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

JUNE
at THE FILSON
Kentucky’s Largest & Oldest Independent Historical Society
**JUNE 2015 PROGRAMS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

1:00 p.m. • The Filson Historical Society

**Free** • A $10 donation is encouraged

### American Liquors
**Michael R. Veach and Bill Thomas**

Those dusty old Bourbon bottles and time-worn advertisements in your attic could be worth some money. Find out how much — and their history — at this year’s Kentucky Bourbon Affair™ fantasy camp. “American Liquors,” sponsored by The Filson Historical Society and the Kentucky Distillers’ Association, will once again offer advice and appraisals on rare bourbon items as part of the five-day showcase of America’s only native spirit. Michael R. Veach, The Filson’s bourbon historian and a member of the Kentucky Bourbon Hall of Fame, will provide background on brands and items, while Bill Thomas, owner of the Jack Rose Dining Saloon in Washington, D.C., will be on-hand to appraise whiskey bottles.

To get the most in-depth research, ticket holders will be asked to submit photographs and descriptions to the Kentucky Distiller’s Association before the event. Similar items may be grouped together for analysis and discussion to ensure an efficient and smooth process.

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 11**

12:00 p.m. • Hidden Hill Nursery

**1011 Utica Pike, Utica, Ind.**

**Free**, Sponsored by the Ogle Foundation, Inc.

### Our Shared History
**The Floyds of Kentuckiana**

**Bob Hill**

Retired Courier-Journal columnist Bob Hill has spent six years traveling the almost 20-mile section of Floyds Fork that’s being converted into the 4,000-acre Parklands of Floyds Fork. In that time he has studied the history of John Floyd, who was the brother of Robert Clark Floyd. Robert Clark Floyd lived in Southern Indiana and ran the Clarksville Ferry, and was the father of Davis Floyd, an early Southern Indiana leader, and Charles Floyd, who served as a sergeant on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. John Floyd, the river’s namesake, worked as a surveyor for Thomas Jefferson, fought with George Rogers Clark, rescued Daniel Boone’s daughter from Indians and was an early leader in 1788s Louisville. Hill has also interviewed many people who grew up on Floyds Fork, has explored the river’s path, and learned about the Civil War skirmishes along its banks, as well as the location of its moonshine stills. Hill has gathered many photos and artifacts from those six years creating an interesting Power Point presentation.

Bob Hill was a feature writer and columnist for the Louisville Times and Courier-Journal for 33 years, writing more than 4,000 columns and feature stories. He has also written eight books on subjects as diverse as gardening, true crime, the history of The Louisville Slugger Bat and two collections of his columns.

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

12:00 p.m. • The Library at Oxmoor Farm

**Free for Filson members, $10 for non-members**

### Filson Friday

**“Death Before Dishonor”: Famous Kentucky Duels**

**James Prichard**

“Death before Dishonor” ruled the lives of Southern gentlemen for generations before the Civil War. As a result, personal disputes were often settled at gun point. Many Kentuckians willingly embraced this code of ritualized violence. More than forty notable duels were fought in the Commonwealth between 1790 and 1867. Henry Clay was no stranger to the “field of honor,” while Kentucky born Alexander Keith McClung, the “Black Knight of the South” was the most feared duelist of his generation. In this presentation, James M. Prichard of The Filson’s Special Collections Department will discuss an era of Kentucky history when the Code Duello produced both heroic legends and grim tragedy.

James Prichard is a Manuscript Cataloger at The Filson. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Wright State University. He is the author of *Enchanted Capital: Frankfort, Kentucky in the Civil War*.

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. • Oxmoor Farm, 720 Oxmoor Avenue, Louisville

**$20 for Filson members, $25 for non-members**

### The Filson Historical Society Presents

**Moon Pies and Moonshine**

You don’t want to miss The Filson’s annual Moon Pies and Moonshine summer picnic! In the historic setting of Oxmoor Farm, this event includes a fried chicken dinner, a moon pie eating contest, live music by The Jugernaut Jug Band, educational information about the history of distilling, as well as dancing, yard games, and fun for the whole family. Limestone Branch Distillery, Kentucky Peerless Distillery, and Boundary Oak Distillery will be providing moonshines for tasting. Tickets include a boxed chicken dinner and 2 drink tickets in addition to the moonshine tastings. Tickets are required. Bring a picnic blanket or some lawn chairs and come out for some good ole’ fashioned fun!

Moon Pies and Moonshine is an annual membership attraction event hosted by The Filson Historical Society, so bring your friends!

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 25**

5:30 p.m. • The Library at Oxmoor Farm

**$50**

### Bourbon Salon at Oxmoor Farm

**The Art of the Bourbon Cocktail**

**Michael R. Veach**

As “America’s Native Spirit,” bourbon is a very popular base for cocktails. With the recent influx of distilleries in downtown Louisville and the rise in popularity of cocktail bars, it’s no longer acceptable for establishments to serve boring cocktails. This trend has spilled over into private homes and parties, and there has never been a better time to learn what makes a great bourbon cocktail. Join Michael R. Veach for a panel discussion on the art of the bourbon cocktail at Oxmoor Farm. The panel will feature Albert Schmid, who wrote the history of the Old Fashioned cocktail, as well as Joy Perrine and Susan Reigler, authors of the book *The Kentucky Bourbon Cocktail Book*. As always, bourbon will be served and you can expect at least one of the panelists will want to serve a cocktail!

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 26**

12:00 p.m. • The Library at Oxmoor Farm

**Free for Filson members, $10 for non-members**

### Filson Friday

**Online Membership Benefits 101**

**Sarah Strapp Dennison**

Join Sarah Strapp Dennison for an overview of your online membership benefits. Learn how to find a podcast, publication, or telecast, use the Virtual Card Catalog and family files, or make an event reservation. This lecture is a great way to learn how to enjoy all that filsonhistorical.org has to offer for everyone, beginner to advanced. This is a class format lecture so bring your questions and tablet or laptop to follow along.

Sarah Strapp Dennison is the Membership Coordinator for the Filson Historical Society. She has her bachelor’s degree from Sweet Briar College in Art History. Her primary area of study is medieval manuscripts and the history of the written word.

Due to the Campus Expansion and ongoing renovations in the Ferguson mansion, The Filson Historical Society will not be open on First Saturdays through November. Please check our website for updates and possible closures before you plan to visit.

The Filson Historical Society will be closed on Friday, July 3 for Independence Day.