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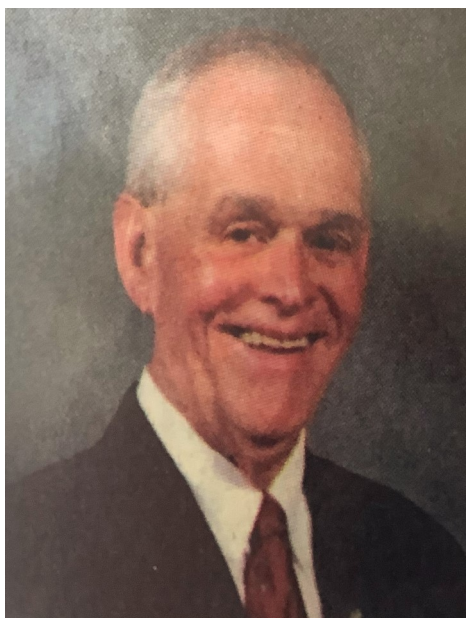
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Hours: Wednesday-Saturday 12-5 pm Tuesday by appointment

Adults - \$5 Members and under 18 - Free

H.P.B.C./Hopewell Museum Welcomes New Executive Director

Denise Estelle Brown joined the museum as its new Executive Director on March 1st. A lifelong Kentucky resident, Denise earned a BA in Studio Art from Transylvania University in Lexington. She holds a Master's in Liberal Arts from Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore, Maryland. A working artist and fiction writer, Denise brings a passion for creativity to the position as well as an ardent desire to uphold the mission of Hopewell Museum.



In Memorium

Sadly, the museum lost one of its key members and biggest supporters in April—Russell “Dickie” Brunner. Even as he struggled with health issues, Dickie remained actively involved with Hopewell, serving as the Board Treasurer and financial secretary. As he lived right next door, he also kept a sharp eye on the building and was its unspoken ‘security guard’. Dickie was integral to HPBC obtaining the old post office building at 800 Pleasant Street decades ago; he faithfully cared for its ongoing maintenance needs right up till the end of his life. In addition, it was his past work as the City Treasurer of Paris that enabled him to advocate for civic support of the county’s only historic museum. Dickie’s wife, RaeJean, daughter, Kirstin, and son-in-law, Ed, often assisted him in his work for the museum, making HPBC a ‘family commitment’. A kind and loving soul, he will be deeply missed and is truly irreplaceable.



In Memorium

Mrs. Betsy Kuster passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in June. She was a stalwart figure in the city of Paris and in Bourbon County, an avid proponent of historic preservation and civic awareness. Her dream was to have every nook and cranny of Bourbon County in the National Register of Historic Places—and she came close. Betsy was a mentor to anyone who wanted to save an old house, barn or outbuilding. She was a founder of Historic Paris-Bourbon County, served as its president and later as a diligent board member. Hers was often the deciding voice on a question of policy or procedure. She was wise without being arrogant, firm but not controlling. And she was invariably kind. Our loving thoughts are with her husband Ted, and her daughters Mary and Rebecca and their families.

We will miss her terribly.

2023 Bill Coleman Jazz Festival

The second annual Bill Coleman Jazz Festival will take place the weekend of July 14th-16th. It starts with an educational lecture at the Paris public library that Friday at 6:30, delivered by Bill Allison of Louisville. Mr. Allison will share information about the life of Coleman, both at home and abroad in Paris, France. Saturday evening, a live jazz concert will take place at the museum, beginning with dinner at 6:30 and music from 7:30-10:00pm. An auction and open bar are highlights of what promises to be a magical evening of entertainment! The festival concludes Sunday with a free concert by local jazz players at 2pm in Chief Reed Park. Tickets are \$75 for a single, \$65 for multiples. RSVP @www.hopewellmuseum.org

FALL OPEN HOUSE: We are delighted to be able to tour the Woodlawn house, owned by Steve and Cindy Stewart, located at 1519 Peacock Road, on August the 19th@2:00pm. The Stewarts, who recently completed an extensive renovation of the historical property, look forward to sharing the details with all of the 'old house lovers' in attendance. Members, \$15, non-members, \$20. Refreshments will be served.

THE WOODCARVINGS OF TOM WILLIAMS: *Closing Reception for this exhibit is Friday, July 28th@5:30.*



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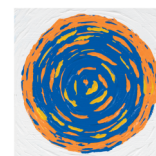
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2023 Mary Spears Van Meter Dinner And Award Reception

The Mary Spears Van Meter Dinner is HPBC's annual founders' celebration, in honor of founder Mary Spears Van Meter. Social Hour starts at 6:00 on Friday, August 11th, followed by dinner at 7:00. Local lawyer, Sannie Overly, is the featured speaker. In addition, the Mary Spears Van Meter Award for Historic Preservation will be presented. Members, \$35, non-members, \$45.

Creative Harvest Art Exhibit will go on display the first week of August, 2023. Please plan to come by the museum and check out the work of local artists! Thanks to the Hopewell Creative Arts Guild for co-sponsoring this great annual exhibit.



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