



Farmington

Farmington elects six new members to the Board of Directors
Fire in the Field November 8 - now with a Chili Cookoff

The final Hearth Cooking Workshop of the Season is just around the corner
Rental Information - Plan your event now!

Fall 2025

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Letter from the Managing Director

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It's been an amazing year on the grounds of Farmington! With the generous support of an anonymous Foundation, our 1816 main house has received some much-needed repairs. We replaced the roof, rebuilt shutters, repainted shutters and exterior trim, put new rails on the front porch, rebuilt the back porch, and installed new HVAC systems. Historic homes require a great deal of care and we're happy to preserve Farmington for generations to come.

Our Carriage House has also seen some upgrades, and will soon be home to a permanent bar structure that faces out towards the Pavilion. This will enable us to secure a year-round liquor license, offering flexibility for future events on the property like our monthly music series. Music in the Pavilion, which we've offered on the third Tuesday of the month from May-October, has seen steady increases since its inception. We've hosted a diverse array of musicians – from Tyrone Cotton to Yapa!, and culminating with King Kong in October – for family-friendly nights under the stars. Thanks to Cornbread THC Seltzers for sponsoring the series!

School group visits have been on the rise as well, thanks to the outreach of our Manager of Visitor Experience, Nancy Owen. She has worked with docents and educators to develop three options that align with state curriculum that include:

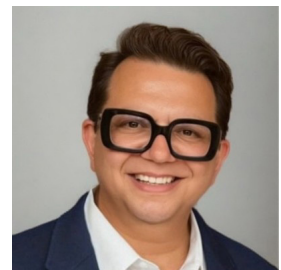
1. **Slavery at Farmington.** Students focus on slavery at Farmington, meet some of the individuals enslaved, and work on an activity analyzing a runaway slave ad placed by John Speed.
2. **Abraham Lincoln visits Farmington.** This program focuses on Lincoln and his life-long friendship with Joshua & James.
3. **A Day in the Life.** Students learn about life in the 1840's and compare the day-to-day life of the Speed children with the enslaved children at Farmington.

Upcoming fall activities include our Fire in the Field – a night with music, a bonfire, and a chili-cook-off – and a Hearth Cooking Workshop in November.

We hope you've enjoyed following our progress and that you'll consider investing in our future. Year-end donations in any amount strengthen Farmington and help us offer programs for the entire community.

We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,



Farmington elects six to the Board of Directors

Farmington is proud to welcome six new members to our Board of Directors. Board members serve as volunteers, lending their time, talents, and treasure to provide organizational leadership towards our mission. For a small non-profit like ours, they add vital capacity, conducting their duties through a variety of committees.



Dr. Jon Blandford currently serves as Assistant Provost at Bellarmine University. His expertise is in nineteenth-century American literature where his approach to teaching and scholarship involves situating literary texts within their historical context, highlighting the voices and experiences of individuals and groups not always featured within the dominant historical narratives. He hopes to help Farmington enhance its efforts to tell a more complete story of the diverse people who contributed to the history of our city, commonwealth, and nation. Blandford is also a neighbor to Farmington and was married on the grounds.

Carrie Cooper currently serves as the IT Vendor Management Lead at Humana. She plans to use her technology and project management experience to help Farmington strengthen its infrastructure needs. She is also passionate about gardening and is interested in learning more about plants native to our area. Cooper follows in the footsteps of her parents who have been very active in Farmington over the past few years. The family has held many celebratory events on the grounds, including a wedding and a high school graduation party. Cooper previously served on the Board of the Peterson Dumesnil House.



Kurt Mason previously served as an Urban Conservationist for Kentucky with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Mason has 44 years of experience working with private landowners and units of government on soil, water, and woodland related natural resource concerns. His background in land use planning on agricultural land and preservation strategies for protecting agricultural lands and open spaces will be invaluable to Farmington as we develop a master plan that capitalizes on our existing resources. Mason has served on a number of non-profit Boards including as Chair of the following: New Directions Housing Corporation, the Food Literacy Project, Bernheim Research Forest & Arboretum, the Louisville/Jefferson County Environmental Trust, and the West Jefferson County Community Task Force.

Dr. Edward McInnis currently serves as an Associate Professor of History at the University of Louisville. His training as a historian in nineteenth-century United States history and experience as a college professor will help Farmington achieve its educational mission for individuals of all ages. He will be able to provide historical context for the era in which Farmington rose to prominence, and will help make its history relevant to our own times. McInnis is also a neighbor to Farmington and looks forward to strengthening bonds with the local community. McInnis serves as an assistant scout master with Scouting America (formerly the Boy Scouts of America), and previously as a religious education instructor at All Peoples Unitarian Universalist Church.



Beth Northup is a residential realtor with Kentucky Select Properties. Northup is the child of a real-estate developer who instilled in her a love for everything that makes our city unique and special. Northup grew up as a neighbor to Farmington and remembers picnics on the ground. She has a fondness for history and understands the importance of preservation as well as community connections, which will serve her well as an ambassador for Farmington. Her previous Board experience includes stints with the Home Builder's Association of Louisville and Kentucky Harvest. She has been a volunteer with the Animal Care Society and Home of the Innocents and deeply involved with community theatre.

Alison Edeburn Ward currently teaches social studies at Chancey Elementary. Her academic credentials include a minor in Pan African studies and a Masters in elementary education. Most recently she was awarded a 5-year scholarship to an academic historical cohort through Gilderman Lehrman Institute that provides professional development on American history which includes lectures, self-paced courses, trips, and in class practices concentrating on providing accurate, engaging, and researched based instruction. Edeburn Ward will be an asset to the expanding educational programming at Farmington.



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Hearth Cooking Workshops



**Final
workshop
of the season
on
November 8
12 - 6pm**

Spend the day with our experienced hearth cook, Chas Stephens, prepping the ingredients and cooking a full meal with up to 9 other people before sitting down to enjoy the spoils of your efforts. At about 5:00 pm you and others will dine on the day's bounty complete with wine and bourbon options. \$50 per person includes the costs of all ingredients and beverages. Limit to 10 people per workshop. **Sign up at** www.visitfarmington.org/hearth-cooking-at-farmington



Farmington Rental Information

Farmington, conveniently located just minutes from downtown Louisville in the Highlands, offers an exquisite setting for your next event. The centerpiece of the property is the historic home, dating to 1816, which sits on 18 acres in the heart of the city. The home is complemented by formal gardens, a pollinator prairie, and the beautiful open-air Brand Pavilion – perfect for festivities small or large. Contact Michael@HistoricHomes.org to schedule a tour of the property or go online for more details at www.visitfarmington.org/rentals.

Amenities include:

Mary & Fred Brand Jr. Pavilion – measures 120’ x 40’ with paver flooring and a timber roof with a wide overhang. Our beautiful open-air pavilion is large enough to accommodate all your event needs, dependent on size, or a fabulous space for a wedding reception, corporate retreat, or community event. Rental includes café strand lighting throughout and (4) Big Ass fans.

Anne Bruce Haldeman Formal Garden – Named after one of our founders and one of America’s first and foremost female landscape designers, the garden serves as a beautiful backdrop to any event.

Carriage House – The second story features a grand library flanked by two dressing rooms and bathrooms. The first floor features a brick-floored open and versatile space. Either floor would be perfect for more intimate ceremonies, parties, or meetings. The Carriage House is included in large rentals as preparatory space.

Grounds – The maintained field behind the Brand Pavilion and the Formal Garden provides a beautiful country setting for your rental. Many couples hold their ceremonies in the field or the smaller formal lawn between the Main House and the formal garden. The grounds also include a pollinator prairie, vegetable crop fields, and honeybees for those who love to explore a bit of the country in the middle of the city.

Capacity – A standard rental has a maximum of 300 people. For rentals that may exceed 300, additional considerations are required – ask Farmington for details and rates. The Carriage House holds a maximum of 50 people.

Parking – There are 40 parking spaces in the Visitor Center parking lot. With prior written approval, and conditions permitting, a designated portion of the front field may be used for additional parking. We recommend that you use a valet service or have someone assist your guests with field parking. If the ground is too wet, field parking is not permitted. There are 4 additional handicapped parking spaces near the garden that provide a closer hard-surface access point to the Pavilion, Carriage House, and formal garden area.

Tables/Chairs - (125) wooden folding chairs, (12) 6’ rectangular tables, (5) hi-top tables are included with your rental.



	<u>April-Oct</u> Fri-Sun	<u>Nov-Mar</u> Fri-Sun	<u>Jan-Dec</u> Mon-Thur
Standard Rental 6 Hours	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,600
Half Rental 3 Hours	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,600	\$ 950
Carriage House ONLY - 6 Hours	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400
Carriage House ONLY - 3 Hours	\$ 850	\$ 850	\$ 850
PLUS			
All Rentals require payment of a Refundable damage deposit	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

Master Gardener Fall 2025 Calendar

New Ideas about Garden Maintenance & Management: Becoming an Ecologically Minded Gardener

Fall in the Garden – Put it to bed or wait until Spring? Fallen leaves and many ways to use them. Park at the Visitor Center parking lot. Follow the walking path over the bridge to the garden behind the main house.

October 25
9:30 - 11:00 am

Our Bountiful Garden- Lets Eat!

Class Focus: Fall/Cool Season Crops - Learn how to use your garden bounty. Registration required. \$20 per person. Park at the Visitor Center parking lot. Follow the walking path over the bridge to the Carriage House up the left-hand lane. Register here with the QR code! or call 502-452-9920.

October 30
6:30-8:00 pm



November in the Vegetable Garden

What's happening this month? Wrapping Up – Cleaning & Evaluating. Let's Talk Plants: Cover crops, planning for next season, earliest time to start seeds indoors, earliest time to plant seeds and transplants outdoors. Park at the Visitor Center parking lot. Follow the walking path over the bridge to the garden behind the main house.

November 8
9:30 - 11:00 am

Watch our website at www.visitfarmington.org for a full schedule of Spring and Summer garden opportunities to be published by the end of the year.



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Fire in the Field at Farmington

Saturday, November 8, 2025
6:00 pm

Live Music
&
Free Family Fun
Chili Cook-Off

S'Mores, Hot Dogs
Hot Cocoa
and
Cash Bar



Sign up below to participate in the Chili Cook-Off!

Bring a crockpot of chili and it will be sampled alongside all of the other participant's contributions. Folks will have an opportunity to vote with their dollars and the winning chili will win a prize! All of the proceeds will help support Farmington.



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