

We are excited to have Irvin M. Henderson long time board member of the National Main Street program join us to welcome you to the conference and get you excited about the future!

Also speaking will be David Morgan, former KY SHPO, who saw the program as a great opportunity for Kentucky and started the state wide KY Main Street program.

The Covington team has created a wonderful line-up to celebrate our 40th Anniversary! This main link to the conference is https://www.rcov.org/kymainst40 .You can access detailed information about the sessions and to register The conference is approved for AIA, AICP and CLG CEU's.





We would like to thank our sponsors, the KY Dept. of Agriculture, KY Proud program and

Friends of Kentucky Main Street.

These partners have supplied the KY Proud ingredients for our bakers: Woodford Reserve, Boone Creek Creamery, Weisenberger Mill, and Broadbent Farms. Another fun event will be the Kentucky Main Street Bake-Off! KYMS is carrying the theme of Better in the Bluegrass and KY culinary foods with a competition that includes bacon, butter, and bourbon, what more could you ask for!

Bakers from across the state have participated in the local competitions in their Main Street communities and moved to the regional MS competitions to participate in the finals on April 24th with Jason Smith. His captivating personality, vibrant outfits and ease in front of the camera that has made him a "Triple Crown" winner in the competitive kitchens of Food Network; winning Holiday Baking Championship season 3, Holiday Baking Championship—Kids vs Adults—2016, and the ultimate title of Next Food Network Star—season 13. Jason not only wowed the judges with his expert culinary skills, he also won the heart of America with his down-home personality and colorful interpretations of Eastern Kentucky and southern jargon that can only be termed as "Jasonisms."

We are excited to have him join us to learn his story and crown the Kentucky Main Street best baker.

There is also a peoples choice award so you get to try the goods too! Come enjoy fun and food with us April 24th!



#### National Main Street Sub-Licenses information

You will be receiving your Main Street America sublicense agreement vis email from the National Main Street Center (via Adobe Sign) this month.

It is important that you (and/or whoever has signing authority) read and sign the agreement. The agreement indicates that, as a member of Main Street America®, you have access to Main Street America branding materials and will promote Main Street through the use of the logo wherever possible, including on your website and promotional materials. KYMS will be sending the logos directly to you as an attachment.

During the month of April NMSC will also be sending out the press releases for designated programs to use in your local news outlets and social media.

KYMS programs will be receiving their certifications of accreditation at the conference.



The conference will cover several areas and are designated by the Schedule Key: SC = Smart Cities, D&I = Diversity & Inclusion, PS = Practitioner Skills, CP = Creative Placemaking, RV = Rural Vibrancy, ES = Environmental Sustainability

All information can be found at the website: https://www.rcov.org/kymainst40 Just click on the conference tab

Here are just a few examples of conference sessions.

[SC] Smart City: What the Heck is a Smart City? Speaker: Jeremy Satterly, President of the Taylorsville Main Street

[D&I] Creating Inclusive Communities: Exploring Bias and Employing Debiasing Strategies Speaker: Bonnie Meyer

[PS] Grassroots Community and Economic Development Speaker: Josh Tunning

[CP] CoSign: Creating Destinations with Better Signage Speakers: Cate Becker

[RV] Diversifying Rural Economies Speakers: Darrin Wilson

[ES] "Community Supported Agriculture in the City: A Public-Private Partnership to Establish a New Sustainability-Focused Industry" Speaker: Alexa Abner On Tuesday evening, April 23rd, we will present the annual Main Street Awards at the Madison Theatre in Covington. These awards honor individuals who give their time and talents to their local programs, renovation projects, promotions and events and more! In addition, we will be presenting certifications to the communities who have met the state and national standards for accreditation and honor the directors who have completed Certified Main Street director training!





A conference treat will occur immediately after the Main Street Awards on Tuesday evening. Director by day, rock star by night, Tony Pence and the big ugly will delight you with their vocals and musical talents.

We have amazing directors with amazing talents, don't let them fool you.

Keep an eye out for the April edition of the Kentucky League of Cities magazine with the beautiful Paramount Theatre located in Ashland, KY. There is article about Kentucky Main Street and the work that KYMS does across the state.

Thank you to Terri Johnson of KLC for this opportunity.

A new publication, The Kentucky 100, released a list of the Commonwealth's Best Small Towns in its inaugural issue this month.

Here's the top 10: (No surprise are 5 KYMS communities!)

- Augusta
- Henderson
- Berea
- Hodgenville
- Bardstown
- Midway
- Danville
- Morehead
- Dawson Springs
- Murray

#### **Reminder:**

Reinvestment Statistics are due April 15, 2019

Submit to: KYMainStreet@ky.gov

# Kentucky Heritage Council Ida Lee Willis Preservation Awards - Due April 22

Nominations are Now Open for the 40th Annual Celebration of Kentucky's Most Distinguished Historic Preservation Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the 40th Annual Ida Lee Willis Memorial Foundation Historic Preservation Awards, Kentucky's most distinguished celebration of historic preservation excellence. Named for Kentucky's first state historic preservation officer, the awards are given for the protection, preservation, and rehabilitation of historic buildings and cultural resources.

The 40th anniversary ceremony will take place this May in Frankfort during National Historic Preservation Month. The awards recognize contributions to preserving our collective heritage at the local level and throughout the Commonwealth via personal commitment, investment, advocacy, volunteerism, building partnerships, public involvement, lifelong dedication, or significant achievement. The foundation hosts the event in partnership with the Kentucky Heritage Council/ State Historic Preservation Office (KHC).

# Awards are presented in four categories, and all nominations must be received in the KHC office or postmarked by Monday, April 22. For guidelines, nomination form, submittal instructions, and more about previous recipients, visit our website heritage.ky.gov

- The Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award goes to the individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to the cause of historic preservation in the Commonwealth. Last year, Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham of Kuttawa was honored for his work as a historian, author, and preservation advocate.
- Preservation Project awards honor outstanding examples of building or site rehabilitation, restoration, and adaptive reuse. 2018 project awards went to Fayette County Courthouse, Hotel Covington, and the George W. Robson Jr. House in Bellevue.
- Service to Preservation awards recognize individuals, organizations, nonprofits, public officials, financial institutions, news media, volunteers, and others whose contributions have had a positive impact on preserving historic and prehistoric resources. In 2018 these included a heritage program manager for Daniel Boone National Forest, the owner of multiple historic buildings in Paint Lick, and a retired KHC restoration project manager who has remained committed to teaching and propagating traditional preservation trades.

Grassroots Awards are given at the selection committee's discretion and celebrate those who have committed their personal time and resources to successfully take on a challenge that addresses a preservation issue at the local level. Last year these were awarded for the rehabilitation of a 1928 high school into the Caneyville Purple Flash Community Center, and for fundraising by the New Castle Grand United Order of Odd Fellows Washington Lodge No. 1513 Preservation Consortium. For more information, go to the <u>website</u> or contact Diane Comer Public Information Officer & Site Development Program Administrator Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office The Barstow

# National Endowment for the Arts Challenge America-Due April 11

These NEA \$10,000 grants can be used to extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations.

# AARP Community Challenge Grants-Applications due April 17

This program will provide funds for community-based "quick-action" projects that improve liability for residents of all ages.

This is a great opportunity to celebrate the women who have had an impact in your community. Deadline to apply is April 22nd! Webinar April 10th information below

## Applications are Now Open for Partners in Preservation: Main Streets!

This year, to mark the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment in 2020, the campaign will have a special emphasis on historic buildings and sites that celebrate the contributions of women in Main Street communities across America, both historic and modern day. Through this, Partners in Preservation will seek to uncover and raise awareness of women's often unrecognized contributions to American history and society.

Have questions, ideas, or want to learn more? Join us for an informational webinar on April 10th, from 1 – 2pm EDT. The webinar will also be available as a recording. **Register here >**https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/398684825194111821

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Did you know: In1838, Kentucky passed the first statewide woman suffrage law (since New Jersey revoked theirs with their new constitution in 1807) – allowing female heads of household to vote in elections deciding on taxes and local boards for the new county "common school" system. The law exempted the cities of Louisville, Lexington and Maysville since they had already adopted a system of public schools. Kentucky was crucial as a gateway to the South for women's rights activists.

#### **Paintsville Main Street**

is looking for volunteers to assist with painting and cleanup for Main Street. We have 2 buildings we are looking to paint before May 18th if possible. Also some general cleanup. Anyone interested in helping

with beautification projects please contact Paintsville Main Street 606-793-4006 or Josh at 606-922-1383

#### It's that time of year again!

Stop by and see the Easter Bunny in Bardstown or Jelly Bean in downtown Murray!

You can purchase your Easter/Derby bonnet, candy, and other holiday items from your local Main Street merchants!

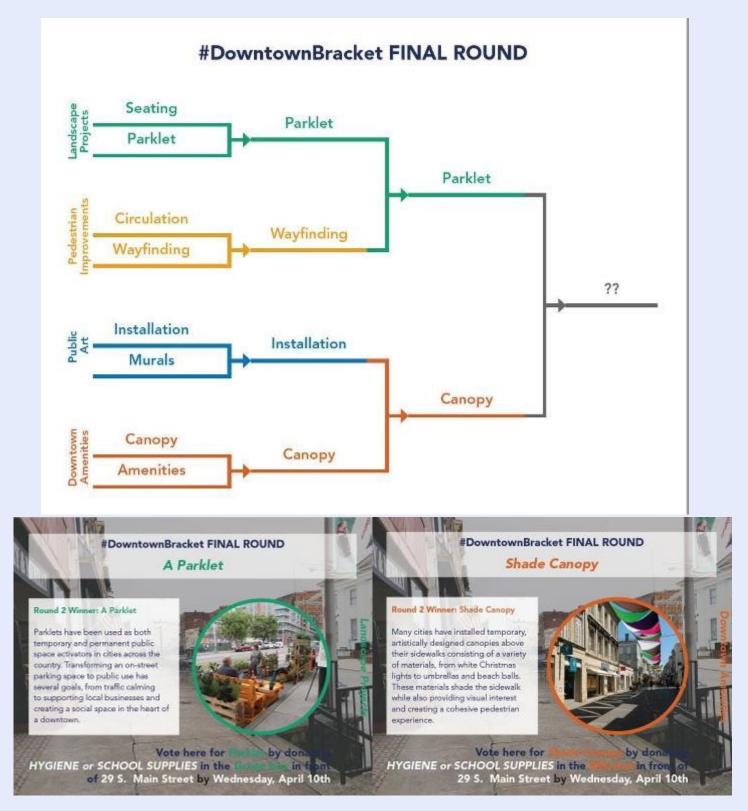






Jelly Bean will be on the Square in Murray! Come downtown on April 20th before 9:30am to see her before the hunt!

She can't wait to see you!



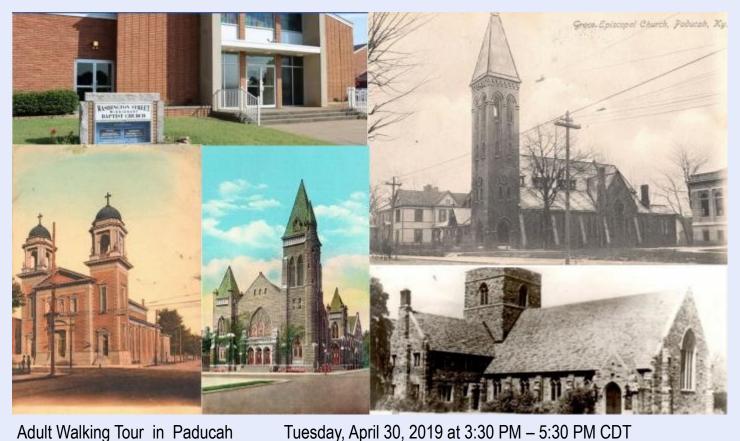
### What will be the winning entry to the Winchester March Madness bracket? KYMS is putting their money on the Parklet.

We love this idea and think it is a great tool to R&D for KYMS communities next March! Others are helped when people vote, it's definitely a win-win.



Contest

For Vendor Info contact Southern Girls Events @ 865-585-2604 or 606-269-8809



Adult Walking Tour in Paducah

Spring has sprung in downtown Scottsville!



Fri, April 26, from 4 to 8 pm behind the Washington Co. Judicial Center! Learn all about amazing birds from Raptor Rehab of KY! Great food, music, dancing, performances, sustainability education, silent auction, vendor booths, giveaways, and kids activities! Bring the whole family and come on over!

**Dinner In JAIL!** Hosted by Taylorsville Main Street, Saturday, April 27th, 4:00-8:00 PM contact Beverly Ingram 502-477-6608 for more information or see their Facebook Page.



Never to early to start planning your trip! You travel through several Main Street communities along the way. Great places to stop for a rest and lunch or dinner!!

