

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Call The Filson at (502) 635-5083 - Reservations are requested to ensure seating for all programs.
All programs are free for Filson members and \$10 for non-members unless otherwise noted.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:00 p.m. • The Filson Historical Society

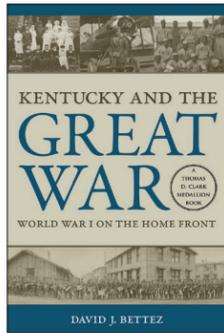
Free

Kentucky and the Great War: World War I on the Home Front

David J. Bettez

From five thousand children marching in a parade, singing, “Johnnie get your hoe. . . . Mary dig your row,” to communities banding together to observe Meatless Tuesdays and Wheatless Wednesdays, Kentuckians were loyal supporters of their country during the First World War. In *Kentucky and the Great War*, David J. Bettez provides the first comprehensive analysis of the impact of the Great War on Bluegrass society, politics, economy, and culture, contextualizing the state’s involvement within the national experience.

David J. Bettez is the author of *Kentucky Marine: Major General Logan Feland and the Making of the Modern USMC*, which won the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation’s Colonel Joseph Alexander Award for Biography.



post-Civil War America that highlighted problems on the national level, such as political corruption and persistent racism, the emerging cultural and political power of ethnic minorities, and the continuing sectionalism between the North and the South. Lee Farrow joins her examination of these cultural underpinnings to a lively narrative of the grand duke’s tour, creating an engaging record of a unique moment in international relations.

Lee A. Farrow is professor of history and distinguished teaching professor at Auburn University–Montgomery.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:00 p.m. • The Filson Historical Society, Dan and Frances Street Hall

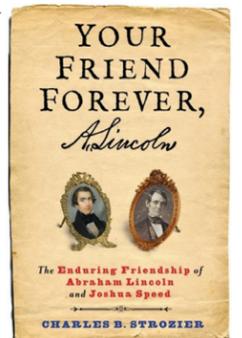
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Your Friend Forever

Charles B. Strozier

On April 15, 1837, a “long, gawky” Abraham Lincoln walked into Joshua Speed’s dry-goods store in Springfield, Illinois, and asked what it would cost to buy the materials for a bed. Speed said seventeen dollars, which Lincoln didn’t have. He asked for a loan to cover that amount until Christmas. Speed was taken with his visitor, but, as he said later, “I never saw so gloomy and melancholy a face.” Speed suggested Lincoln stay with him in a room over his store for free and share his large double bed. What began would become one of the most important friendships in American history.

Charles B. Strozier, a historian and psychoanalyst, is a professor of history at John Jay College and the Graduate Center, CUNY, and faculty, training, and supervising analyst at TRISP in New York City.



NOVEMBER 4-5

November 4. 6:00- p.m. • November 5. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Free

The Filson Institute Public Conference *The People’s Constitution: Our 18th Century Constitution in Modern Context*

The U. S. Constitution was a groundbreaking document but not one without its contradictions and ironies. In the Declaration of Independence, the signers staked out a new path for government that rejected the Divine Right of Kings, asserting instead that the power to govern flows from the consent of the governed. Despite this commitment to representation and democracy, the framers of the Constitution excluded large swaths of the populace from its principles. While they adopted and integrated Baron De Montesquieu’s notion of the separation of powers, most black men and all women were omitted from democratic participation.

“The People’s Constitution: Our 18th Century Constitution in Modern Context” seeks to understand how our nation has functioned under our unique constitution for the past 229 years. This conference is produced in association with the University of Louisville’s Louis D. Brandeis School of Law.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:00 p.m. • The Filson Historical Society, Dan and Frances Street Hall

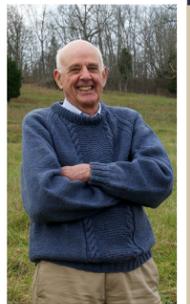
Free

Farming, Community, and the Land

Wendell Berry

Wendell Berry’s passion for the land he lives on and the people he shares it with moves beyond just his written work; it infuses every aspect of his daily life. Join Wendell as he discusses the issues most meaningful to him: the need for a local economy that values property and cares properly for the land and the people who farm it, including such topics as land usage, farm policy, and local food infrastructure.

Wendell Berry is Kentucky’s premier living writer, a native and resident of Henry County whose poetry, fiction, and essays have garnered national renown for their direct yet expressive style and their dedication to the experiences modern society increasingly asks us to abandon. He has received more awards and recognitions than he would like us to list here, or indeed than we would even have room for. He is a farmer, itinerant teacher, and devotee of family and community, a champion of land stewardship, sustainable farming, and mindful living.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:00 p.m. • The Filson Historical Society

Free

Jasper Ward: Louisville’s Modernist Icon

Steve Wiser

Louisville is known for its traditional preference in architectural styles. From residential to institutional, local aesthetics tend to be based on ‘conventional’ construction. Louisville architect Jasper Ward was anything but conventional. A New Jersey native, Jasper brought a new approach to architectural design. Bold forms, no ornamentation, and a ‘hip, cool’ appearance, Jasper’s buildings were unique and innovative. The manner in which he organized his studio was likewise unconventional. Instead of a top-down approach, he allowed his young staff freedom to express their ideas in his commissions.

Steve Wiser is the author of several local architecture and history books including: *Distinctive Houses of Louisville*, *Modern Houses of Louisville*, *Louisville Tapestry: People and Places who Helped Create America’s Most Livable City*, and *Louisville Sites to See by DESIGN*.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:00 p.m. • The Filson Historical Society, Dan and Frances Street Hall

Free

Exploring Kentucky’s Prehistoric Past

John Hale

Nomadic hunters first reached Kentucky more than 10,000 years ago during the Ice Age, and they left behind the weapons they used to kill mastodons and other Pleistocene megafauna. In later millennia, Kentucky tribes began to exploit local flint deposits, explore the many caves and waterways, and leave gigantic shell mounds along the Ohio and Green Rivers. In the late 18th century, when the first Europeans reached Louisville, they found the huge earthen mounds looming over what is today the downtown area. These mounds were soon leveled, obliterating all monumental traces of our region’s first inhabitants so that only their artifacts of stone, bone and pottery remain as mute witnesses to their vanished way of life.

Dr. John R. Hale is an archaeologist at the University of Louisville. He has conducted excavations at prehistoric sites in the Ohio River Valley, including Louisville, and as a diver has pursued underwater excavations at shipwreck sites in the Mediterranean and a sunken Maya city in Lake Atitlan, Guatemala.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

12:00 p.m. • The Filson Historical Society

Free

Alexis in America: A Russian Grand Duke’s Tour, 1871-1872

Lee A. Farrow

In the autumn of 1871, Alexis Romanov, the fourth son of Tsar Alexander II of Russia, set sail from his homeland for an extended journey through the United States and Canada. The first Russian royal ever to visit the United States, Alexis received a tour through

