MAC Readies for Its First Meeting in Kentucky!

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.com/), which among its other "firsts" was the first to ship whiskey down the Mississippi River and the first to use steam power for distilling. With generous support from the distillery, this tour of the bourbon-making process is not to be missed. These free tours will fill up fast, so be sure to sign up early!

If self-guided tours are more your style, dozens of options await you. Louisville is one of only five American cities to boast a series of parks designed by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, not to mention the downtown Waterfront Park and the Extreme Park for brave-hearted skaters and cyclists of all ages. Captivating Cave Hill Cemetery, another Olmsted work, is a short distance from downtown and features, among others, the grave of Colonel Harlan Sanders, founder of KFC.

If the arts are more your cup of tea, take in a Broadway show at the Kentucky Center for the Arts, hear the Louisville Orchestra, catch a play at the internationally acclaimed Actors Theatre, or spend an evening with the Louisville Ballet. See the glass-blowing demonstrations and gallery at the Glassworks, stroll through the East Market Street gallery district, or slip away to the Speed Art Museum near the University of Louisville, where the collection is just the right size to leave you inspired without being exhausted. All of these attractions are minutes away via one of the dozens of buses and trolleys operated by the Transit Authority of River City, so hop a TARC bus and get out on the town!

The place to be at night is Fourth Street Live. This spirited district is a short walk from the Brown Hotel and features nightclubs, restaurants, a bowling alley, and much more. The Maker's Mark Lounge will satisfy your yen for bourbon, or you can grab a souvenir from the Hard Rock Cafe. Less touristy are the Bardstown Road and Frankfort Avenue corridors, full of shops, restaurants, and boutiques in the midst of thriving neighborhoods; both are easily accessible by bus. The Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs offers a glimpse into the greatest two minutes in sports. Unfortunately, Churchill Downs will be gearing up for the Kentucky Derby during our meeting, so you won't be gambling on horses. But if a round of poker gets your blood pumping, Caesar's Indiana is just across the Ohio River.

Your local hosts will lead restaurant tours, since eating in Louisville is possibly the best diversion of all. A huge range of restaurants awaits visitors to Louisville, from corner cafés and ethnic eateries to hip coffee shops and four-star splurges at the downtown hotels. Try one of the many foods that are quintessentially Louisville: a slice of Derby Pie, a Modjeska, or a mint julep. Be sure to experience the Hot Brown at its birthplace—our own Brown Hotel—so you can tell your friends about the fantastic "sandwich" with the funny name. And of course you can sample a bourbon ball as can only be made in the Bluegrass State.

Yes, we are mighty proud of our bourbon in Kentucky. It adds flavor to many dishes, not just to ice cubes in a tumbler. You'll also find it in desserts, savories, and sauces. Several bars and restaurants specialize in bourbon, so connoisseurs will have the makings for a long, indulgent evening or studious sampling.

So, are you ready to race to Kentucky for the 2008 annual meeting, April 17–19? Join us for the thought-provoking program and a great lineup of workshops, special events, and the bluegrass experience. Your colleagues along MAC's Kentucky "frontier" are excited to roll out the Southern-Midwestern hospitality. Watch for developments on the meeting Web site at http://www.midwestarchives.org/2008Spring/. We are "Racing toward the Future While Distilling the Past," and we hope to see you in Louisville!

Road Trip Contest for Students Returns

Students: want to get into the race but can't front the entry fee? The 2008 Local Arrangements Committee will be bringing back the popular Road Trip Contest for the annual meeting in Louisville! Free conference registrations will be awarded to several lucky archives students. Watch for more info on the meeting Web site at http://www.midwestarchives.org/2008spring. We hope to see you in April!

Vice President's Column: MAC Meetings Update

Tanya Zanish-Belcher, Vice President, Midwest Archives Conference

Cranbrook (October 12–13, 2007)

Cranbrook was overall an invigorating experience. The presentations were excellent, the presenters (Susan Tucker, L. Rebecca Johnson Melvin, Jennifer Hain Teper, Emily Shaw, Jennifer Wolfe, and Scott Schwartz) did a great job of facilitating and guiding discussions, and Cranbrook was a beautiful backdrop. The symposium is still a work in progress, but I think we are getting the hang of it. Special thanks to Leslie Edwards, Mark Coir, Marilyn Florek, Cathy Moras, Julie Herrada, Anke Voss, Meg Miner, and Miriam Kahn. Also, special thanks to our sponsors: Cranbrook Archives, Creative Memories, Light Impressions, ProQuest, University of Michigan School of Information, and University Products. A number of the presentations are available on the postmortem Web site at http://midwestarchives.org/2007Fall/Cranbrook2.asp.

Louisville (April 17–19, 2008)

The Program Committee has a full program of exciting sessions planned, and the Local Arrangements Committee continues to work its plans for hosting MACers in style for the first time in Kentucky! The mailing of the program is scheduled for February 1, and the cutoff dates for registration and hotel will be mid- to late March.

All of the sessions on the official program for both Columbus and Louisville have come through the submission process (as opposed to being developed by the Program Committee), so keep up the good work! It is important that MAC members feel they have a venue for their experiences and research at the annual meeting.

Lawrence (November 7–8, 2008)

Program Coordinators Alison Stankrauff and Matt Veatch have started work on the next symposium program with help from Local Arrangements Coordinators Becky Schulte and Audrey McKanna Coleman. The topic will be a practical aspect of digital preservation. Arrangements are being handled by University of Kansas Continuing Education, and we have a hotel contract signed with SpringHill Suites of Lawrence.

St. Louis (Spring 2009)

Program Committee Cochairs Adriana Cuervo and Josh Ranger have been appointed. Debbie Nolan, of DMN Communications, Inc., is investigating hotels and will meet with the Local Arrangements folks (including Kathy Gaynor, Mike Everman, and Scott Grimwood) to examine hotel possibilities. Stay tuned for further details.

Madison (October 23–24, 2009)

DMN Communications, Inc., is finalizing a hotel contract for the symposium, to be held October 23–24, 2009.

Chicago (Spring 2010)

I hope to appoint Program Committee cochairs by the Louisville annual meeting. DMN Communications, Inc., has been investigating hotels, and we hope to have a contract signed shortly. There has been some sticker shock about Chicago hotel rates for rooms, food, and meeting rooms, but based on requests from the membership, we know everyone wants to go back to Chicago, so we will make it happen!

Upcoming MAC Meeting Sites and Dates

Annual Meeting, 2008
Louisville, Kentucky
April 17–19, 2008

Fall Symposium, 2008
Lawrence, Kansas
November 7–8, 2008

Annual Meeting, 2009
St. Louis, Missouri
Spring 2009

Fall Symposium, 2009
Madison, Wisconsin
October 23–24, 2009

Annual Meeting, 2010
Chicago, Illinois
Spring 2010