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

Adults - \$5 Members and under 18 - Free

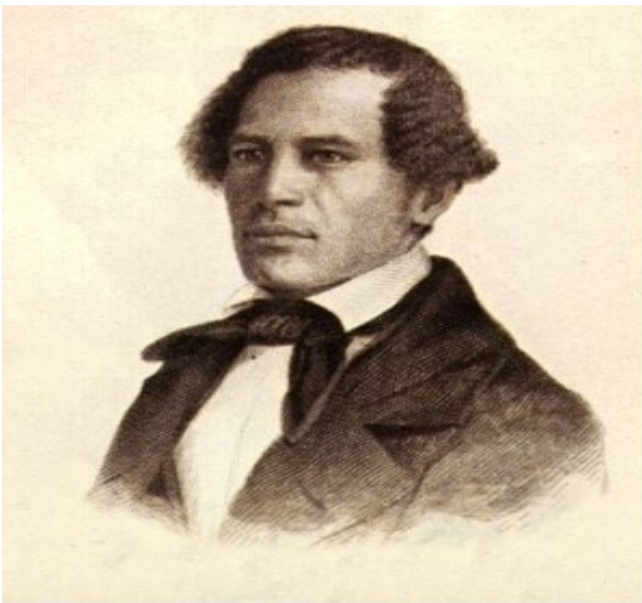
H.P.B.C./Hopewell Museum Revamps Gallery Spaces

Nancy O'Malley and Betsy Kephart have bravely taken on the arduous task of reorganizing the museum's two main galleries and installing new exhibits in both. Many items have never been on display before, so the current design and arrangement are certainly fresh. Visitors are sure to be delighted, even surprised, by the dynamic and creative layout of these historic collections.



The opening reception was well attended on February 23, 2024. Everyone was impressed by the scope and detail of the exhibit and commented on the number of artifacts on display.

We encourage everyone to come by for a visit and enjoy the exciting, wonderful and challenging history of Paris and Bourbon County.



RESCHEDULED—Chautauqua Performance:

William Wells Brown

In Celebration of Black History Month

On March 15th, @6:30

Virgil Covington, Jr. will entertain us with a reenactment of the life and experiences of Kentucky native William Wells Brown. Born into slavery in 1814/1815, Brown would finally escape to freedom at the age of 20 after many failed attempts. His passion for justice and equality led him to become active in the abolitionist movement. A gifted writer and orator, he lent his elegant voice to speaking at events advocating for an end to slavery. He would go on to become America's first African-American novelist and playwright. His memoir was a bestseller, and his fame would continue to grow while living abroad in Europe. He eventually settled in Boston, opening a medical practice, before his death in 1882.

2024 Bill Coleman Jazz Weekend

SAVE THE DATE! The third annual Bill Coleman Jazz Weekend will take place April 26-28th. It starts with a free educational lecture about Mr. Coleman's life and jazz on Friday, April 26 at 6:30 at Hopewell Museum.

On Saturday evening April 27, enjoy live jazz at OASIS, 610 Main Street from 6:30 to 10 pm. The Walnut Street Ramblers & vocalist La'Shelle Allen, return to entertain with soulful jazz compositions. Dinner, two drink tickets along with a cash bar and live and silent auctions are included in the \$75 ticket price of what promises to be a magical evening!

On Sunday April 28, the weekend concludes with a free jazz concert by the Keith McCutchen Quintet starting at 2 pm, at the Bourbon County High School Auditorium.



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Save the Date - Mary Spears Van Meter Dinner & Historic Preservation Award

Friday, August 16, 2024 6-8 pm

The dinner is HPBC's annual founders' celebration, in honor of founder Mary Spears Van Meter. The evening includes a guest speaker, dinner and drinks and the presentation of the award.

More details to come!

Spring Art Walk: Hopewell Museum will feature a Kentucky artist in conjunction with the city of Paris' Spring Art Walk on April 19th from 6-9:00 pm. Join us for a free reception, including light refreshments.