.B.C./Hopewell Museum Christmas Party and Membership Meeting - Saturday, December 10

On Saturday, December 10, HPBC and Hopewell Museum will host its combined annual Holiday Party and membership meeting at Hopewell Museum. The evening will include the potluck “soup supper” and the annual membership meeting normally held in November.

Please phone the museum at 859-987-7274 to volunteer to make your special soup, pimento cheese sandwiches, olive nut sandwiches, cornbread, or desserts. Crackers are also needed.

Make plans to usher in the holiday season and join us for this festive evening on December 10 from 6:00—9:00 p.m.

H.P.B.C./Hopewell Museum Participates in 1st Annual Cane Ridge Elementary Hallowe’en Celebration

Catesby Simpson, Kathleen Carter, and Ron Carter took a giant supply of candy to Cane Ridge Elementary on Halloween for the school’s 1st Trick or Treat Day. From 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., our volunteers gave out candy to 465 students and 26 teachers. Our table was decorated with pumpkins, black cat, and fall arrangement.

Thanks to Catesby, Kathleen, and Ron for providing some “boo”-licious treats to the Cane Ridge students.

In Memoriam

On Tuesday, October 4, 2023, Historic Paris-Bourbon County and Hopewell Museum lost one of its most loyal and ardent supporters. In 1978, Kenney Shropshire Roseberry was among the founders of H.P.B.C. and remained active in HPBC and Hopewell Museum until her death. She served as President of the Board, docent, and volunteer. In 1994, Kenney and Russell (Dickie) Brunner were instrumental in Historic Paris-Bourbon County acquiring the 1911 Post Office building that would become Hopewell Museum. KSR was truly a force of nature and will be greatly missed. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Kenney’s entire family.
Bourbon County Citizen “Newseum” Receives 2022 Mary Spears Van Meter Award

The Mary Spears Van Meter Dinner is HPBC’s annual founder’s celebration, in honor of founder Mary Spears Van Meter. On Friday, November 18, following a wonderful dinner catered by Lil’s, Dr. Woodford S. Van Meter spoke about his mother, her life in Paris, and her involvement in local historic preservation efforts, including the work that led up to the publication of Historic Architecture of Bourbon County (the “Green Book”) in 1985. Following Dr. Van Meter’s talk, the Bourbon County Citizen “Newseum” was presented the 2022 Mary Spears Van Meter Award for Historic Preservation for the efforts of the Brannon family and their staff to stabilize the Citizen building and preserve over 200 years of newspapers and local history. With assistance from Historic Paris-Bourbon County’s Sally Quillin Fund for Historic Preservation, the Citizen was able to purchase archival boxes and tissue paper to correctly store the papers. Long-time Hopewell Museum volunteer Nancy O’Malley then organized and catalogued them by date, stored them in the archival boxes, and placed them on moveable metal carts. Congratulations to the Bourbon County Citizen!

A heartfelt thanks to Cynthia Criswell, who chaired the event, and the many volunteers who planned, organized, and made this special evening such a success!

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Creative Harvest is on display through December 9, 2022. If you haven't had the opportunity to see this beautiful exhibit, your time is running out! Thanks to the Hopewell Creative Arts Guild for co-sponsoring this great annual exhibit.

Hopewell Museum will close to the public on Friday, December 17 for the holiday season. Following the holiday hiatus, beginning on January 3, 2023, regular office hours will be kept Tuesday - Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The museum will remain closed until Wednesday, February 1, 2023, but will be open by appointment during the month of January.