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Nancy Wesolosky Spirit Award Winner

Carrie Nakajima, Volunteer Steering Committee

There isn't a harder "behind the scenes" worker than **Nancy Wesolosky**. She started at Locust Grove six years ago.

While still working full-time at Lord & Taylor, Nancy volunteered in the garden and as a special events concessions cashier. She found Locust Grove ideal for "meeting new friends who share my same interests."

Nancy, a Pittsburgh native, was raised on an island in the middle of the Ohio River. She and her husband Joe (who's also a special events volunteer) moved with their two sons to Louisville 21 years ago. Nancy worked in banking and retail until her retirement.

We, at Locust Grove, question whether she has really retired. You'll find Nancy making dessert for the Wednesday lectures, and scrubbing the coffee mugs after the event.

She's also on her hands and knees in the heat and humidity, weeding and tending the herb garden next to the kitchen.

Nancy's nimble with a needle, as well. She's worked on four quilts that raised money for Locust Grove. Her hobby of collecting and studying old quilts came in handy when she did some preservation work on an antique Kentucky quilt recently acquired by Locust Grove. It's now on the chest at the foot of the bed in the Master Bedroom.

The newest place to find Nancy is cleaning the house — our historic house, that is — with a Q-tip! She's one of our "Hysterical Dusters" — the volunteers who help keep the house clean.

"I've never seen such an enthusiastic cleaner," exclaimed Head Hysterical Duster **Claudia Trudel**. "Nancy is most deserving of our Spirit Award. She never sits down on the job!"

And now Nancy is getting ready for yet another job next February — as a first-time grandmother!



Yearly Events— Mark Your Calendars!

Afternoon Lecture Series

1:00 p.m. — the first Wednesday of each month, except for January and May.

Revolutionary War Encampment

Saturday and Sunday of "Thunder Weekend" in April.

Gardeners' Fair

Friday, Saturday, Sunday on the second weekend in May.

Mothers' Day Brunch

Sunday during Gardeners' Fair. *Reservations required.*

Antiques Markets

Last Sundays in June and in September.

18th Century Market Fair

Saturday and Sunday on the last weekend in October.

Candlelight Tours

5:30 p.m. — Friday and Saturday second weekend in December.

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Locust Grove Artifacts Shown



Board President Scott Waters stands behind an antique hand-made breadboard and holds a most unusual jointed figure (see inset) — items he shared with Locust Grove docents and friends.

Historic Locust Grove's Board President **Scott Waters** knows what it's like to live at Locust Grove. The historic home was owned by his family for some 80 years. Scott remembers visiting his grandparents on "the farm" when he was a young boy.

After the death of his mother several months ago, Scott received two items which he brought to Locust Grove's annual meeting in August.

One was a large breadboard that was used by generations of Waters women at Locust Grove. It was carved by his great-grandfather at Locust Grove for his grandmother.

The other was a hand-carved dancing figure, with jointed legs and arms. It might be a rhythm toy, often called a "limberjack." His grandfather found the figure in an old cabin at Locust Grove — probably a slave cabin — that was being torn down.

From the Director's Desk

Carol Ely, Executive Director

As I write this in early September, the tragic losses of life along the Gulf Coast from Hurricane Katrina are still being revealed. Our hearts go out to the many thousands of people who lost their loved ones, homes, belongings, jobs and so many other things so dear to them.

While the human suffering is always first in our thoughts, the loss of cultural heritage is staggering as well.

New Orleans has always been a unique blend of cultures — a place that felt intensely alive with the contradictions and blending of ethnic arts, foods, languages, architecture.

New Orleans is a little bit French, a little bit Spanish, a lot African and Caribbean — with the more recent blends of Italian and other cultures. The Crescent City also is a place of stunning architecture — bright West Indian cottages, domestic shotguns, mansions in the Garden District, the lacy ironwork balconies of the French Quarter.

A major U.S. port today, New Orleans was a crucial port for early America, too — and was particularly important to Ohio Valley farmers. Kentucky keelboats and later steamships delivered tobacco, hemp, and pork to ocean-going ships at the levee by the French Quarter.

Locust Grove's builder/owner **William Croghan** exported and traded extensively through

New Orleans merchants. And his son **George Croghan** lived in New Orleans for a time, even serving as the city's postmaster.

Because of the close connections by river between Kentucky and Louisiana, epidemics such as the cholera that carried off **Eliza Croghan** in 1833 were shared by both regions. **George Croghan** also died of the same disease in 1849 in New Orleans.

In the face of unprecedented national disaster, it may seem that the concerns of a small museum in Kentucky matter very little. But as you know, if it were not for the heritage we share, preserve, and treasure, our lives would be much diminished.

We hope, along with the people of Louisiana and Mississippi, that their cultural touchstones

will survive — the buildings, documents, paintings, and statues. And that the important connections between people, the connections that really matter in making a place into a community, will be infused with the richness of their past.

Just as the people of the Gulf Coast will value even more what they have been able to save from the disaster, we must value, appreciate, and support the places, people, and connections of our own rich cultural heritage. It could all so easily be taken away.

Thanks for all you do, here and elsewhere, to keep our national heritage vibrant, growing, diverse, and strong.

Lewis & Clark 'Homecoming' Planned for November 2006

On November 8, 1806, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were guests at Locust Grove — the home of Major William Croghan and William's sister, Lucy Clark Croghan.



To commemorate the last leg of the Lewis & Clark journey, Locust Grove and Louisville are planning a series of events in early November 2006.

Historic Locust Grove is the only residence still in existence west of the Appalachians to host Lewis and Clark. This is why Locust Grove is an official site on the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Trail.

As plans evolve, we'll highlight them in the *Grove Gazette*.

And all information also will be available on Locust Grove's website, www.locustgrove.org.

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The mission of Historic Locust Grove, Inc. is to preserve and interpret the 55-acre site, with its circa 1790 house and out-buildings, the collection and the gardens, as an example of early 19th-century frontier America.

It is also our mission to share the stories of the many people who contributed to the history of Locust Grove, emphasizing the life of General George Rogers Clark, Revolutionary War hero and founder of Louisville.

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18th Century Market Fair Returns!

Saturday, October 29
Sunday, October 30
10:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

You are cordially invited to an 18th Century Market Fair at Locust Grove, six miles up the Ohio River from the Falls of the Ohio.



Indulge in fine food and drink! Purchase goods and provisions!

Enjoy dazzling and amusing entertainment! Observe artisans demonstrating crafts! Witness mock battles led by military units heralded for their defense of the liberties and independence



of the United States!

All citizens and visitors to the region

are encouraged to attend. Come One! Come All! We await your presence.



Summer Camps Make Learning Fun

Aileen Novick, Program Director

The summer camps at Locust Grove were a great success! Campers stayed busy in our Woodworking Camp, Pioneer Camp, and first-ever Junior Docent Camp. Thank you to all of our campers. We really enjoyed having you here!

Thank you, also, to our great volunteers! We had 32 folks



Woodworking campers show off the birdhouses they made using 19th century tools and techniques.



Junior Docent campers did their own costumed interpreting in front of relatives and friends on their last day at camp.

helping at our camps — leading walks in the woods ... being counselors ... giving tours of the house ... teaching costumed interpretation along with hearth cooking, candle dipping, spool knitting, wool dyeing ... helping with birdhouse construction, and much, much more! Thanks for your imagination and dedication to our educational programming.

Docent Joe Spalding Wins Prestigious Bell Award

Aileen Novick, Program Director

The night was filled with men in tuxes and women in glittery gowns. They had gathered for the presentation of the 2005 Bell Awards, given by the WLKY Spirit of Louisville Foundation.

In its 28th year, this award recognizes people who have demonstrated a true "spirit of Louisville" through selfless volunteer service in the community.

Out of more than 55 nominations received this year, 10 people were selected for Bell Awards and two for Bell Awards Youth Service Honors. We were all thrilled to learn that Locust Grove docent **Joe Spalding** was one of these 2005 Bell Award winners!

A Locust Grove docent for 15 years, Joe has been a Tuesday-morning regular along with docent **Alberta Baker**. She and I were part of Joe's cheering section at the banquet on September 8.

A video tribute to Joe's community volunteer spirit said that Joe's retirement in 1985, "opened a new door for Joe, and his volunteer efforts have not stopped since."

Joe has contributed thousands of hours to the Franciscan Shelter House, doing everything from peeling potatoes to serving as board secretary.

The tribute praised Joe's many years at Locust Grove, showing scenes of him giving a tour in

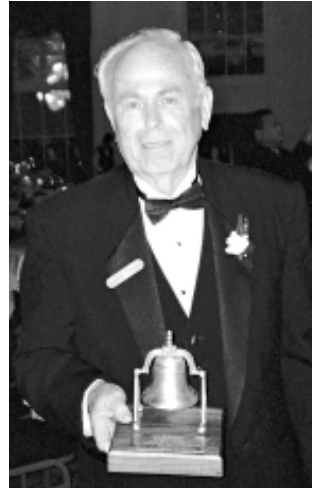
the house. Joe also is "on call" for the American Red Cross to assist with blood drives, and uses his love of the outdoors to volunteer at Bernheim Forest.

In his acceptance speech, Joe explained that he started volunteering so he wouldn't just play golf and fish throughout his retirement. He encouraged everyone at the dinner to volunteer. "Try it, you'll like it," he said.

He knows his work is helpful. "At the soup kitchen, I run the dishwasher. When an older woman hands me her plate and says, 'Thank you and God Bless, I know I'm in the right place.

"At Locust Grove, when a visitor says, 'I didn't know there was so much history in Louisville,' I'm sure I'm in the right place."

We're grateful that Joe has decided to devote so much of his time to Locust Grove. And we're so proud of all of his work here and in the community. Thank you, Joe.



2005-2006 Chamber Music Concert Series

Light refreshments served at 5:00 p.m.; concert at 5:30 in Locust Grove's ballroom. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Please call (502) 897-9845.

In A Scottish Humor

Sunday, October 16, 2005

Bill Bauer leads the Locust Grove Musicians in a curious collection of Scottish tunes and dances.

Pills to Purge Melancholy

Sunday, December 11, 2005

Tom Gerber on keyboard, **Allison Edberg** on violin, and **Phil Spray** on violone play popular tunes from 1698-1720, "from and with Mirth."

Follies, Foliage and Foolias

Sunday, January 22, 2006

Like "Greensleeves," the so-called "Spanish Folio" is a timeless tune handed down from antiquity. Hear variations of this famous tune by Handel, Lully, Marais, Boccherini, McGibbon, Farinelli and others performed by **William Bauer** and **Rachel Gries** on violins and violas, and **Jim Oxyer** on fortepiano.

Dialogue Between Head and Heart – Thomas Jefferson and Maria Cosway

Sunday, February 26, 2006

After a hiatus of 10 years, **ARS FEMINA** returns to Locust Grove's ballroom in an afternoon of chamber music from Thomas Jefferson's personal collection. Hear music composed by Maria Cosway while she and Jefferson kept company in Paris while Jefferson was Ambassador to France, 1784-1789. This performance features Locust Grove's 1806 John Broadwood fortepiano.

Attention Volunteers

Docent In-Service

Tuesday, October 11
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Learn how to incorporate costumed interpreters into tours. Includes how Visitors' Center staff can describe to visitors the characters they'll be meeting in the house. We'll also share new material on Locust Grove.

Steering Committee Works For You!

Have suggestions? Concerns? Questions? Ideas for volunteer trips? Topics for discussion?

Contact any of our Volunteer Steering Committee members or leave a message at (502) 897-9845. We promise to get back to you with a quick response and our thanks!

The Volunteer Steering Committee members include:

- ◆ **Claudia Trudel**, Chair
- ◆ **Charles Dorenkott**
- ◆ **Carrie Nakajima**
- ◆ **George Plager**
- ◆ **Joe Spalding**
- ◆ **Diane Statler**
- ◆ **Nancy Winston**

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2005 AFTERNOON LECTURE SERIES

The theme of this year's lecture series — "Important Spaces, Interesting Places" — focuses on places that are important to Historic Locust Grove and the people who lived there. The Locust Grove Afternoon Lecture Series is held the first Wednesday of each month (except January and May).

Dessert and coffee are served at 1:00 p.m., with the lecture immediately following. Admission is \$5, or \$3 for Friends of Historic Locust Grove.

WADE HALL'S ANTHOLOGY OF KENTUCKY WRITERS

Wednesday, October 5

Wade Hall, professor emeritus of English at Bellarmine University, discusses his book, *The Kentucky Anthology: Two Hundred Years of Writing in the Bluegrass State*.

MORE SECRETS OF LOCUST GROVE

Wednesday, November 2

Gwynne Bryant Potts and Sam Thomas reveal more fascinating surprises they've discovered while doing research for their book on Locust Grove and the people who lived here.



All proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to Historic Locust Grove, Inc.

LOUISVILLE DULCIMER SOCIETY HOLIDAY CONCERT

Wednesday, December 7

This annual concert is a great kick-off for the holiday season.

2006 AFTERNOON LECTURE SERIES

The theme of the 2006 Afternoon Lecture Series will be "The Early Settlement of the Land." Lectures will focus on settlement and agriculture in early Kentucky.

The first lecture of the 2006 series will be February 1, 2006. Lectures are held on the first Wednesday of each month, except for January and May.

Look for details of speakers and topics in the Winter 2006 issue of Grove Gazette, scheduled for delivery in early January 2006.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

Historic Locust Grove's Chamber Music Concerts offer a rare opportunity to enjoy music much as the Clarks and Croghans would have back in the early 1800s.

You'll be served light refreshments at 5:00 p.m. in the family dining room of the house before ascending to the second-floor ballroom for the 5:30 p.m. concert. Space is very limited and reservations are required.

Season tickets are available, as well. Please call (502) 897-9845 for further information and ticket purchase.

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FALL ADULT WORKSHOPS

FREE DULCIMER EVALUATION

Saturday, October 8
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Need information about a dulcimer that you own? Maureen Sellers will examine your instrument and tell you about it.



Maureen Sellers, noted dulcimer teacher and performer.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DULCIMER

Saturday, October 8
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

No musical background is required for this session with Maureen Sellers. She will discuss the history of the dulcimer and teach the basics of playing it. Topics will include beginner-level basic strum, tune and mnemonics to help students learn the rudiments of timing painlessly. Loaner instruments are available with advance notice. Please bring a bag lunch.

Maureen, a well-know performer with a gentle teaching style, has taught and performed dulcimer music in more than 16 states. Currently she teaches at University of Louisville, in Bellarmine University's Elderhostels, at Senior Citizens East in Kentucky, and at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany, Ind.

\$35 per student. To register, please call (502) 897-9845.

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SEED-SAVING WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 22
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Have some special plants that you'd like to grow again next year? Perhaps you can, if you save the seeds correctly.

Join **Deborah Larkin**, a specialist in heirloom plants and their traditional uses, she shares techniques on seed-saving and heirloom gardening. Deborah worked as horticulturist/herbalist at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill for 27 years.

\$10 per student. To register, please call (502) 897-9845.

18TH CENTURY MARKET FAIR

Saturday, October 29 and Sunday, October 30
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Step back two centuries to a time when people gathered to trade goods, socialize, and be entertained. Stroll the grounds and shop for 18th century goods (which are great for today's living, too!) and watch demonstrations of early American crafts.

Then visit the tavern for a drink, or watch **Signora Bella**, the Slackrope Walker. Marvel at **The Amazing Budabi Brothers**, juggling swords and fire. And tap your feet to some great 18th century music.

You can visit with the rat catcher as he displays his newest trophy. And — new this year! — you can take a horse-drawn carriage ride around the farm. Throughout the day, you'll want to watch out for skirmishes in the field between British and Colonial forces.

Admission (which includes a tour of Locust Grove) is good for both days — \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors over 62 and children aged 6 to 12, free for children 5 and under.

BARN BROU-HA-HA

Saturday, October 29
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Stories and the music of early settlers are part of this family event at the Locust Grove barn. Come in your Hallowe'en costume and dance around the campfire ... listen to stories of headless horsemen and other ghostly figures ... play frontier games ... bob for apples ... and enjoy hot cider and snacks.

The event is free, with a suggested donation of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK'S BIRTHDAY BOURBON BASH

◆ *Special Evening For "Friends of Locust Grove" only* ◆

Saturday, November 19 — 5:30 p.m.

Sample bourbons from **Brown-Forman** and enjoy hors d'oeuvres from **610 Magnolia** at this *by invitation only* "Friends of Locust Grove" event. Look for details in a mailing coming soon. (See Page 7 to learn how to become a "Friend of Locust Grove.")

LOCUST GROVE HOLIDAY SAMPLER

Friday, November 25

Spend the day after Thanksgiving exploring our region's heritage. We're open during our regular hours (10:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.) Costumed interpreters will be in the kitchen and woodshop from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. And it's all included in the regular admission price!

LOCUST GROVE MUSEUM STORE SALE

Friday, November 25 thru Sunday, December 4

For special Christmas gifts without traffic hassles, visit our museum store! For 10 days after Thanksgiving, you'll receive a 15-percent discount on all purchases. The museum store carries a wide array of stationery, toys, books, and Kentucky-made crafts.

CANDLELIGHT TOURS

◆ *Special Evening To Thank Capital Campaign Donors* ◆

Thursday, December 8, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Open to the General Public —

Friday, December 9, and Saturday, December 10
5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

A celebration reminiscent of the year 1820 comes alive under the warm glow of candles. The house shines warmly as the illustrious Clark and Croghan families greet their guests. Mantels and stairs are draped with fresh greens and exotic fruits.



Out in the kitchen, cooks offer samples of food prepared for the house guests, while carpenters in the woodshop finish repairs to farm tools and create everyday objects.

And it's all at our regular prices — \$6, general admission; \$5, seniors; \$3, children 6-12; free to children under 6 and members.

Save Your Books For LG's Book Sale



Locust Grove's Second Annual Used Book Sale is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, March 10-12, 2006. Mark your calendars now for some great bargains!

Hundreds of people got great bargains at the 2005 sale. And we hope there will be even more in 2006.

Please start saving your books now! We're looking for used and antique books in good condition, hardbacks and paperbacks, including children's books. We will also accept CDs, audio books, videos, and DVDs.

Please, no encyclopedias, condensed books, magazines, or books in poor condition. Thanks.

We prefer to receive the books after January 1st for the March sale. But if you're moving or reorganizing and need to give us your books now, we'll be glad to take them.

After January 1, 2006, we can arrange to pick up your books. Just call Locust Grove at (502) 897-9845 for more information.

Thanks for donating your books! And please plan to bring all your friends to shop at the Locust Grove Used Book Sale, March 10-12, 2006.

All donations are tax deductible. Receipts are available on request.

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Our "Friends of Historic Locust Grove" membership program began in January 2002. We now have more than 400 individual and family members.

A hearty "thank you" to all of these people who joined or renewed their memberships in June, July and August 2005, and to all of our long-time "Friends of Locust Grove"!

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Yearly memberships in the Friends of Locust Grove are available in three categories:

Individual — \$35

Family — \$50

Student — \$15

Memberships give you —

- ◆ free tour admission during regular hours,
- ◆ discounts to selected special events,
- ◆ the quarterly *Grove Gazette* newsletter,
- ◆ a 10-percent discount in the museum store, and,
- ◆ two free guest passes.

For membership information and details, please call us at (502) 897-9845.

Correction:

In the Summer 2005 issue of *Grove Gazette*, I overlooked a few of our essential and enthusiastic Gardeners' Fair volunteers.

Here's the complete list of the committee, all of whom deserve our heartfelt thanks.

Carol Ely, Executive Director

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