



Join us this spring for our signature award event



The 65th Anniversary Celebration & Evening in the Garden at Farmington

Thursday, June 27 at 6 p.m.

Honoring our 2024 Anne Bruce Haldeman Award Recipient

Robert Joseph Brand

For his unwavering work in Kentucky landscapes, preservation and history



Dede Holman Photography

This year, Farmington chooses to honor "one of its own" as we celebrate Robert Joseph Brand. After 30 successful years as an attorney, the final fourteen as "Senior Director - Chief Products Counsel" with the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Bob retired back to his hometown, Louisville, in 2010.

Having lived in the neighborhood adjacent to Farmington as a child, Bob was moved to join Farmington's Board when he read local media accounts of the site's major fiscal challenges in 2012. He stepped into the role as Chairman of the Board in 2014 and served in that capacity until 2021. During his 7-year tenure as Chair, he led the Board's successful effort to restore operational solvency to Farmington. Prominent in that effort was the construction of the Brand Pavilion which enhanced revenue opportunities. Eighteen months later, in 2022, Farmington faced renewed fiscal challenges along with commensurate new opportunities. Bob once again agreed to assume the role of Chairman of the Board and lead Farmington into its next chapter as a premier historic home.

With a re-energized team of dedicated staff, volunteers and fellow Board members, and with the support of generous new donors, Bob is now leading a group effort to fully restore Farmington. Major projects already completed or underway include the new ornamental fenced and gated front entrance, the new rear porch on the main house, the imminent launch of the outdoor learning center (in cooperation of the Farmington Master Gardeners) and improvements to the Carriage House. Future projects include improvements to the spring house and its creek, the stone barn, the summer kitchen and a long-term project to re-landscape the entire grounds. As Farmington celebrates its sixty fifth anniversary as Kentucky's First House Museum, please join us as we honor Bob for his enthusiastic leadership in the grand effort to restore and preserve Farmington as a Kentucky, regional and national treasure.

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3033 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40205

Tickets are now available for purchase at our website: visitfarmington.org
The evening features cocktails, a silent auction, a bottle pull, live music, award presentation and dinner. Proceeds support the ongoing preservation and mission of Farmington Historic Plantation.