

SUMMER 1992

## WE'RE 10 YEARS OLD!

Preservation Alliance of Owensboro-Daviess Co. celebrates its 10th anniversary this summer as a formally organized group dedicated to promoting the preservation of historic buildings and sites. Highlights of the past ten years include the following activities and efforts:

### ADVOCACY

- \* Petitioned county government not to demolish the Newberry-Wile Building for a parking lot but make it available for public use.
- \* Persuaded Catholic Diocese not to demolish St. Joseph Church for one year while a task force was formed to work toward its preservation. Our efforts helped keep the windows in the community.
- \* Encouraged appropriate design for infill buildings located within the historic districts.
- \* Recognized good preservation projects in several major newspaper ads.

### PRESERVATION

- \* Provided grant to Downtown Owensboro, Inc. to hire an architectural historian to place the Main Street Historic District on the National Register.
- \* Salvaged pieces of the historic Guenther Building to be used in a public garden in future years.
- \* Purchased the Rosenwald School which was in danger of being demolished and developed plans to move it to Yellow Creek Park and restore it for public use.
- \* Received Bicentennial Grant for the renovation of the Rosenwald School and raised over \$13,000 in matching money and services.

### FUNDRAISING

- \* Celebrated the renovation of Union Station by David Hocker and Associates for their corporate offices with a large benefit party.
- \* Held one of the most unique Halloween parties in Owensboro's history at the LeVega Clements House prior to its renovation.
- \* Sold plaques to owners of historic homes to identify those which are placed on the National Register.

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## ROSENWALD SCHOOL

It did not happen over night but with about 5 years of work by Preservation Alliance members, community leaders, volunteers and local businesses, Rosenwald school has been relocated to Yellow Creek Park. The one-room schoolhouse used for educating black children from 1918 until 1936 will be restored in an architecturally correct manner, respectful of its original design, materials and craftsmanship.

Preservation Alliance hopes to prepare the building so that it will become a living museum to depict the early 20th Century education of rural black children. It also will serve as a tourist and education attraction to promote local and regional visitors to the Park.

In addition to the renovation PA is looking for the kinds of desks, slate boards and heating stove that were typical of the schoolhouse.

Thank You, to the local governments, businesses, and many individuals that have supported this project financially. If you would like to have a part in this project, donations can be mailed to :

Preservation Alliance  
P.O. Box 834  
Owensboro, Ky 42302

Preservation Alliance is happy about this accomplishment after 5 years of efforts and welcomes your support and help. All of us working together can continue to preserve local heritage.





# SHAKERTOWN

SHAKERTOWN AND HARRODSBURG  
DESTINATION OF AUGUST 29-30 TRIP

Preservation Alliance board has planned another very special trip for its members and their guests to visit Harrodsburg and Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill on August 29-30.

The trip will include a continental breakfast and games during the ride to our first stop in Harrodsburg, KY where you will have a choice of antiquing, or a tour of downtown or Ft. Harrod. After lunch at Beaumont Inn, we'll go to Shakertown to for a tour, pre-dinner party, full Shaker style dinner, and lodging in guest houses. Sunday will feature a country breakfast and river-boat ride.

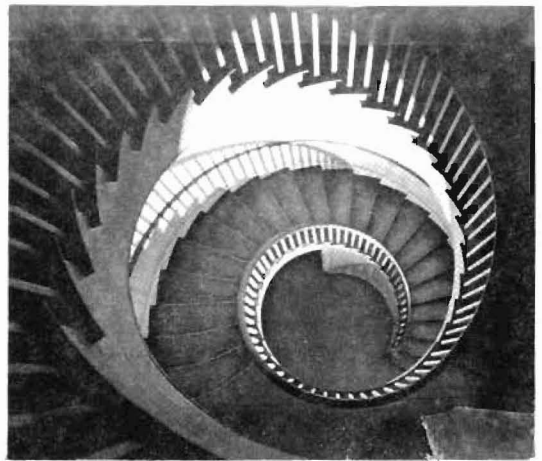
This will be the 5th year that the group has sponsored an historic tour but the first time that it will include an overnight stay. In response to the sellout trip to Bardstown last summer, the board was encouraged to coordinate an overnight stop at one of Kentucky's historic inns for their '92 trip.

**The cost of this adventure for members is \$119 per person based on double room occupancy.** Single occupancy is \$133 per person and triple occupancy is \$111 per person. The price for non-members is \$129 per person for a double, \$143 for a single, or \$121 for a triple.

Since an annual membership is only \$15 per household, couples who are non-members may find a membership investment not only helps save buildings but it saves money on P.A. sponsored activities.

The package price includes:

- \* transportation
- \* lodging
- \* four meals
- \* two guided tours
- \* pre-dinner party
- \* boat ride
- \* gratuities and taxes.



Reservations can be made by sending your check to Preservation Alliance, 326 St. Elizabeth St., Owensboro, KY 42303. THIS WILL BE ANOTHER SELLOUT TRIP SO WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU SEND YOUR RESERVATION BY JULY 28 TO BE ASSURED OF A SEAT. If you find it necessary to cancel, call 926-4444 before August 21 and all but \$25 can be refunded.

We will DEPART AT 7:30 a.m. from the Central Bank and Trust parking lot at 3rd and Daviess St. and travel by comfortable coach. The travel time will pass quickly as you enjoy a light CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST served by the board of directors who also have some preservation games planned.

Our first stop is historic HARRODSBURG which is located in the heart of Kentucky's Bluegrass country. Here you can choose between one of three activities. Since Harrodsburg is known for its beautiful houses and quaint commercial buildings, we've arranged a 60 minute mini-tour of the downtown lead by Robin Cutter, Executive Director of Harrodsburg's downtown revitalization agency.

Or you may choose to visit OLD FORT HARROD which commemorates the first permanent white settlement west of the Alleghenies. Here you'll find a replica of the original Fort, scores of pioneer implements and utensils, a museum, and an early cemetery. Admission to this optional tour is not included in the package price.

ANTIQUE BUFFS may choose to browse around the many shops while others are doing one of the tours.

BEAUMONT INN is the site of our luncheon stop. Constructed in 1845, the building which is now Beaumont Inn was a school for young ladies of our Great-grandmothers' days. Known for its excellent service and traditional Kentucky fare, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

SHAKER VILLAGE is only a few miles away. There we will savor the past in the 30 original 19th century buildings accurately restored and adapted to provide visitors a variety of experiences. On a self-guided tour we will view 40 rooms of Shaker furnishings in the Centre Family Dwelling and marvel at the unique

cantilever construction of the Meeting House. We'll learn about the uses of herbs as medicinal cures in the Farm Deacons' Shop, watch broommakers, joiners, coopers, spinners, weavers, and quilters. We can explore the kitchen and herb gardens or just sit on the porch.

You will have ample time for SHOPPING at the two craft sales shops which feature a wide assortment of handmade items.

An early evening RECEPTION will be hosted by Preservation Alliance board members in the Carruther's Room at the East Family Dwelling prior to dinner.

At DINNER you will again dine on Kentucky country fare but this time in the 19th century charm of the Trustees' Office Inn. Our 7:15 seating for dinner includes appetizer, relishes, salad, entree, three vegetables passed at the table, breads fresh from the oven and home-baked pies, cakes, or tarts.

LODGING will be in one of the guest rooms furnished with reproduction Shaker pieces and hand-woven rugs and curtains. All rooms have private baths. Please indicate on your registration form if it is necessary for you to have a first floor room since there are no elevators.

BREAKFAST is a country buffet served beginning at 8:30 am.

Following breakfast we will load the buses and depart for Shaker Landing where we will board the DIXIE BELLE STERNWHEELER. The paddlewheeler will take us down the Kentucky River for a ride under High Bridge, an engineering wonder when it was built in 1879. Naturalist will be delighted by the beauty of the high limestone cliffs lining the riverbank.

We hope to return to Owensboro by 1:30 (CST).

SEND YOUR RESERVATION QUICKLY TO BE ASSURED OF A SEAT. Mail to Preservation Alliance, 326 St. Elizabeth St., 42303 or telephone 926-4444 for further information. Check page 4 to see if you've paid your 1992 dues.

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#### EDUCATION

- \* Provided a representative on the city's Design Review Commission.
- \* Directed annual walking tours of the downtown in conjunction with Preservation Week or local festivals.
- \* Developed a children's program on architecture.
- \* Planned an exhibit on local architectural styles.
- \* Studied feasibility of publishing a photograph book of historic county buildings.
- \* Held a seminar on rehabilitation for owners of historic buildings.
- \* Co-sponsored tour of a historic cemetery.

#### PROGRAMS FOR MEMBERS

- \* Organized walking tour of five homes in the J.Z. Moore neighborhood.
- \* Present "History of Main Street" slide show.
- \* Toured the Major Hampden Smith house.
- \* Toured Triplett house.
- \* Sponsored two programs on English Country Gardens.
- \* Toured Jim and Janis Westerfield's renovated house on 5th St.

#### BUS TOURS AND TRIPS

- \* 1988 - Country homes of eastern Daviess County, followed by dinner at the Henry Payne home (now Weatherberry).
- \* 1989 - Daviess County historic churches and cemeteries, followed by dinner at the David Young home (Sweeney House).
- \* 1990 - Historic homes of Princeton and Paducah, including Adsmore and Whitehaven.
- \* 1991 - Historic buildings of Bardstown, Makers' Mark Distillery and the Old Kentucky Home Dinner Train.
- \* 1992 - Harrodsburg and Pleasant Hill, including an overnight stay at Shakertown.

#### RESEARCH

- \* Developed photograph file on historic buildings.
- \* Identified current owners of all historic buildings which were included in the 1978 state survey.

### ***NEWBERRY WILE FINDS NEW LIFE***

The Newberry Wile Buildings may find new life as a home for the community's non-profit agencies. Under a plan being pursued by Downtown Owensboro, Inc., the buildings would undergo a \$700,000 renovation for use as offices. Renovation costs would be repaid by the resident agencies who will actually purchase their space over a 15 year period of time.

The support of Daviess County Judge-Executive "Buzz" Norris and County Commissioners Boswell, Marksberry and Warren has been instrumental in the development of this project. Plans call for the Fiscal Court to secure a low interest loan to help pay for the renovation costs. The remainder of the necessary funding would be raised through a community capital campaign.

This non-profit concept has generated a great deal of enthusiasm and support from prospective agency users. These agencies will not only be building equity in their space, but will also enjoy greater visibility, shared common space - board room, conference room, and work room, and potential savings on equipment and staffing.

Preservation Alliance, Downtown Owensboro, Inc. and countless individuals have lobbied over the years to preserve these historical buildings. The Wile Building in particular is noted as one of the finest examples of ironfront buildings remaining in the state of Kentucky. Preservation of these buildings through DOI's Newberry Wile Project will ensure their future viability and be another major step in the revitalization of downtown Owensboro.

**1992 PRESERVATION MEMBERS**  
*(as of July 8)*

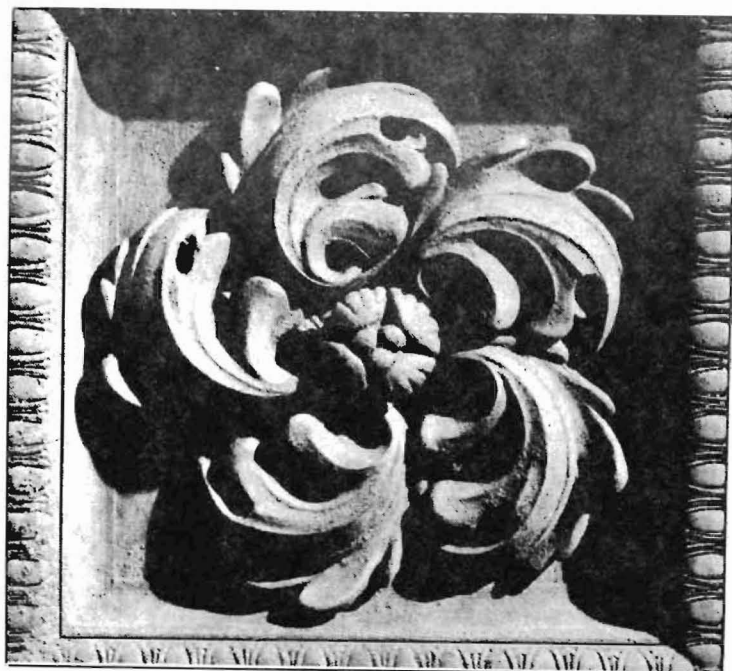
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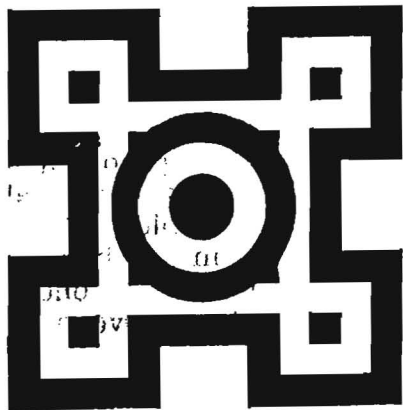
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