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LANDMARK REPORT of Bowling Green & Warren County

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARTS

Governor Brown has abolished the Kentucky Heritage Commission and consolidated its staff and function within a new Department of the Arts under the Commerce Cabinet. Lois Mateus has been appointed Commissioner of the Arts Department and will assume title of State Historic Preservation Officer. Anne Thompson will serve as Director of the Heritage Division within the Arts Department. A 17 person "Advisory Committee" will replace the various independent Commissions which have been consolidated. The Historic Preservation Review Board will be continued because of Federal program requirements.

Assignment of the preservation function to the Commerce Cabinet indicates a shift of program focus. We have stressed the need to promote the economic benefits of historic preservation and the relationship between preservation and promotion of tourism; however, we must continue our efforts toward conservation of community resources.

Because public historic preservation programs in Kentucky have been very successful in encouraging reinvestment of private capital back into the local community, it is critical that the preservation community in Kentucky write to Governor Brown and Lois Mateus to express concern about the following:

Continuation of effective programs developed by the Kentucky Heritage Commission such as the Kentucky Main Street Revitalization Program, effective promotion of private rehabilitation projects using Federal tax incentives, a strong preservation grants program and

delivery of technical assistance to local projects. In order to maintain effective preservation activity, the new agency must maintain a professional staff with experience in the field of historic preservation. Any new board must contain knowledgeable citizens charged with making and implementing policies addressing the needs of all state resources. This citizens participation is an important link between the local community and state government. The Kentucky Heritage Commission provided effective financial and programmatic support to local preservation groups long before Federal requirements to do so. Support for local preservation programs has made Kentucky a national example in establishing effective local preservation programs.

Please write to Governor Brown and Lois Mateus expressing concern for continuation of serious preservation efforts and send a copy of your letter to the Landmark Association office.

Governor John Y. Brown
State Capital
Frankfort, Kentucky
40601

Lois Mateus
Commissioner, Department of the Arts
Capital Plaza Tower
Frankfort, Kentucky
40601

THE JULY LANDMARK MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

LANDMARK MEMBERSHIP

Landmark would like to thank those members that have sent in their 1981 - 1982 dues. We would also like to remind the membership to send in their dues as soon as possible. Current dues are \$10.00 individual and \$15.00 family. Landmark has had a good response concerning the Supporting, Sustaining, Patron and Life Memberships. We would like to thank those people for their generous contributions.

OLD-HOUSE JOURNAL

Landmark members can save 25% off the Old-House Journal subscription rate by ordering through our office. In addition, your subscription will help Landmark raise needed revenue. The Old-House Journal contains many useful articles regarding maintenance and rehabilitation of older homes.

DOWNTOWN CONCERT SERIES

The Downtown Business Association is sponsoring a free concert series each Wednesday afternoon from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. through September 9th at Fountain Square Park. Bring a lunch from home or buy a lunch at one of the downtown restaurants and spend an afternoon in the park.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed.: July-September 9 12-1:00 p.m.
 Concerts: Fountain Square Park

Aug. 11: Downtown Business Association Meeting

Aug. 24: Landmark Board Meeting
 B.G. Public Library 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 31: Landmark Monthly Meeting
 B.G. Public Library 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 9: Kentucky Association of Museums
 Annual Meeting - Kenucky Museum

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