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LIBERTY HALL HISTORIC SITE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Slavery Symposium: "Interpreting Slavery at Kentucky Historic Sites"
August 13 and 14 ☞ In collaboration with Kentucky State University and Kentucky State Parks, LHHS to host symposium for docents and the public on the interpretation of Kentucky's slavery history.

Family Fun Saturdays ☞ The last Saturday of the month
LHHS gears up for families seeking special weekend activities. Explore the lifestyles of 19th century Kentuckians with your family. Activities include exploring the site, hearthcooking, making Kentucky crafts, and hands-on collection sleuthing.

Hunger for History Lunch Series ☞ September 12
Happy 250th Birthday Senator Brown!
On the second Wednesday of the month at noon bring your lunch to LHHS for a free program. Hear stories from the mouths of Senator John Brown's family in honor of his 250th Birthday. Desserts and drinks are provided.

A Very Brilliant Party ☞ September 13 and 14
You're invited to join us as we celebrate Senator John Brown's 250th Birthday at the Orlando Brown House.

John Brown Symposium ☞ September 15
1st annual symposium on Kentucky's founding father, Senator John Brown. Season long programming will culminate in a symposium on his contributions to state and national politics.

This Summer ☞ Self-guided Tours of the Gardens and Grounds
Enjoy a picnic, family photo, or stroll in the burgeoning gardens at LHHS.



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Preservation Update

LHHS's Window



Restoration Project



Newly installed window in Orlando Brown House. OB fanlight as background.

is scheduled for completion by early mid-August at the Brown House. Then the house will be professionally cleaned, and the collection put back in place in time for our annual "Friend-Raiser," A Very Brilliant Party, on September 13 and 14.

Workmen then move to Liberty Hall to begin restoration of the windows. Although the construction of Liberty Hall began in 1796, glass for these windows didn't arrive in Frankfort until 1803. The Brown family had arrived in 1801 and had been occupying the house. Because of the unusually large size of the panes, the glass was custom made by the Geneva Glass Works in Pennsylvania and then carefully transported by river and muleback to Frankfort.

During the windows restoration at Liberty Hall, tours will be cancelled, but the Orlando House will be open for visitors.

In some cases, it will be possible to observe the work in progress at Liberty Hall.

Another milestone in our restoration occurred several weeks ago when Matthew Mosca from Baltimore, MD spent five days at Liberty Hall taking paint samples from the interior. Mosca has utilized his expertise in paint analysis at historic buildings from Mount Vernon to various federal buildings in Washington, as well as historic homes in Virginia and Kentucky. Modern techniques make it possible to determine the color of various layers. He found evidences of early wallpaper in many of the rooms. We are eager to see the detailed report of his discoveries that will serve as a guide for our future interior restoration.

by Nash Cox
Board President

Photos by Nicole Markie

LIBERTY HALL HISTORIC SITE

features two houses, Liberty Hall (1796) and the Orlando Brown House (1835), as well as a large historic garden. Liberty Hall was the home of one of Kentucky's founding fathers and first US Senators, John Brown, and his family.

TOURS

The houses are open for guided tours
March through mid-December.

Tuesday-Saturday
10:30am, 12noon, 1:30pm, 3:00pm

Sunday and Monday
by appointment only

\$3 for adults and \$2 for 18 years and under

For more information, call us at 1-888-516-5101 or email us at libhall@dcr.net



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Sara Harger Elliott

As many of you already know I have left Liberty Hall Historic Site. I am now one of the new curators at the Kentucky Historical Society. My eight years as director of LHHS have been wonderful! Except for a few, brief, moments I have loved every minute of it.

I have been fortunate to have had a great staff and board that have worked well as a team and have helped LHHS reach the level of professionalism that it has. I will miss working with everyone here. Although I won't be on-site I will always carry Liberty Hall, the Orlando Brown House, and the Brown family as well as the Liberty Hall Historic Site family in my heart.

My husband, John, and I have finally moved to Frankfort so I won't be far away. There are a lot of great things coming down the pike for LHHS and it will be fun to watch them unfold.

Keep in touch and please stop by Liberty Hall and the Orlando Brown House and see the new windows, hear about the results of the paint analysis and say hello to the staff and give them some encouragement during this transitional period.

Thank you again for your support of LHHS and best wishes,
by Sara



Farewell to Sara

It's hard to remember where Liberty Hall Historic Site was eight years ago when Sara first came to Liberty Hall. She was our second director. Her predecessor, Carter Lively, had laid the foundation, and she took our operations to the next level of professionalism and public programming.

Sara was indefatigable in speaking to media outlets and community groups at all hours of the day, traveling out in the state to represent Liberty Hall, and making our site more visible. The staff she assembled was always an incubator of creative ideas and initiated model programming that was duplicated at other historic homes.

She loved Liberty Hall with a passion, but the Kentucky History Center lured her away to become a senior curator, a job that emphasized her particular interest—research which could become the basis for engaging public programs. The love of history should be shared, and Sara exemplified this spirit. We look forward to a continued relationship with her at the History Center and the Old Capitol, for which our own John Brown of Liberty Hall served as a commissioner in its construction.

*by Nash Cox
Board President*

Be Our Friend

By becoming a Friend of Liberty Hall Historic Site, you will be helping to support our historic preservation and heritage education efforts. Help us maintain these architecturally significant houses, educate the public about the life and times of one of Kentucky's first families, and put a human face on history through the stories of the Brown family who lived on the property for more than 150 years.

- The site is a privately funded non-profit organization that relies on a variety of funding sources. We need friends like you to help us
- educate the public through guided house tours
 - preserve Liberty Hall, the Orlando Brown House and the gardens and grounds
 - continue our public programming and special events
 - enhance our children's programming and school tours

All members receive these benefits:

- free admission
- discount on select events, lectures and workshops
- "The Gazette" newsletter
- discount admissions and purchases at museums/historic sites through the Time Travelers Network (For more information about the Time Travelers Network, visit the Missouri Historical Society's web site www.mohistory.org.)

We hope you will consider becoming a Friend of Liberty Hall Historic Site. If you have any questions about this program or about planned or annual giving, please contact Sara at 502/227-2560 or email her at sara@libertyhall.org. A Friend's membership envelope is included in this issue of "The Gazette."

"Friendship is a sheltering tree."
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Bulletin Board

Announcements, Save the Dates, Etc.

BUILDINGS TEMPORARILY CLOSED
The Orlando Brown House is temporarily closed with a pending reopening set for the 8th of August. Other site changes will occur over the summer. Check our web site at www.libertyhall.org before planning a visit to Liberty Hall Historic Site. Gardens and grounds will continue to be open to visitors and rentals throughout the year.

ARRIVING SOON
Membership cards arriving in mid-August to "Friends" of Liberty Hall Historic Site.

CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY UPDATED WEBSITE!

NEW LHHS PROJECT
Emily Boggs currently conducting Oral History Project on Randy Huff. Currently Randy knows more about LHHS than anyone else alive.

STAFF UPDATES
M. Lynn Barnes, Interim Executive Director
Faculty of Eastern Kentucky University
Jonathan Philpot, Interim Curator of Collections
Recent M.A. graduate from Western Kentucky University
Emily Boggs, Assitant Curator of Collections
B.A. Canidate from Eastern Kentucky University

Program Spotlight

You're invited to Liberty Hall Historic Site's Event of the Year:

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September 13th and 14th

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For more information or to make reservations call 502/227-2560

