

The Filson Historical Society

February 2012 Programs

1310 South Third Street

Louisville, Kentucky

40208

We Sing America
Kentucky Opera
The Filson Historical Society
Wednesday, February 1 • 6:00 p.m.



The Filson Historical Society and the Kentucky Opera present *We Sing America*, a musical program that focuses on Kentucky's influence in American history through geography, history and music. This traveling program features a variety of musical numbers, from folk songs such as *Barbara Allen* and *Yankee Doodle* to old favorites like *Star Spangled Banner*, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, and *Dixie*, bringing the old world to the new. The music brings to life the themes that it covers: building a new nation, America at War, the working man, the American west, and the Great Depression.

We Sing America travels to area schools. The Filson Historical Society will be providing each class with a packet of materials relating to the music performed.

Reservations are suggested.

Remembering Walnut Street
Kenneth Clay and Mervin Aubespain
The Filson Historical Society
Tuesday, February 7 • 6:00 p.m.



Co-authors Kenneth Clay and Mervin Aubespain, (*Two Centuries of Black Louisville: A Photographic History*) will share memories of their childhood and adulthood in Louisville.

Centering on the vibrant Walnut Street, take a walk down memory lane as we remember a community that is virtually unknown to recent generations. The neighborhood, which spanned Walnut Street between Sixth and 15th Streets, grew to become a presence in the city with numerous black businesses before the urban renewal of the 1960s.

Mervin Aubespain is a retired associate editor of *The Courier-Journal* and a community activist. Kenneth Clay is an entrepreneur and formerly the vice-president of the Kentucky Center for the Arts.

Reservations are suggested.

From Slavery to Freedom: Celebrating Emancipation in Louisville

Pen Bogert
The Filson Historical Society
Thursday, February 16 • Noon

Pen Bogert will discuss why slavery lasted so long in Kentucky, how freed people celebrated



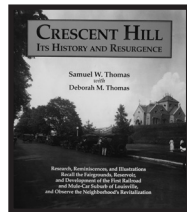
emancipation in Louisville in January 1866, and the challenges they faced in beginning new lives as free people. Bogert, a former Filson staff member, will weave his deep

knowledge of African American genealogy into his presentation.

Pen Bogert worked at The Filson as a reference specialist from 1996-2006. His main research interest is African American history, particularly slavery, slave trading, underground railroad, and music. He is writing a book on the history of slave trading in Kentucky and is presently working on the historic preservation staff for the city of Bardstown.

Reservations are suggested.

Crescent Hill: It's History and Resurgence
Sam and Debbie Thomas
The Filson Historical Society
Tuesday, February 21 • 6:00 p.m.



Sam and Debbie Thomas will present a slide program highlighting *Crescent Hill: Its History and Resurgence*, the companion to his popular book, *Crescent Hill Revisited*.

The basis of their narrative remains the oral histories of those who grew up in Crescent Hill and were young when the neighborhood was just emerging. Their voices are now almost all silent, but their stories still resonate. Maps, newspaper accounts, diaries, and photographs enhance this well researched and documented study in new urbanism as it was occurring.

This event is co-sponsored by The Filson Historical Society and the Louisville Historic League.

Samuel W. Thomas is the author of several books including *The Architectural History of Louisville 1778-1900*. He was involved with many local building restorations and is a founder of Preservation Alliance. His wife, editor Deborah McGuffey Thomas, is a former director of the Kentucky Oral History Commission and associate director of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

Reservations are suggested.

2012 Kickoff Event for the Young Filsonians
Young Filsonians for Young Professionals
The Filson Historical Society
Thursday, February 23 • 6:00 p.m.

The Filson Historical Society announces

the 2012 Kickoff Event for the Young Filsonians. Dr. Mark Wetherington will talk about how The Filson reaches the public, scholars, and the education community, what we do, and how involvement in The Filson can impact a younger generation.

Join us for a glass of wine and light refreshments as we tour the Ferguson Mansion, the most expensive house in Louisville at the time it was built. Our Civil War exhibit "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" will be open for those who are interested with a tour led by curator Mark Wetherington.

The Young Filsonians are a group of young professionals who are interested our community and the history of Kentucky and the Ohio Valley. Membership in the Young Filsonians is open to all young professionals.

Reservations are required.

Blues Night
10th Street Blues Band
The Filson Historical Society
Friday, February 24 • 7:00 p.m.



Join the 10th Street Blues Band for an evening of blues as they bring hits from the 1950s and '60s alive.

Blues music is a key part of Louisville's history, with its roots dating back to the beginning of the 20th century. Several legendary blues artists called the River City home, including Sylvest Weaver, who recorded the first blues guitar record in 1923. Other local blues legends include Bill Gaither, Sarah Martin, Helen Humes and Edmonia Henderson.

The 10th Street Blues Band has been featured at The Kentucky Folk Life Festival in Frankfort and in blues clubs and festivals statewide. Sonny Sitgraves (drums), James Watkins (bass), Billy Bird (vocals and harmonica) and Pen Bogert (guitar) have been playing together for more than 10 years. Bogert, a former Filson staff member, will provide an overview of the history of blues, with music to be enjoyed throughout the rest of the evening. Materials relating to blues history will also be on display.

Wine, beer and light refreshments will be served. Doors will open at 7 p.m., with music beginning at 7:30 p.m. The cost for this event is \$20 for Filson members and \$25 for non-members. Reservations are required; please call The Filson at 635-5083 or visit us online at www.filsonhistorical.org to reserve your place today!

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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Look for more details on these events in
your March Calendar!

Thursday, March 1 • 6:00 p.m.

Kentucky Bourbon Barons
Chet Zoller

Saturday, March 3 • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Filson Bourbon Academy
Mike Veach, Associate Curator of Special Collections
\$100 • Lunch will be provided

Wednesday, March 7 • 6:00 p.m.

*Blood Shed in This War: Civil War Illustrations by Cap-
tain Adolph Metzner, 32nd Indiana*
Michael A. Peake

Due to the possibility of inclement weather through the winter
season, please check our website or call The Filson for any event
changes or cancellations.

The Filson Historical Society will be closed on Monday,
February 20 in honor of Presidents' Day. We will
re-open at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21.

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

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