

Covington Today

Newsletter of the **Friends of Covington**

February 2010

2010 COVINGTON AWARD RECIPIENT – JANE PURDON

Jane Purdon is one of the most remarkable people one could ever meet. She was Valedictorian of her high school class, graduated Magna Cum Laude from her college, then went on to Law School, finishing in 1977, the same year she passed the bar exam.

She married William Purdon twenty years before she graduated from Law School and bore him three sons, all college graduates, with diverse careers. She worked for The Bethel Journal, The Robertson County News and was a teacher at Villa Madonna Academy for 32 years and Principal of the secondary school for 2 years. She has also been an Adjunct Professor at Northern Kentucky University and Xavier University, and has worked at several business colleges, retiring in 2000. While she was teaching, she also practiced law in an Erlanger office. She and her family moved to Northern Kentucky in 1961. Her community activities have been varied and many. She has served, and in some cases, continues to serve on the Boards of The Northern Kentucky Arts Council, the Northern Kentucky Heritage League, the



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Kentucky Humanities Council, the Friends of Covington, the Friends of Baker Hunt, the Behringer-Crawford Museum, and the Music Society of Northern Kentucky/Kentucky Symphony Orchestra. She has done work with the Kenton County Board of Adjustments, the Latonia Business Association, the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce (where she arranged venues and seminars for high school juniors from the Tri-State area, as well as for elementary and secondary teachers). She participated in the Covington Police Citizens Academy, and has volunteered at the Playhouse in the Park for many years. She contributed to the Northern Kentucky Encyclopedia and was a member of the Northern Kentucky Leadership, Class of 1998. Recently, she was presented with the Community Leader Award by the Center for Great Neighborhoods. Widowed since 1984, she and eldest son, David, live quietly in the Wallace Woods area of Covington.

COMING EVENTS

Covington After Hours: every second Wednesday, 5:30P.M. various sites

Covington Board of Urban Forestry: every third Wednesday at Molly Malone's, 7P.M. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Information about the care, planting, and preservation of trees in parks, on streets and in gardens

NEW! Friends of Devou Park beautification are gathering volunteers to plant, trim and weed. Call Bud Thurman , 781-3961, for more information.

Baker Hunt Lecture series: March 14, April 11, May 16, all at 2P.M., informative talks about Northern Kentucky History, Art, and Culture, \$7 at the door

Regional History Day: March 20, 8 A.M.-2 P.M. Contact John Boh, 491-0490, \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door.

Great American Cleanup: April 24. Information: Mary Ann Courtoy, 261-6290

Covington Award Presentation: May 13, 6P.M. More information will be forthcoming, including ticket price and sponsorships.

Northern Kentucky Heritage League: 42nd annual Duve-neck Memorial Art Show, May 9th, 12 P.M.-5P.M. at George Rogers Clark Park, Riverside Drive, Covington. Original art for sale, prizes awarded for best pictures. Contact murg@angelsocincinnati.com for more information.

Behringer-Crawford Museum:

Exhibit: History Unearthed, February 6-June 6

Tot Tuesday: March 16 and April 20, 10:30-11:30

Spring Break Archeology Camps: March 16, 17, April 6, 7 and April 13, 14, for students Ages 8-12

"An evening with Katie Laur": March 11, 18, 25, and April 1

PLEASE CONTACT THE MUSEUM AT 859-491-403 FOR ENTRY FEES AND FURTHER INFORMATION.

President's Corner

As we hopefully are digging out from Winter's last hoorah, it is hardly too early to consider the coming of Spring. The Friends always look forward to this rejuvenation because it is an essential part of the organization's purpose.

Community Garden Venture: Together with the City, neighborhood organizations, and other energetic groups and individuals, the Friends is promoting the development of community gardens throughout the City. It is rewarding to know that a concept that has been germinating within our group had also been sown within others. As the season comes upon us, look around your own neighborhood, find the accessible plot or vacant lot, and join the multitudes intent on feeding the vitality of a ever-rejuvenating city. Our longstanding Board member John Meiling is heading up efforts from our direction.

2010 Beautification Awards: Yearly, the Friends recognizes individuals, families and businesses that have made the effort to beautify their 'little corner' of the city. While the Beautification Awards are presented in the Fall, the Friends wish to recognize the Spring and Summer beautification efforts that crest before the August entry deadline. Take more than a moment to admire your own or your neighbors' efforts, and please chronicle those in an archival medium that can be accepted with a nomination.

2010 Covington Award: This year the Friends is very proud to recognize the contributions of a seemingly tireless individual in her giving to all things Covington. With this issue, we are very proud to announce the awarding of the 2010 Covington Award to Ms. Jane Purdon. Everywhere around us, we can identify the quiet unsung heroes that make our community a caring, thriving, and vibrant place to be. Jane is one of those heroes. Please mark your calendar as we will

honor her with a celebration on May 13th at The Plantation Club at Twin Oaks. Our sincere gratitude and congratulations to you Jane.

John Flesch

Editor's Corner

It has been said that February is the worst winter month in this area, and it is certainly proving true in 2010. The Covington alleys are so blocked with snow and ice that they are impassible and dangerous, leaving a lot of folks homebound. It is much snowier on the East coast, where government offices are closed and Congress has come to a halt. However, we must look on the bright side in that March is just around the corner, bringing new sprouts of the promised daffodils and buds on the trees.

The Friends of Covington membership drive is underway. If you have not renewed yet, please do so. A form is available herein.

Special congratulations to Jane Purdon in being named recipient of the Covington Award for 2010. She was a member of the FOC Board for many years and was the membership chairman as well. Her accomplishments are amazing for one small person, as you can see from the front page. The Award will be presented on May 13th, starting at 6PM, at Twin Oaks Country Club. Join us in Jane's celebration. More information will be forthcoming as to reservations and sponsorships. This event is the largest money-maker for FOC and enables us to continue beautification projects, support of charities, and various recognitions throughout the year. FOC is non-profit, so the Board pursues ways to spend monies collected in unique and city-improving ways.

Welcome to new Board member, Jeff Snyder. We are so pleased that he will join us!

Mary Anne Anderson

2009 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

(Renewals are due in January)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

Email _____ FAX _____

Type of Membership:

_____ \$15 Individual _____ \$25 Family _____ \$50 Business

_____ \$150 Individual Lifetime _____ \$250 Family Lifetime _____ \$500 Business Lifetime

Additional donation \$ _____



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Friends in the Business

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Ashland Inc: www.ashland.com

Blanks Pharmacy: http://sites.cornerdrugstore.com/blanks_pharmacy

Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption: www.covcathedral.com

Center for Great Neighborhoods: www.greatneighborhoods.org

Chez Nora Restaurant & Rooftop Bar: www.cheznora.com

City of Covington: www.covingtonky.com

Cork-n-Bottle: www.corknbottle.com

Corporex Companies, LLC: www.corporex.com

Covington Business Council: www.cbcky.com

DEP's Fine Wine & Spirits: www.depsfinewine.com

Immanuel United Methodist Church: www.immanuelumc.org

Kentucky Federal Savings & Loan: www.kentuckyfederal.com

Keystone Bar & Grill: www.keystonebar.com

KLH Engineers: www.klhengrs.com

KW Mechanical, Inc.: www.kwmechanical.com

MainStrasse Village Association: www.mainstrasse.org

Mother of God Church: www.mother-of-god.org

Saint Elizabeth Medical Center: www.stelizabeth.com

Sew-Eco: www.facebook.com/pages/Cincinnati-OH/Sew-Eco/65877656431

Twin Oaks Golf & Plantation Club: www.golfattwinoaks.com

Towne properties: www.towneprop.com

Vision 2015: www.vision2015.org

Our Featured Business Member

Sew-Eco

Sew-Eco is a new business member for the Friends of Covington. Cathryn Hudson and Susan Hammond bring decades of design and manufacturing skills to add new twists to clothing. While Sew-Eco can custom design new clothing for any client, Sew-Eco began as a venture to preserve quality clothing while rejuvenating it into a piece particularly fashioned for a client. Cathryn and Susan refer to Sew-Eco as a *clothing design recycling business*.

Sew-Eco's business has steadily grown primarily through personal referrals. They welcome the opportunity to schedule personal consultations and in-home group *imagineering* parties. While Sew-Eco is a home-based business on the north side of the river, it counts many Northern Kentuckians among its clientele.

Cathryn and Susan suggest that instead of leaving your cherished pieces to the darkness of a closet, give them new life. Whether it is a tired mink stroller (now three pieces for the client) that has sentimental value, or a favorite old knit sweater (combined with another piece to make a vest), breathe new life into your clothing with a unique piece custom-designed to your tastes.

Contact Sew-Eco at 513.373.1503.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of Friends of Covington is to bring together residents, workers, organizations and other enthusiastic supporters of Covington. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life in the community through communication, activities and projects designed to foster pride and encourage

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