

# The Filson Historical Society

December 2011 Programs

1310 South Third Street

Louisville, Kentucky

40208

## Gallery Tour

### “Steamboating on Western Waters”

Jim Holmberg and Mark Wetherington,  
Curators

The Filson Historical Society

Wednesday, December 7 - Noon



The *Idlewild*, circa 1915, now the *Belle of Louisville*.

(Picture courtesy of the Belle of Louisville)

With the invention of the steamboat two hundred years ago, the movement of people and cargo was revolutionized.

“Steamboating on Western Waters”

features items from The Filson’s collection relating to the history and culture of steamboats. From a scaled 1846 model of what is believed to be the *General Lafayette* to an original profile plan of the *Idlewild*, later renamed the *Belle of Louisville*, this exhibit has many items on display, profiling the rich history of steamboating and its enduring legacy.

Please join us for a guided gallery tour of “Steamboating on Western Waters.”

*Limited Capacity; Reservations are required.*

## Exhibit Tour

### “United We Stand - Divided We Fall”

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Friday, December 9 - Noon

Wednesday, December 14 - 4:00 p.m.



The Filson has one of the finest Civil War manuscript collections in the state, featured along with artifacts in the new exhibit “United We Stand - Divided We

Fall.” 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 chronolog-

ical, approach to the war, starting in the 1850’s and focusing on the growing division between the North and South

The exhibit 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. *Limited Capacity; Reservations are required.*

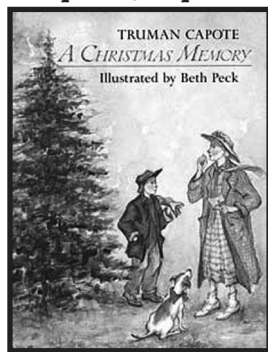
### A Thank-You to Our Members Members-Only Reception & Special Reading - A Christmas Memory by Truman Capote

Reading by William McNulty

The Filson Historical Society

Monday, December 12 -

Reception: 5:00 p.m., Reading - 6:00 p.m.



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 and exclusively for Filson members. Refreshments will be served at 5:00 p.m. and the reading will begin at 6 p.m. **Seating is limited**, so please call The Filson or visit [www.filsonhistorical.org](http://www.filsonhistorical.org) to make your reservation.

*Reservations are required.*

### Clear as Mud: Early 20th Century Kentucky Art Pottery

Warren and Julie Payne

The Filson Historical Society

Tuesday, December 13 - Noon

Warren Payne, editor of *Clear as Mud: Early 20th Century Kentucky Art Pottery*, will discuss the book – the first and only history of the subject – at The Filson on December 13. His wife, Julie, who designed the book and did the photography, will also participate.

Struck by the lack of any organized or centralized information about pottery produced in Kentucky from 1900 to World War II, the authors contacted pottery collector/scholars to contribute chapters for the book. This book familiarizes us with the works of potters such as Bybee, Waco, and Hadley.

*Clear as Mud* won the 2011 Independent Publisher (IPPY) Book Awards Bronze for Best South-East Regional Non-Fiction. It was also the recipient of a 2011 Kentucky History Award for a publication in its class.

Warren and Julie Payne are collectors and private art dealers in Louisville. He is retired from *The Courier-Journal*, and she is retired from the University of Louisville. *Reservations are suggested.*



**The Filson Historical Society  
would like to wish our members  
a very safe and happy holiday  
season!**

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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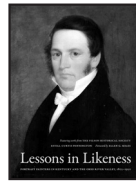
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The **Filson Historical Society** will close at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7. We will resume regular business hours on Thursday, December 8.

The **Filson Historical Society** will be closed on Monday, December 26 for the Christmas Holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, December 27.

## Christmas Gift Ideas From The Filson

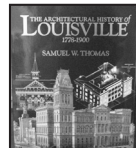
The Filson has excellent choices for Christmas presents that the history aficionado would greatly enjoy.



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

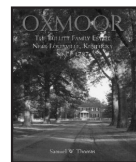
**2011 Kentucky History Award Winner**

A vivid portrayal of regional portraiture, featuring an extensive selection of The Filson's paintings, in addition to biographical notes on each artist and a cultural chronology. The regular price for this book is \$50.00, but The Filson members receive a 10% discount and can purchase the book for \$45.00 (plus tax).



*The Architectural History of Louisville 1778-1900* - **Samuel W. Thomas**

A generously illustrated and detailed chronicle of Louisville's architectural lineage. The regular price for this book is \$65.00, but The Filson members receive a 10% discount and can purchase it for \$58.50 (plus tax).



*Oxmoor: The Bullitt Family Estate Near Louisville, KY, Since 1787* - **Samuel W. Thomas**

A definitive history of one of Kentucky's earliest farms. The regular price for this book is \$44.00, but The Filson members receive a 10% discount and can purchase it for \$40.00 (plus tax).

Call (502) 635-5083, or visit our website at [www.filsonhistorical.org](http://www.filsonhistorical.org) to purchase.

**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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