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photos & news!!!

## Ashbourne Farms: Going Green Lifestyles in Oldham County

Exhibit opens March 15, special activities March 19  
Exhibit runs through December 2011



*Kentucky Cattle Auction painted for the Early Times Collection by Earl Gross. The painting depicts an auction at the cattle barn on Ashbourne Farm*

Established in 1937, Ashbourne Farms became the premiere example of champion bred cattle that became nationally known. Today this third generation farm Oldham County farm is a leading example of sustainable agriculture practices, promoting heirloom livestock and wildlife conservation. The exhibit examines the current agricultural practices and lifestyles of Ashbourne Farms and other exciting businesses and partnerships in Oldham County that help the environment. Artist Ann Carter will display some of her incredible barn paintings of the area.

**SEE DETAILS INSIDE FOR EXHIBIT PLANS, EVENTS AND  
2011 CALENDAR!!**

Ashbourne Farms: Going Green Lifestyles in Oldham County Special Exhibit Activities on March 19, 2011

***Going Green Film Festival All Day Long***

\*11 am: Demonstration by Bill Pace on making shake shingles and axe handles

\*Noon: Slow Foods Expert & Chef Mark Williams with tastings of locally prepared and raised foods

\*Planning Your Heirloom Garden by Suzette White, owner of Nature by Design Nursery and Landscaping

Ashbourne Exhibit includes hands-on activities for children and special films including:

***“Sally Brown: Force of Nature” produced by KET***

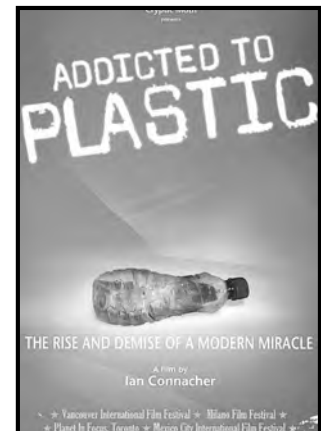
**Going Green Film Festival**

**FEATURING  
BULLFROG FILMS**

Sponsored by:  
**CUB Bank**  
&

***The Oldham County Conservation District***

*(all films will be shown on March 19 with repeats of listed films throughout the year in the D. W. Griffith Theatre)*



***J. C. Chilton Barnett  
Archives to Undergo  
Renovation!!***

***Archives to Close from March 1 to  
June 1***

The Oldham County History Center received private funds to renovate the archives of the Oldham County History Center. The archives will include new storage areas and equipment to house the history center's documents and artifacts.

Architect Ron Stiller will oversee the project which is expected to be completed by early summer. Stiller served as a reviewer on the Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) at the Oldham County History Center. CAPS is a program provided by Heritage Preservation of the National Institute and provided \$7,000 to the history center to undergo an assessment during 2010. The CAP team composed of architect Stiller and conservator, Jennifer Hein, gave high ratings to the history center as one of the top small museum that they had visited.

The Oldham County History Center had received closed to

\$30,000 in 2009 to help with the archives renovation. Grants came through the Robins Foundation and private donor. The Board of Directors wanted to proceed with the renovation, after the CAP's assessment during 2010.

"We have a remarkable facility to archive the county's history and we are very excited to include a new "powder" sprinkler system, in addition to our current water sprinkler system" according to history center executive director, Dr. Nancy Theiss.

The renovation will also include new carpet and a new admission area for the archives building. Updated computers and a special visitor's area will help complete the project. Most of the renovation will take place in the anterior part of the building.

The J. C. Barnett Archives and Library opened in 1999. Built in 1840 the four square structure was the original home of the James Mount family. Today it serves as storage for historic records, research and office space for history center volunteers and staff.

## Colonial Garden Project Launched!!

The Oldham County History Center has launched the Colonial Garden Project with the help of the Master Gardener's from the Extension Service's master garden program. Under the direction of county extension agent, Traci Missun, a group of very enthusiastic master gardeners have agreed to take on this project! The handcrafted log cabin by Bill Pace, that currently resides on history center grounds, will be used as a focal point of the garden. Plants and design will emphasize the importance of agriculture, heirloom and native plants of Oldham County.

### *Members of the Master Gardener's Colonial Garden Project:*

*Barbara Hartung  
Diane Ellison  
Ali Blizard  
Lori Belling  
Jan Eastburn  
Ruth McBride  
Nanette Dietmeyer  
Bob Dunn*

## **Special Notes:**

*Welcome New Board of Director*

*Member: Mary Beth Westbrook*

*Memorial gifts to honor*

*Jerry Martin*

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*Gift in honor of Marilyn Corbin by*

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*Go to our website and FACEBOOK  
page to get more photos and details  
on events, calendar and research!*

**Check out our BLOG on our  
website!!**

Newsletter to be sent out twice a year! To help the "going green" movement and expense of a quarterly newsletter mail out you will only two newsletters- for updated information please go to our website and facebook.



**Hand Press Linoleum Cut  
Valentines w/ Hound Dog Press!!  
Register NOW for WKSP on 2/5/11  
Limit 15.**



*Master Gardener's on the Design Team meet to plan the Colonial Garden Project*

## Upcoming events and news in a nutshell!!!

*Please call the history center to register or for further information*

\*Handmade valentines with Hound Dog Press workshop, maximum 15 participants, \$40 per person, Feb. 5. Limit 15. **REGISTER NOW!!**

\*Living History for Children Programs with Pioneer Re-enactor Helen McKinney, Feb. 12 & 26, Mar. 12 & 26, Apr. 9 & 23, \$2 per program, *sponsored by: Peyton Samuel Head Trust and Paul and Glenn Gish*

\**"What's is Really Worth?"* with Mike Brown. A part of the 2011 Dinner/lecture Series— bring in item for appraisal. Held at the Irish Rover, Too. Feb. 16 @ 6 p.m. \$20 members/\$23 non-members (includes cost of appraised item).

*Sponsored by: Theiss Home Furnishings, The Irish Rover, Too and The Carl Clore Foundation.* \*March 19: Special activities for new exhibit "Ashbourne Farms: Going Green Lifestyles in Oldham County" with Bullfrog Film Festival sponsored by: Oldham County Conservation District and CUB Bank.

\**"Wildflowers-Realities and Myths"* with Dr. Thomas Barnes. A part of the 2011 Dinner/Lecture Series. Held at the Irish Rover, Too, April 16 @ 6 p.m. \$15 members/\$18 non-members. *Sponsored by Theiss Home Furnishings, The Irish Rover, Too, and The Carl Clore Foundation.*

\*Antique Iron Show at Tractor Supply. April 30, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

\*Public Archaeology Dig with Jeannine Kreinbrink, April 30 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Gatewood Site, Free, recommended ages 12 and up. Must register.

\*Antique Iron Show at the Farmer's Market Opening, May 14, 2011. Free, all day at the Oldham County Courthouse Square

\* Public Archaeology Dig with Jeannine Kreinbrink, May 22, 11 am until 2 pm Recommended ages 12 and up, children must be accompanied by adult.

\*First annual Colonial Trade Fair on history center lawn in conjunction with Arts on the Green, June 4 & 5 *sponsored by Oldham County Funeral Home*

**Now Available: Check our website and click on Education and Events for Registration and Application Forms:**

Lowry Watkins College Summer Internship at the Oldham County History Center

Archaeology Institute for High School Students: July 11-15, 2011

History Camp for Kids: July 18-22, ages 9-12. Scholarships available.

Educator's Day at Ashbourne Farm: June 30

Amish Bake Sales Order Forms

Colonial Trade Fair Registration Form

Oren and Sue Clore History Camp Scholarship

# 2011 Oldham County History Center Calendar of Events

January 4: Application for Lowry Watkins Summer Internship for College Students now open: call history center for details

January 4: Application for the Oren and Sue Clore Scholarship and Louise Head Duncan Scholarship available for summer History Camp for Kids (ages 9-12) now open: Call history center for details

January 5: Plans begin for the Colonial Garden Project sponsored by the Extension Master Gardner Colonial Committee, Nature by Design and Bill Pace

Feb. 5: Letter-Press Printed Valentines: Workshop featuring Hound Dog Press, \$40 call for reservations

Feb. 12: Living History for Children, 10-11 a.m. with pioneer re-enactor Helen McKinney, \$2  
Sponsored by the Peyton Head Family Trust and Paula and Glenn Gish

Feb. 16: Dinner and Appraisal Fair with Mike Brown, 6 p.m. \$20 members/\$23 non-members: Includes cost of one appraised item that you bring in.  
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Feb. 26: Living History for Children, 10-11 a.m. with pioneer re-enactor Helen McKinney, \$2  
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March 15: Ashbourne Farms: Going Green Lifestyles in Oldham County exhibit opens

March 19: Public Reception for Ashbourne Farms: Going Green Lifestyles in Oldham County featuring the Going Green Film Festival and special demonstrations and talk by Slow Foods Advocate, Mark Williams, sponsored by Oldham County Conservation District and CUB Bank, free admission

Mar. 26: Living History for Children, 10-11 a.m. with pioneer re-enactor Helen McKinney, \$2, Sponsored by the Peyton Samuel Head Family Trust and Paul and Glenn Gish

Apr. 9: Living History for Children, 10-11 a.m. with pioneer re-enactor Helen McKinney, \$2. Sponsored by the Peyton Samuel Head Family Trust and Paula and Glenn Gish

Apr. 13: Dinner/Lecture Series: featuring Ky. Humanities Council speaker: Thomas Barnes "Wildflowers Myths and Realities, 6 p.m., \$15 members/\$18 non-members, call for reservations. Sponsored by Theiss Home Furnishings and The Irish Rover, Too and The Carl Clore Foundation

April 18: Pre-Orders due for Amish Bake Sale Items- delivery on April 22 between 10 a.m until 4 p.m.

Apr. 22: Native Tree Giveaway sponsored by the Oldham County Conservation District on the Museum steps from 10 a.m until trees are gone.

Apr. 23: Living History for Children, 10-11 a.m. with pioneer re-enactor Helen McKinney, \$2. Sponsored by the Peyton Samuel Head Family Trust and Paula and Glenn Gish

**2011 Oldham County History Center  
Calendar of Events (Continued)**

Apr. 30: Public Archaeology Dig on pre-Civil War site from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. with archaeologist, Jeannine Kreinbrink. Recommended for age 12 to adult- offsite, free, must register and call for directions.

Apr. 30: Antique Iron Display at Tractor Supply in LaGrange from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

May 2: Pre-Orders due for Amish Bake Sale Items- delivery on May 5 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

May 14: Antique Iron Parade around Oldham County Courthouse Square for opening of Farmer's Market in LaGrange. Dog Adoption sponsored by the Oldham County Animal Shelter on history center grounds.

May 22: Public Archaeology Dig on pre-Civil War site from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. with archaeologist Jeannine Kreinbrink. Recommended for ages 12-adult-offsite, free, must register and call for directions.

June 4-5: Colonial Trade Fair on history center grounds featuring hands-on demonstrations. Held in conjunction with Arts on the Green sponsored by the Oldham County Arts Association. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by: The Oldham County Funeral Home

June 8: Dinner/Lecture Series: featuring Ky. Humanities Council speaker: Daryl Harris, "Lift Evr'y Voice and Sing" on African American spirituals as avenues for civil rights. \$15 members/\$18 non-members. Sponsored by Theiss Home Furnishings and The Irish Rover, Too and The Carl Clore Foundation.

June 11: Antique Iron Parade at New Castle in Henry County at 11 a.m.

July 11-15: The 2011 Archaeology Institute for High School Students. Hands-on experience with archaeology, history and anthropology with archaeologist Jeannine Kreinbrink. Students explore 19th Century sites and add knowledge from our past for research. \$200 per student. Sponsored by the Peyton Samuel Head Trust.

July 16: Oldham County Day with Antique Iron Parade and Display on history center grounds.

July 18-22: History Camps for Kids. Campers explore the history of Oldham County while learning life long skills! Campers tour the county with history center director, Nancy Theiss- they swim in a spring-fed pond, hunt for fossils, fish in the Ohio River, visit cemeteries and much more! \$150 per students. Sponsored by the Louise Head Duncan Trust.

August 5 & 6: Antique Iron Display at the Brownsboro Festival in Oldham County.

August 20: Antique Iron Club Family Picnic at the Vogt Farm.

Sept. 9: Ghost story-telling Kick-Off for Spirits of LaGrange Ghost tours: on history center grounds sponsored by Discover Downtown LaGrange.

Sept. 10: American Girl Book Club begins at the history center with educator Jan Jasper: Pre-registration \$30 includes all meetings of the book club. Ages 10-13 years- meetings once a month, 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sept through April.

**2011 Oldham County History Center  
Calendar of Events (continued)**

Sept. 14: Dinner/Lecture Series featuring Ky. Chautauqua re-enactor Ed Smith as "Adolph Rupp". 6 p.m. \$15 history center members/\$18 non-members. Sponsored by Theiss Home Furnishings and The Irish Rover, Too and The Carl Clore Foundation

Sept. 17: Antique Iron Tractor Drive through Main Street in LaGrange in conjunction with the Discover Downtown LaGrange Tractor Days Celebration

Sept. 23: 2011 Annual Oldham County Historical Society Gala on history center grounds. Themed annual fundraiser for the Oldham County Historical Society with formal dinner and auction on history center grounds.

Sept. 25: Public Archaeology Dig on pre-Civil War site from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. with archaeologist Jeannine Kreinbrink. Recommended for ages 12-adult-offsite, free, must register and call for directions.

Oct. 1: Green Tours of Oldham County. Check with the history center for "open houses" of places the public can visit to see sustainable activities across the county!!

Oct. 8: American Girl Book Club at the history center with educator Jan Jasper: Pre-registration \$30 includes all meetings of the book club. Ages 10-13 years- meetings once a month, 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sept through April.

Oct. 12: Dinner/Lecture Series featuring Ky. Chautauqua re-enactor George McGee as "Henry Clay". 6 p.m. \$15 history center members/\$18 non-members. Sponsored by Theiss Home Furnishings and The Irish Rover, Too and The Carl Clore Foundation.

Oct. 15: Antique Iron Display at the LaGrange Dairy Queen Chili Cook-off.

Nov. 5: Archaeology "Wash Day", 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Work with archaeologist Jeannine Kreinbrink and help to wash, sort and classify all the artifacts collected from the year's archaeology digs. Free, recommended ages 12 and up. Pre-register by calling the history center.

Nov. 9: Dinner/Lecture series Appraisal Fair with Mike Brown. Maybe some of those "old items" you were going to throw out would make "treasured" Christmas gifts!!! Like Mike look at your artifacts. Cost of dinner includes one appraised item. \$20 members/\$23 non-members. Call for reservations. Sponsored by Theiss Home Furnishings, The Irish Rover, Too and The Carl Clore Foundation.

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Nov. 18: Pre-Orders due for Amish Bake Sale Items- delivery on Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Dec. 2: Annual Light-up LaGrange with Amish Bake Sale. For pre-order forms for Amish baked goods call the history center.

Dec. 10: American Girl Book Club at the history center with educator Jan Jasper: Pre-registration \$30 includes all meetings of the book club. Ages 10-13 years- meetings once a month, 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sept through April.

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**2011 Institute for High School Students by  
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**2011 History Camp for Kids buy Louise Head  
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**J. C. Barnett Archives Renovation by Private  
Donor and Robins Foundation by Dr.  
Bruce Heilman**

Oldham County Historical Society  
 106 North Second Avenue  
 LaGrange, Kentucky 40031

The Oldham County Historical Society preserves, collects and conveys the history of Oldham County by telling the story of its people and the events that shape its development using the objects and artifacts that illustrate and symbolize that history. Through its exhibits, programs and activities, it will engage people in a dynamic process of thought, participation and action. It will strive to affirm the importance of individual and collective community memory to develop a more enlightened society. The Oldham County Historical Society was founded in 1959 and incorporated as a private, 501(c)3 educational organization in April, 1975.

The Society is governed by a Board of Directors and owns and operates the Oldham County History Center, J.C. Barnett Library and Archives and the 1880 Presbyterian Church all of which are located beside the town square of LaGrange.

**Mission Statement:** The Oldham County Historical Society will create, maintain, and manage for the benefit of all the people of Oldham County: A physical presence, an organizational structure, a strong financial base and endowment, staff and volunteers, collections, exhibits, educational programs, activities and special events and a publications program.

The creation of the Oldham County History Center is made possible through the contributions of the Peyton Samuel Head Family Trust, The Oldham County Fiscal Court, the Board of Directors and support from sponsors and individuals.

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