



## The Campaign for Locust Grove



Locust Grove is embarking upon the **Campaign for Locust Grove** — a capital campaign that plans to raise \$3.2 million to refurbish the Visitors’ Center, build a pavilion, and improve access and connections between the grounds and outbuildings.

As Campaign Chair **Kate Dalton Boyer** says, “Locust Grove is a beautiful asset for Louisville — a site where we can not only touch our Federal Era past but bring that past into context in the present. Our goals with this campaign are to make Locust Grove a more appealing place to visit and to position the site as a dynamic contributor to the life of our community.”

The Campaign for Locust Grove has already received the largest single

and mission of the site, the capital campaign focuses on the other elements of William Croghan’s remaining 55-acre farm.

Changes to the Visitors’ Center include a renovated lobby with space for temporary exhibitions; creation of an indoor/outdoor classroom; redesigning the museum store and admissions desk; and creating a dedicated library space for researchers, historians, and others.

The addition of a pavilion will be the biggest change to the landscape at Locust Grove. This space will allow Locust Grove to schedule multiple activities at the same time, and grow programs beyond our current capacity.



gift ever made in the museum’s history from the late **B. Preston Thomas**, who gave \$1 million to start the campaign. Preston served Locust Grove on the Board as President, Treasurer, and Secretary for more than 20 years. He even served briefly as Locust Grove’s acting Executive Director in 2004. His gift will dramatically impact Locust Grove and serve as a legacy to his service.

“Preston never sought recognition for anything he did,” says his widow, **Margy Thomas**. “He would be embarrassed at the attention — but would be delighted that he was able to do something for a place and the people he believed in so deeply.”

Executive Director **Dr. Carol Ely** worked closely with Preston during his years at Locust Grove. “Preston Thomas supported the work of Locust Grove in ways that were apparent and in ways that were invisible, but so crucial to our success over the past decades, she says. “His generous legacy gift will help us realize the vision of a more engaging, strong, and vibrant Locust Grove.”

Donors to date include many individuals, family foundations, the J. Graham Brown Foundation, and the Gheens Foundation, among others. *Give for Good Louisville* on September 13 raised \$18,687 for the campaign. While the historic house remains at the center of the story

The pavilion will support existing events like the annual Gardeners’ Fair and Antiques Markets, while offering a more attractive and practical solution for rental events at Locust Grove. Design work for both the Visitors’ Center and the pavilion is a project of **de Leon & Primmer Architecture Workshop of Louisville**, with landscape design by **Environs, Inc.** and museum store planning by **Andrew Andoniadis**.

Finally, funds from the capital campaign will support improvements to Locust Grove’s 55-acre property by creating more accessible paths connecting the outbuildings; reconfiguring the entrance; and improving parking. A meadow of native plants also is being planned for the site.

Along with Campaign Chair Boyer, the Campaign for Locust Grove committee includes Honorary Campaign Chairs **Gwynne and Grover Potts**. Also on the committee are **Chris Chappell, Shawn Clark, Shirley Dumesnil, and LaMar Gaston**.

At this Fall 2018 *Grove Gazette* deadline, Locust Grove has raised gifts and pledges totaling \$2.1 million towards the \$3.2 million goal.

To contribute to the campaign, go to [www.locustgrove.org/participate/capitalcampaign](http://www.locustgrove.org/participate/capitalcampaign), or send a check to Locust Grove, 561 Blankenbaker Lane, Louisville, KY 40207.

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The mission of Historic Locust Grove is to preserve and interpret the remaining 55 acres of William Croghan's estate, Locust Grove, with its circa 1792 house, outbuildings, collection, and grounds as examples of early 19th-century frontier America, and to share the stories of the many people who contributed to the history of the site, emphasizing the experiences of George Rogers Clark, Revolutionary War hero and founder of Louisville.

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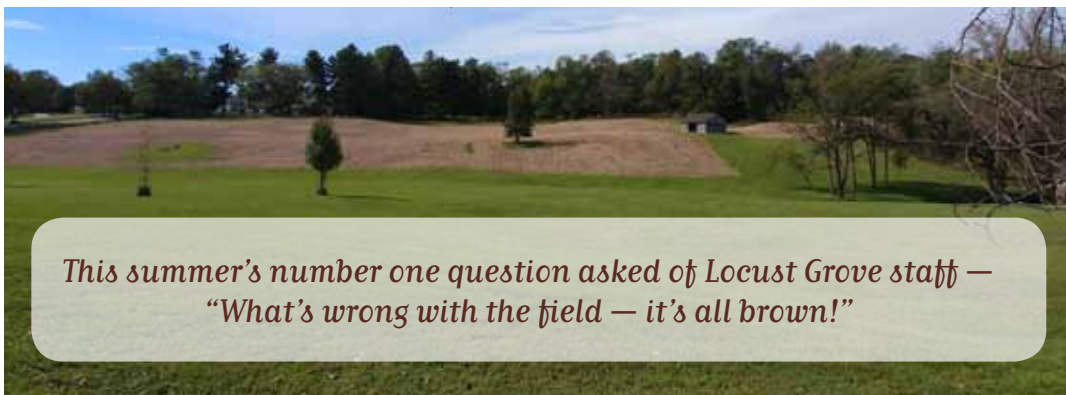
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## DIRECTOR'S LETTER Carol Ely, Ph.D.

Let me assure you – all is well. This is the future meadow. About six acres of the big field on the east side of the property, along Blankenbaker Lane, will be a sea of wildflowers by next summer.

The process of creating the meadow started last spring. We used organic herbicides to kill every plant that had been growing there. The grasses and many of the other plants that try to emerge there (weeds) are not native to this region and would not have grown here in the 18th century.



We could have burned the field, but that did not seem wise given the proximity of historic structures and of neighboring houses. This fall, we'll have a second application of herbicide to remove the stubborn weeds.

In the spring, the land will be tilled and seeded with a mix of native grasses and heirloom wildflowers. A meadow will emerge! We'll have a bit more hand-weeding to do each year to keep removing invasive plants. And we'll maintain a path around the perimeter and through the center of the meadow, leading to and from the barn.

This is all part of our long-range plan to include all of the 55 acres in the experience of Locust Grove. We've worked to remove invasive plants to open up and restore the woods and now we're improving the big field. Our Capital Campaign is raising funds to build paths to newly furnished and re-interpreted outbuildings and to provide better access to the main house.

If visiting the grounds of Locust Grove — gardens, woods, stone walls, fields — inspires you, and if you would like to be part of improving it for future generations, our Capital Campaign welcomes your contributions!

### Locust Grove Will Be Closed during January 2019

As we've done for the last few years, we're closing Locust Grove in January 2019 for cleaning, repairs, and planning. The staff will be on site most of the time, but please call ahead if you plan to come by. We'll continue to answer the phone, take reservations, and answer queries.



## Sarah Vowell Event Brings Laughter, Culinary Delights

To kickoff Locust Grove's "Age of Hamilton" events, author **Sarah Vowell** celebrated the Revolutionary War service of the Marquis de Lafayette and his 1825 visit to Louisville that *almost* included a stop at Locust Grove .

Some 190 years later on September 15, 2018 — in celebration of her book *Lafayette and the Somewhat United States* — Sarah Vowell regaled 150 audience members with anecdotes about Lafayette's service during the Revolution, his arrival in Louisville by way of a shipwreck, and the ways in which his French nationality paved the way for French-American diplomacy.



*Locust Grove Executive Director Carol Ely with author Sarah Vowell.*

A brief — and very loud — rainstorm at the beginning of the program pummeled the two tents, but it failed to dampen guests' spirits as Vowell spoke with **Tara Anderson** from Louisville Public Media.

After the close of the main program, 60 guests joined Vowell and Anderson for an elegant, candlelit, 1825-style Grand Dinner.

Hosting the event were the first-person interpreters of Dr. John Croghan (**Brandon Vigliarolo**) and Mrs. Lucy Clark Croghan

(**Cheryl Adkisson**), who would have hosted Lafayette — if circumstances had not prevented his visit.

The gorgeous candlelit dinner, prepared by chef **Bonny Wise**, featured a white bean soup, lamb and ham from Thomas Family Winery, macaroni and cheese from Thomas Jefferson's recipe, and rice pudding or vanilla ice cream with brandied peaches for dessert.



## SPRIT AWARD WINNER: Cheryl Kinberger

**"Hard-working." "Cheerful." "Conscientious." "Resilient." "Flexible." "Energetic." "Reliable." "Absolutely delightful."**

**Cheryl Kinberger** is all those qualities and more — which is why the Volunteer Steering Committee has selected her as this quarter's Spirit Award Winner.

"Cheryl is a delight to work with," says Curator of Education and Collections **Mary Beth Williams**. "She's always here with a smile, ready to pitch in — whether it's readying the coffee for the lecture, grilling at special events, taking admissions at the gate, or contributing her delicious homemade baked goods."

Cheryl also serves on Locust Grove's Used Book Sales committee — sorting books and helping during all the sales.

"I love the way that Cheryl jumps right into our Book Sorts and is super-conscientious," says Book Sales Volunteer Coordinator and Locust Grove Board Member **Brenda Tuckson**. "Cheryl always can be counted on to do whatever she can to help out."

**Bonny Wise** couldn't agree more. As a caterer for many of Locust Grove's and the local Jane Austen Society's events and teas, Bonny has found a gem in Cheryl.

"Cheryl is such a great help and is willing to do anything asked of her!" exclaims Bonny. "I know that if Cheryl comes to help, the job will get done. She's the best!"

Cheryl has been volunteering at Locust Grove for more than seven years. "I was downsized in 2010," Cheryl says. "After a year, I realized I had to find something to get me out of the house and be among people.

"Some folks who already were volunteering at Locust Grove encouraged me to see how I might help the organization."

And she's certainly found many ways to do so. "If there's a need, I'll step in if I can," she adds. "I've even helped park cars for events, done trash pick-up, and helped with mailings. Whatever it takes."

Cheryl also volunteers as assistant librarian at the Jewish Community Center. And she is president of The Friendship Force of Louisville, Ky. — a cultural organization focused on promoting citizen diplomacy through homestays and personal friendships.

"I love volunteering at Locust Grove and the great people here," Cheryl adds. "I'm working now to reach 1,000 hours — and my third star!"



# HISTORIC LOCUST GROVE CALENDAR

## FIRST WEDNESDAY LECTURE SERIES

Hear a variety of interesting speakers on unusual topics that relate to the lives of the Croghans, Clarks, and the region. Held on the first Wednesday of each month, except January and May. Lectures begin at 1:15 p.m., with desserts and beverages served beforehand. Cost — \$6, or \$4 for members.

### Dulcimer Society Holiday Concert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018 — 1:15 PM



Strum in the holidays with the **Louisville Dulcimer Society** as they bring us traditional carols and tunes for singing along — as well as new compositions that are quickly becoming favorites. Arrive early to get your seat and enjoy the seasonal treats prepared especially for you by Locust Grove's Lecture Ladies and Bakers.

### Exploring Black History at Locust Grove

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019 — 1:15 PM



In this day and age, no one can or should try to imagine the construction, maintenance, and growth of properties like Locust Grove without the often-silenced voices of the African and African-descendant people who worked and lived there, along with the invaluable contributions they provided. Join **Joy Gleason Carew, Ph.D.**, professor of Pan-African Studies at

U. of L., as she considers the opportunities and challenges of current projects at Locust Grove — to develop new characters and to help the first-person interpreters and docents expand the stories of the enslaved at Locust Grove.

## MUSEUM STORE HOLIDAY SALE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 — MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Holiday shopping with no traffic hassles! For 11 days after Thanksgiving, you'll get 20 percent off our wide array of books, toys, gifts, and Kentucky-made products. Locust Grove members will receive extra discounts on Small Business Saturday (Nov. 24) and Museum Store Sunday (Nov. 25). The store is open during regular Visitors' Center hours — Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.



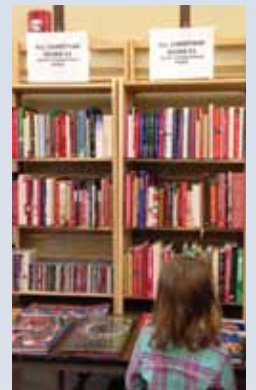
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 10 AM — 4:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 12 NOON — 7 PM

You'll find perfect gift books at this special holiday sale -- [em dash] new and gently used as well as lovely collectors' books. Your purchase benefits Locust Grove's educational programs -- and gives you some great books for holiday giving.

Visit us for free on Friday, Dec. 7. On Saturday, Dec. 8, the book sale is part of our annual Christmastide 1816 — \$6, adults; \$3, children; free for children under 6.



## EMILIE STRONG SMITH CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES — 2018–2019

The 35th season of the *Emilie Strong Smith Chamber Music Series* offers concertgoers a unique opportunity. Patrons delight in music that the Clarks and Croghans would have heard in the room where they most likely would have enjoyed it — the second-floor Great Parlor of the historic house. Refreshments are at 5:00 p.m.; the concert begins at 5:30 p.m. Individual concerts are \$20 each. Call Locust Grove at (502) 897-9845 to make your reservation. We hope you'll join us.

### Bach's Suites for Unaccompanied Cello

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019 — 5:30 PM



Baroque cellist **André Laurent O'Neil** is a *cum laude* graduate of Yale and the Historical Performance Practice Program at the Royal Conservatory in The Hague, Netherlands. He comes to us from New York and plays an original John Morrison violoncello (London, 1800). This concert is in celebration of his release of his recordings of all six of Bach's *Suites for Unaccompanied Cello* on Edition Lilac.

### Swansong

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 — 5:30 PM



This will be a farewell to the sounds of Locust Grove's beloved 1806 John Broadwood and Sons fortepiano. Mezzo-soprano **Rebekah Bortz Hardin** joins us for a traditional all-Schubert afternoon as we retire our lovely fortepiano from regular performance. The concert features sonatas, lieder, choral reading — and perhaps a parlor game or two.

## Fall 2018

### AARON BURR, SIR

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019, 1 PM–3 PM**

For the third year, we're celebrating the "Burr-thday" of "the villain in your history," Aaron Burr. Burr was a distant relative of William Croghan and visited Locust Grove in 1805. This family-friendly event features a True/False quiz contest and discussion about Hamilton, Burr, Eliza, Theodosia, and others of the Revolutionary generation. Cake for all, hands-on activities, music, and more. Over 12: \$6, Ages 6-12: \$3, under 6 free.



### A WINTER'S BALL

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019 — 7 PM - 10 PM**

**LOCUST GROVE'S AUDUBON ROOM**

(Co-sponsored by Jane Austen Society of North America-Greater Louisville)



**Hamilton: An American Musical** is the inspiration for this year's ball. Guests are asked to wear historic dress from the period 1770-1820. To help you with the dances, there will be a free dance practice offered on the day of the ball from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

at Locust Grove. The ball will feature live music, with dances called by **Tom and Toni Tumbusch** from Cincinnati. Tickets: \$25/person; \$20/Locust Grove members and guests aged 14 and under (who must be accompanied by an adult). Includes light refreshments. For more information and reservations, call Locust Grove at (502) 897-9845.

### HOWARD STEAMBOAT MUSEUM TOUR

**FOR LOCUST GROVE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019 — 10:30 AM**



Join us for a special guided tour of this beautiful museum in Jeffersonville, Ind. Learn about the history of the Howard family and see their 22-room Romanesque Revival mansion — with original furnishings, stained-glass windows, a grand staircase, and more. Cost: \$7 per person (LG members

and volunteers only). *Space is limited. Reservations must be made by January 12.* Contact Locust Grove's Curator **Mary Beth Williams** at [mwilliams@locustgrove.org](mailto:mwilliams@locustgrove.org) or (502) 897-9845 x105 to reserve. *Note: In the event of inclement weather, the trip will be cancelled.*

## THE AGE OF HAMILTON — COMING TO LOCUST GROVE IN 2019



Keyed to the arrival in June 2019 of **Hamilton: An American Musical** at the Kentucky Center for the Arts, Locust Grove will present an in-depth look at the personalities and events of the era of the American Revolution through the Early National period.

George Washington, Aaron Burr, and Alexander Hamilton all were part of the world of William Croghan and George Rogers Clark. We'll look at how their lives were interwoven. Through our events, we'll explore the themes and ideas of early America — from politics to fashion to military life.

Locust Grove is pleased to be a partner with the "Broadway in Louisville" series for school and youth programs connected with **Hamilton**. Here's a glimpse of a few events in store for Locust Grove's members and guests as we explore the history and the people whose stories are ingeniously portrayed in **Hamilton**.

Many details are still being worked out, so watch our website and social media for updates. Events will include:

- Sun., Feb. 3** Aaron Burr's "Burrthday" celebration
- Sat., Feb. 9** A Winter's Ball historical dance
- Fri., Mar. 8** A Visit With John Adams
- Sat.-Sun., April 27–28** Locust Grove's annual Revolutionary War Encampment, with an expanded look at military life during the Age of Hamilton
- Sat.-Sun., June 15-16** Hamilton Festival Weekend

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## THANK YOU, NANCY STABLEIN



In a year of losses of some of our greatest supporters, we are saddened by another loss. **Nancy Offutt Stablein** died on September 2, 2018.

Nancy was a supporter of Locust Grove for more than 40 years in every possible capacity — Board member, volunteer, donor, and especially as an active member of the Acquisitions Committee.

Nancy kept a keen eye on Locust Grove's historic furniture

collection and personally helped to obtain many of the pieces. Whenever she saw a speck of dust or a scratch, she was there herself, rag in hand, to make all well again.

She supported the staff, making sure that they knew that the Board appreciated them. Her kindness and caring were expressed with a frankness and energy that made the people around her want to try harder, just to match her level of enthusiasm. All of us associated with Locust Grove will greatly miss her.

### *In Memoriam*

Caroline Davis  
Caroline Ewing  
James Rissler  
Bob Smith  
Nancy Stablein

We note with sadness the recent death of these members of our Locust Grove family. We treasure their generous contributions to Locust Grove of time, energy, support, and enthusiasm.

## MANY FIRST WEDNESDAY LECTURES NOW ON WEBSITE

Did you have to miss one of Locust Grove's terrific "First Wednesday" lectures? No worries. Now you can access the audio of many previous lectures since 2017 on Locust Grove's website at <http://locustgrove.org/learn/afternoonlectureseries/>.

"We're recording and posting lectures to give friends of Locust Grove the opportunity to listen to past lectures and to create an archive of the wonderful speakers who visit Locust Grove," says **Hannah Zimmerman**, Locust Grove's marketing and communications director. "We began recording lectures in 2017. While not all lectures are able to be recorded, it's our intention to record and post as many as possible."



Locust Grove's Wednesday Lectures are held the first Wednesday of each month except January and May. Featuring a variety of interesting speakers on topics that relate to the lives of the Croghans, Clarks, and the region, they begin at 1:15 p.m., with desserts and beverages served beforehand. Cost — \$6, or \$4 for members.

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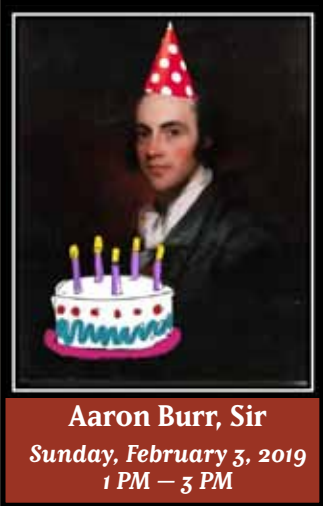


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## Fall 2018

### CHRISTMASTIDE, 1816

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 12 NOON – 7 PM**

Join the Croghans and Clarks as they welcome their friends and family to Locust Grove for a holiday celebration. Go behind the scenes of an 1816 Croghan family celebration as the home comes alive with the sights, sounds, and smells of the season.



Enter into lively conversations about the events of the past year. Find Lucy and her female friends as they prepare for the party. Join in the music and singing or card-playing. Then venture out to the hearth kitchen to chat with the cook.



In the Visitors' Center, shop at the Holiday Crafts Market for 18th-century-style goods useful today. Buy holiday or other books at the Christmastide book sale. Enjoy the music and refreshments while children create special holiday crafts. Admission — Adults, \$6; Children and teens, \$3; Children under 6, free.



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