

# The Filson Historical Society

December 2012 Programs

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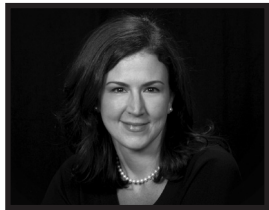
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## The Enduring Impact of a Presidential Election

Jasmine Farrier

The Filson Historical Society

Tuesday, December 4 • Noon



Presidential elections are exciting because they seem to shake up the political landscape immediately. But the full impact of any one contest may not be apparent for many months or even years. These delayed reactions would not surprise the

Framers of the Constitution. The Constitution is often ambiguous or vague on the scope of national powers and individual rights, but it is very specific on the structural framework of national elections. The combination of electoral differences between the branches and their overlapping policy powers virtually guarantee that regardless of the perceived "mandate," presidents cannot govern unilaterally. By analyzing presidential elections as just one component of this dynamic separation of powers system, we get a new perspective on the Constitution's powerful role in daily political life.

Jasmine Farrier grew up in Brooklyn, New York, and developed her interest in political science as an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 2002, Farrier joined the Dept. of Political Science at the University of Louisville. Her current research includes a new book project on inter-branch lawsuits, separation of powers, and constitutional law.

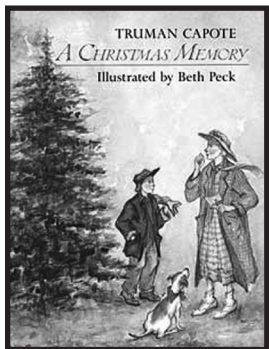
## A Christmas Memory

Read by William McNulty

The Library at Oxmoor Farm

Monday, December 10 • 6:00 p.m.

Free for members • \$10 nonmembers



The Filson invites you to share your holiday season with us. Actors Theatre's William McNulty, who portrays Ebenezer Scrooge's character in *A Christmas Carol*, will read the holiday classic *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote. We invite you to enjoy this Christmas classic and celebrate the holiday season.

William McNulty has played more than 150 roles during his 30 seasons of residency at Actors Theatre, four of them in *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens.

This event is free for Filson members and \$10 for

non-members. Seating is limited, so please call The Filson or visit [www.filsonhistorical.org](http://www.filsonhistorical.org) to make your reservation.

Limited Capacity; Reservations are required.

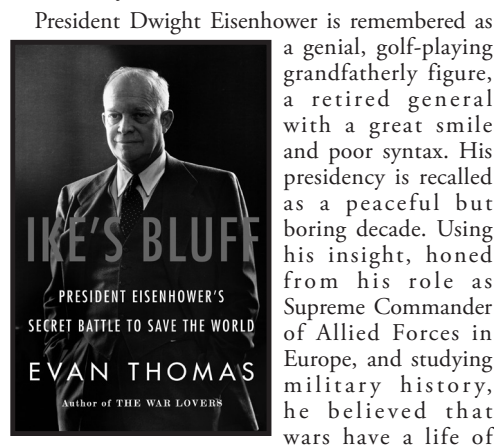
## Book Discussion

**IKE'S BLUFF: President Eisenhower's Secret Battle to Save the World**

A. Glenn Crothers

The Filson Historical Society

Thursday, December 13 • Noon



President Dwight Eisenhower is remembered as a genial, golf-playing grandfatherly figure, a retired general with a great smile and poor syntax. His presidency is recalled as a peaceful but boring decade. Using his insight, honed from his role as Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe, and studying military history, he believed that wars have a life of their own, and often destroy those who start them. Using diaries and newly declassified papers, Evan Thomas has written a fast-paced and highly human drama of a man and a decade that seems calm today only because Eisenhower's bluff worked.

Dr. A. Glenn Crothers is the Director of Research at The Filson Historical Society and an associate professor in history at the University of Louisville. He is the author of *Quakers Living in the Lion's Mouth: The Society of Friends in Northern Virginia, 1730-1863*.

Attendees are invited to bring a bag lunch. The Filson will supply soft drinks.

**Exhibit Tour - United We Stand, Divided We Fall: The Civil War in Kentucky and the Ohio Valley**

Mark Wetherington and Jim Holmberg, Co-Curators

The Filson Historical Society

Tuesday, December 18 • Noon

The Filson has one of the finest Civil War manuscript and artifact collections in the state, which are featured in the exhibit "United We Stand, Divided We Fall: The Civil War in Kentucky and the Ohio Valley." The exhibit, which commemorates the sesquicentennial of the beginning of the Civil War, will focus on the war in Kentucky and the Ohio Valley region. The exhibit takes a thematic, rather than chronological, approach to the war, starting in the 1850's and focusing on the growing division between the North and South.

"United We Stand, Divided We Fall" features artifacts such as flags, weapons, uniforms, dresses, and medical



instruments. Among the manuscripts, there are letters, documents, photos, and prints describing camp life, death and mourning, Civil War-era medicine, prisoners of war, communication, and women and the home front. All items displayed belong to The Filson's collections.

Please join us for a guided exhibit tour at noon. This exhibit is located in the carriage house behind the Ferguson mansion.

Reservations are required.

## Christmas Gift Ideas from The Filson

For the Bourbon Enthusiast

The Filson Bourbon Academy

Michael Veach

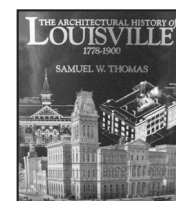
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Saturday, March 2 • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

\$100, lunch is included

Come enhance your appreciation of bourbon and increase your knowledge of Kentucky whiskey at The Filson Bourbon Academy. The Academy is limited to 25 students, with a cost of \$100 for the day-long session including a box lunch.

For the Architecture Enthusiast



**The Architectural History of Louisville, 1778-1900**

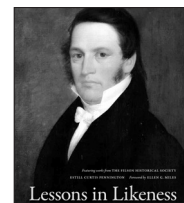
Samuel W. Thomas

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

\$35 for members,

\$40 for nonmembers

For the Art Enthusiast



**Lessons in Likeness: Portrait Painters in Kentucky and the Ohio River Valley, 1802-1920**

Estill Curtis Pennington

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

\$35 for members, \$40 for nonmembers

For the History Enthusiast

**A Gift Membership to The Filson Historical Society!**

Membership prices start at \$50 for individuals. Please contact the Membership office at (502) 634-7108.

Call The Filson at (502) 635-5083 - reservations are requested to assure seating for all programs.

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

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### Members Only Holiday Music with a Jazz Touch

The Motherlodge Quartet  
The Library at Oxmoor Farm  
Reception at 5:00 p.m.  
Music at 6:00 p.m.

The Filson Historical Society will be closed on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday, and for the New Year on Monday December 31 and Tuesday January 1, 2013. We will be open for regular business hours throughout the rest of the holiday season.

# Members Only

As a thank you to our members, please join us for a reception and concert featuring holiday music with a jazz touch from

## The Motherlodge Quartet

**Craig Tweddell** - Trumpet. **Brandon Coleman** - Guitar.  
**Zack Kennedy** - Drums. **Luke McIntosh** - Bass.

*All members are current or former students of the University of Louisville jazz music program*

**Tuesday, December 18**  
**Reception at 5:00 • Music at 6:00**  
**The Library at Oxmoor Farm**

We appreciate your membership support and wish you a wonderful holiday season! To RSVP, please call (502) 635-5083 or visit us online at [www.filsonhistorical.org](http://www.filsonhistorical.org)

Our Mission: To collect, preserve and tell the significant stories of Kentucky and the Ohio Valley history and culture

Reservations are important to ensure seating. Now enjoy the convenience of our new online registration system - [www.filsonhistorical.org](http://www.filsonhistorical.org)

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