

The Filson Historical Society

November 2011 Programs

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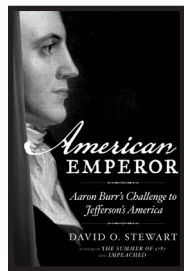
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American Emperor: Aaron Burr's Challenge to Jefferson's America

David O. Stewart

The Filson Historical Society

Tuesday, November 1 • 6:00 p.m.



The name Aaron Burr is often associated with one event: his duel with Alexander Hamilton. There is so much more to Burr, including a dream to create his own empire in North America.

In *American Emperor: Aaron Burr's Challenge to Jefferson's America*, historian David O.

Stewart tells this astonishing tale, which traces Burr's descent from self-made man to political pariah to imperialist adventurer. After rising to the very threshold of the highest position in the land, Burr's ambitions and his pride got the better of him. Fired by a thirst for vengeance against his nemesis, President Thomas Jefferson, Burr plotted an insurrection in New Orleans and a private invasion of the Spanish colonies of Mexico and Florida. Finally arrested in Mississippi at the head of a ragtag flotilla of one hundred adventurers, Burr faced treason charges before Chief Justice John Marshall in an extraordinary trial that shaped American law in ways that still impact us today.

After practicing law for more than 25 years, David O. Stewart turned to writing history (though he still practices law).

Reservations are suggested.

Grand Opening: "United We Stand - Divided We Fall"

The Filson Historical Society

Wednesday, November 2 • 5:00 p.m.



The Filson has one of the finest Civil War collections in the state and will feature our collections in the new exhibit "United We Stand - Divided We Fall."

The exhibit, which commemorates the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, will focus on the war in Kentucky and the Ohio Valley. The exhibit takes a thematic, rather than chronological, approach to the war, starting in the 1850s and focusing on the growing division between the North and South until it became an impossible break, resulting in the Civil War. Composed entirely of artifacts from The Filson's collections, this is an opportunity to view one of the finest collections of Civil War history in the state.

Please join us for a glass of wine and a private viewing in honor of the opening of "United We Stand - Divided We Fall." Curators Jim Holmberg and Mark Wetherington will be available to answer questions.

Reservations are required.

Civil War Field Institute: "Mud and More Mud: The Tullahoma Campaign"

Tullahoma, Tennessee

November 3-5



Tullahoma was a campaign of brilliant maneuver, great logistical planning and command flexibility when the original plan went awry due to weather. What saved the Confederate army from destruction. This fall, The Filson Civil War Field Institute will visit a now visually stunning place in Middle

Tennessee to explore a campaign that is only just becoming appreciated by Civil War historians as an important campaign that achieved vital goals with

very few casualties on either side.

Reservations are required.

Festival of Faith • "Air Quality Alert" Panel Discussion

Art Williams

The Filson Historical Society

Monday, November 7 • 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



The Filson Historical Society is proud to present "Air Quality Alert," a panel discussion on environmental issues affecting the Louisville Area, as a part of the Festival of Faith symposium. The panel will be moderated by Art Williams, coordinator for the Louisville Climate Action Network, and will feature three local environmentalists. Robert Ehrler, senior counsel and environmental policy manager for LG&E/KU, will discuss the history of air pollution regulation in the United States. Ronald Van Stockum, Jr. will address current hot topics in air pollution. Van Stockum practices environmental law in Louisville and holds a Ph.D. in Biology in addition to his law degree. Sarah Lynn Cunningham, environmental engineer and director of the Louisville Climate Action Network, will inform us about local air pollution history over the last century.

This panel discussion will take place on Monday, November 7, from 11:30 to 1:30. The Filson will provide soft drinks for those wishing to bring a brown-bag lunch.

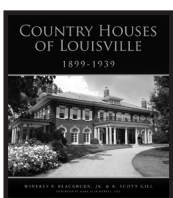
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Country Houses of Louisville

Winfrey Blackburn

The Filson Historical Society

Thursday, November 10 • 6:00 p.m.



At the end of the 19th century, members of Louisville's upper class began to move away from the crowded and noisy downtown area. Families made their home in the hills surrounding Cherokee Park and along the Ohio River. They partnered with renowned architects to create grand estates and beautiful gardens.

Country Houses of Louisville, 1899-1939 reveals for the first time the interiors and exteriors of these magnificent homes and gardens. These homes spring to life with vibrant photography, featuring many never-before-published contemporary and archival photographs, accompanied by perceptive text. Whether you are drawn to photography, period homes, or genealogy, *County Houses of Louisville* has something for everyone.

Winfrey P. Blackburn Jr. is a practicing attorney in Louisville. He is a native of Frankfort, Kentucky, and holds bachelor's and law degrees, with honors, from the University of Virginia. R. Scott Gill practices real estate in Winnetka, Illinois. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Stanford University and a master of architecture degree from Rice University. A former resident of Louisville, he resides in Chicago.

This event is cosponsored by The Historic Homes Foundation and the Olmstead Parks Conservancy.

Reservations are suggested.

Rare Bird: Sonnets on the Life of John James Audubon

Richard Taylor

The Filson Historical Society

Wednesday, November 16 • Noon

Author and former Kentucky Poet Laureate



Richard Taylor will talk about the life of John James Audubon, the man who inspired *Rare Bird: Sonnets on the Life of John James Audubon*. Audubon (1785-1851) was an American artist and

ornithologist who drew birds from observation in nature. Mr. Taylor will share sonnets from the book to bring to life this extraordinary story.

Richard Taylor was raised in Louisville. In addition to being a former poet laureate, he is the Kenan Visiting Writer at Transylvania University. He has published several books including eight collections of poetry, two novels, and several books on Kentucky history.

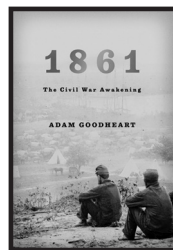
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Gertrude Polk Brown Lecture Series: 1861: The Civil War Awakening

Adam Goodheart

Ballard High School

Sunday, November 20 • 5:00 p.m.



As America marks the 150th anniversary of our defining national drama, *1861: The Civil War Awakening* presents a gripping and original account of how the Civil War began.

1861 is an epic of courage and heroism beyond the battlefields. The book introduces us to a heretofore little-known cast of Civil War heroes—among them an acrobatic militia colonel, an explorer's wife, an idealistic band of German immigrants, a regiment of New York City firemen, a community of Virginia slaves, and a young college professor who would one day become president. Adam Goodheart takes us from the corridors of the White House to the slums of Manhattan; from the mouth of the Chesapeake to the deserts of Nevada; from Boston Common to Alcatraz Island; vividly evoking the Union at this moment of ultimate crisis and decision.

Adam Goodheart is a historian, journalist, and travel writer. His articles have appeared in *National Geographic*, *Outside*, *Smithsonian*, *The Atlantic*, and *The New York Times Magazine*, among others, and he is a regular columnist for the *Times'* acclaimed Civil War series, "Disunion."

This event is free for members and \$10 for non-members. It will be held at Ballard High School, 6000 Brownsboro Road. Please call The Filson or visit us online to make your reservation!

Reservations are required.

New Member Reception

The Filson Historical Society

Monday, November 28 • 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for a new member's reception on Monday, November 28. This is an exciting opportunity to learn more about The Filson and have a private viewing of our collections.

All members are welcome to attend.

Reservations are suggested.

Book Discussion • 1861: The Civil War Awakening

A. Glenn Crothers

The Filson Historical Society

Wednesday, November 30 • 3:00 p.m.

Please join Glenn Crothers for a book discussion of *1861: The Civil War Awakening* by Adam Goodheart. This book introduces the reader to little known Civil War heroes and an original account of the beginning of the great war.

Dr. A. Glenn Crothers is the Director of Research at The Filson Historical Society and an associate professor of history at the University of Louisville. His research interests include southern United States history before 1865.

Reservations are suggested.

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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Exhibits at The Filson

"United We Stand - Divided We Fall" and "Steamboating on Western Waters"

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The Filson Historical Society opened two exhibits this fall commemorating important events in the history of Kentucky, the Ohio Valley, and the United States. In September, the exhibit "Steamboating on Western Waters" opened, commemorating the bicentennial of steamboat navigation. In October, the exhibit "United We Stand - Divided We Fall" opened, which honors the history leading up to and during the Civil War.

On November 2, please join us for the GRAND OPENING of "United We Stand - Divided We Fall," commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. There will be a wine reception and viewing of the exhibit. Curators Jim Holmberg and Mark Wetherington will be available to answer questions.

The Filson Historical Society will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will re-open on Monday, November 28.

Gertrude Polk Brown Lecture Series

1861: The Civil War Awakening Adam Goodheart

Sunday, November 20 • 5:00 p.m. • Ballard High School

"No one could capture Whitman's 'hurrying, crashing, sad, distracted year' more vividly than Adam Goodheart has done in this magnificent book. 1861 isn't merely a work of history; it's a time-travel device that makes a century and a half fall away and sets us down, eyes and ears wide open, right in the midst of the chaos and the glory."

—Anne Fadiman, author of *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award

As America marks the 150th anniversary of our defining national drama, 1861 presents a gripping and original account of how the Civil War began. Don't miss this lecture with Adam Goodheart!

On November 30, join us for a Book Discussion of *1861: The Civil War Awakening*, led by Dr. A. Glenn Crothers. Crothers is an associate professor of history at the University of Louisville and Director of Research at The Filson Historical Society.

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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