

# The Filson Historical Society

April 2012 Programs

1310 South Third Street

Louisville, Kentucky

40208

## MEMBERS ONLY

### The Henry D. Ormsby, III Seminar Series

#### The Library at Oxmoor Farm

**\$100 per person • Free for Boone and above**

The Henry D. Ormsby, III Seminar Series honors and recognizes Henry's devotion and distinguished contributions to The Filson Historical Society. It recognizes scholarship, education and The Filson's extraordinary collections of documents, rare books, photographs and museum items.

Please join us for this members-only event celebrating Kentucky Architecture. The lectures will take place in the Library at Oxmoor Farm on April 9, 23, and May 7, 21. This series is free for Boone members and above, and there is a \$100 charge for membership levels below the Boone level.

### George Herbert Gray's Vision of Oxmoor

Samuel W. Thomas

#### The Library at Oxmoor Farm

**Monday, April 9 • 5:30 p.m.**

Soon after George Herbert Gray completed his advance study at the École des Beaux Arts in Paris in 1905, he moved to Louisville. He was retained by William Marshall Bullitt to rehabilitate Oxmoor, his family's long-vacant homestead he acquired in 1906. A collection of Gray's plans and drawings recently acquired by The Filson show how Bullitt and Gray envisioned enlarging the old (1791) frame house and its brick addition (1829) into a permanent residence. Gray's plans were expanded on an even larger scale by New York architect F. Burrall Hoffman, Jr., into the existing Oxmoor house. This illustrated talk will also describe the three phases of Oxmoor's construction.

Limited capacity; Reservations are required.

### Latrobe, Pope, and the Pope Villa

John David Myles

#### The Library at Oxmoor Farm

**Monday, April 23 • 5:30 p.m.**

This is a story with three main characters: Benjamin Henry Latrobe, John Pope, and the Pope Villa. It begins with Latrobe's birth in 1764 and continues to this day because of the survival of the remarkable house he designed for Senator John Pope in Lexington. It will focus on the origins of Latrobe and Pope, the historical context which led to their association, and their subsequent careers. It will conclude with a more detailed discussion of the survivor, the Pope Villa.

Limited capacity; Reservations are required.

### Behind the Façade: Discovering Architectural History

Dianne Harris

#### The Filson Historical Society

**Tuesday, April 10 • 6:00 p.m.**

**Free for Filson and AIA members  
\$5 for non-members**

Dianne Harris, President of the Society of Architectural Historians, will give a lecture entitled: "Behind the Façade: Discovering Architectural History". Ms. Harris will speak about the study of architectural, urban, and landscape history in the United States, and the work of the Society of Architectural Historians as it approaches its 75th anniversary.

Dianne Harris is currently the Morgan Professor of Architecture at the University of Louisville, and also is on the architectural faculty of the University of Illinois.

"Behind the Façade" is co-sponsored by The Filson Historical Society and The American Institute of Architects. This program will be held at the Filson Historical Society on Tuesday, April 10th, 6 pm. Preceding Ms. Harris's talk is a wine and cheese reception from 5 to 6 pm. This talk is free for Filson and American Institute of Architect members, and \$5 for non-members.

Reservations are required.

### Vintage American And Celtic Music: An Evening with Jacqueline Schwab

Jacqueline Schwab

#### First Unitarian Church

**Thursday, April 12 • 7:30 p.m.**



Photo by Wayne Haskin

Jacqueline's solo piano concerts of vintage American music features music from Mark Twain's era and beyond - Stephen Foster and Civil War song tunes, Victorian ballroom dance tunes, Scots and Irish song and dance tunes brought over by settlers, contemporary-style Celtic and English traditional music, and much more. Her arrangements of American heart songs honor the community and improvisational spirit of music making but have a contemporary sound.

Jacqueline Schwab is a graduate of New England Conservatory of Music, where she majored in Third Stream Performance. She has performed on a dozen of Ken Burns' documentaries and at the White House, among other venues.

Please join us for the second program in our Music Series at the First Unitarian Church, 809 S. Fourth Street, Louisville. This event is sponsored by The Filson Historical Society, the University of Louisville, and the First Unitarian Church. It is free for Filson members, UofL students, faculty, and staff; and First Unitarian Church members, \$10 for all others.

Reservations are suggested

### The Gertrude Polk Brown Lecture Series - Historically Speaking: Larry J. Sabato's Crystal Ball

Larry J. Sabato

**The Temple • Tuesday, April 17 • 6:30 p.m.**

We are pleased to welcome Larry J. Sabato back to Louisville for The Gertrude Polk Brown Lecture Series! Dr. Sabato will address the issues of the 2012 Presidential race, including the key states, the leading characters in the race, and how the

significant stories of the past are relevant to today's elections.

The lecture will take place on Tuesday, April 17 at The Temple, 5101 US Hwy. 42, Louisville. This lecture is free for members, \$10 for nonmembers. To register, please visit us online or call (502) 635-5083. For tickets, please send a SASE to The Filson Historical Society, GPBL Series, 1310 S. Third Street, Louisville, KY 40208.

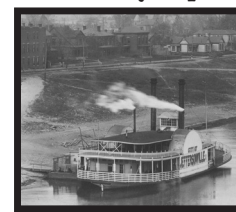
Reservations are required.

### The Great River Catastrophe: The Collision of the Steamboats America and United States on the Ohio River in 1868

Mark V. Wetherington

#### Jeffersonville Carnegie Library

**Wednesday, April 18 • Noon**



Steamboats introduced a powerful new technology to the region, changed river travel, and turned small landings into bustling towns. But steamboat disasters—boiler explosions, collisions, and fires—were not uncommon. This program examines the collision of the *America* and the *United States* and what the disaster tells us about life and death along the Ohio River during the steamboat era.

Dr. Mark V. Wetherington is the director of The Filson Historical Society.

This lecture is co-sponsored by the Paul Ogle, Inc. Foundation and the Jeffersonville Carnegie Library Foundation.

Limited capacity; Reservations are required

### War Along the Wabash: 1779 - 1812 Vincennes and Lafayette, Ind.

**April 26-28, 2012**

**\$350 for members; \$400 for non-members**



The Wabash River is 503 miles long and flows southwest from northwest Ohio across northern Indiana to southern Illinois, where it forms the Illinois-Indiana border before draining into the Ohio River.

Starting in Historic Vincennes, Indiana, our tour will focus largely on Governor William Henry Harrison and his expeditionary force's route northward to The Prophet's Town, and what became the Tippecanoe Battlefield in 1811, and all in close proximity to the Wabash River. A prehistory of that fateful campaign will also be explored throughout, which will date from the 1730's, when Vincennes was little more than a French trading post, and will continue to the creation of the Indiana Territory, when the rumblings of a confrontation with the Confederation of the great Tecumseh became imminent.

The field trip is \$350 for Filson Members (\$400 for non-members). Attendees are responsible for making their own accommodations.

Reservations are required.

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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## Historically Speaking: Larry J. Sabato's Crystal Ball

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In July 2008, Dr. Larry J. Sabato correctly projected that Barack Obama would win the Presidency. In addition, Dr. Sabato accurately predicted 98% of Senate, House, and Governor winners in, 2006, 2008, and 2010. On April 17, we learn how the significant stories of the past are relevant to today's elections.

Dr. Sabato will now turn his "Crystal Ball" to the 2012 election. Drawing from election history, he will reflect on how the race has developed thus far and what is to come in the months and days leading up to November. He will address the important issues, the key states, and the leading characters in the race for the White House and take a look at the future of the Senate and House in 2012 and beyond.

Dr. Larry J. Sabato is the University Professor of Politics and director of the U.Va. Center for Politics. He is the author of 24 books and countless essays on politics, including *Feeding Frenzy*; *A More Perfect Constitution*; and *The Year of Obama*. At home both in the classroom and the television studio, Dr. Sabato bridges the gap between the ivory tower and the real world of politics. A Rhodes Scholar, Dr. Sabato has taught more than 15,000 students in his career at Oxford University, Cambridge University, and the University of Virginia.

**Free for members • \$10 non-members**  
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To collect, preserve and tell the significant stories of Kentucky and the Ohio Valley history and culture

Our Mission:

**Save the Date!**  
**National Issues, Local Struggles:**  
**The Civil Rights Movement in**  
**the Ohio Valley and Beyond**  
**May 17, 18, 19**

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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