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The NEA Big Read: KYGMC Maysville 2019 starts in October!!!

Our Kick-Off event will be on October 3 at MCTC Field Auditorium.

Pick up a book at the museum or events - calendar inside!

ises to offer to our community one of the most exciting literacy events in our eleven years of sponsorship of the reading program.

Dreamers and Doers: Immigration Innovation will be the signature exhibit of the **BIG READ** program. This special KYGMC produced exhibit will be featured in The Calvert Gallery during October and early November. Museum Seminars will be held on October 5th, 8th, and 19th with topics from the various themes of the **BIG READ** book, *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng.

*Reading makes
immigrants of us all - it
takes us away from home,
but more important,
it finds homes for
us everywhere.
— Hazel Rochman*

The Wormald Gallery beginning in October will showcase the Museum's collection of **Steve White** paintings. The highlight of the show will be the Museum's newest Steve White painting, "Early Mason County, Kentucky, Furniture Makers," which features two of the Mason County made cabinets found in the Museum.

November marks the opening of our holiday exhibits with the **International Nativity Scenes** opening the week of Thanksgiving on November 26. This traditional showcase of Nativity Scenes is being presented in part with the support of *Trinity Lutheran Church* and will be open in the *Calvert Gallery* through the Christmas season.

As always, we thank you for your support, for being a member, and for building the legacy of the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center.

C.J. Hunter IV
Executive Director

To-do List for October and November:

Pick up book from
museum for the NEA
Big Read: KYGMC
Maysville 2019

RSVP for Bob
Batchelor's book
discussion &
signing on Oct. 12

Museum seminars to attend:

October 5 - Genealogy
October 8 - Baby Jane Doe
October 19 - Dealing with
Suicide

Visit the exhibits at the museum,
including "Dreamers & Doers,"
the KSB Miniatures Collection,
the Bourbon History Galleries at
the Old Pogue Experience, and
the holiday exhibits that will open
in November.

MARLA'S MUSINGS

By Marla Toncray

Exciting changes are taking place on the second floor of the KYGMC Wormald Gallery.

With the passing of the burley tobacco industry and reintroduction of hemp production, the opportunity has presented itself to highlight how agriculture has impacted our economy and lifestyles in the Buffalo Trace Region.

The exhibits are under development, with a targeted opening date of January 2020.

In addition to artifacts and photos, the exhibit will highlight important statistics during Maysville's heyday as the second largest Burley tobacco market in the world, second to Lexington.

Rummaging through old photos has been a step back in time, with photos of trucks lined up at the Duke Warehouses on Kentucky 10 east of the city; farmers and buyers walking side by side during auctions; the beauty of a Kentucky tobacco field; and the hard labor involved in setting and cutting a field of the "little gold leaf".

The history of hemp production in our county is just as fascinating, especially when you consider our county was the



largest producer of hemp in America in the 1850's.

Several circumstances brought about the demise of the hemp industry in America. Slave labor prior to the American Civil War was essential to the cultivation and production of hemp products like rope, canvas, sails, netting, maps and flags.

When slavery was abolished with the Thirteenth Amendment, the hemp industry labor force was greatly diminished.

Another enemy of hemp was the United States government itself, with politicians siding with industrialists like William Randolph Hurst and the DuPont Chemical Company against hemp production because it was a threat to their profits.

Racial propaganda against Negroes and Mexicans was also used by politicians and in 1937, the Marijuana Tax Act was passed. This legislation led to extreme regulation of industrial hemp, as well as the prohibition of modern day cannabis plants in America.

While the biggest changes to the second floor gallery will be the hemp and tobacco exhibits, we also have plans to "refresh" our other display cases.

We hope these changes will keep members and visitors interested in coming back to see what's new in the Wormald.



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HIXSON'S HOARDINGS AND MORE...

By Tandy Nash

For the second year in a row, the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and matching grants from International Paper and The Scripps Foundation. As a non-profit, our museum depends on such grants to provide ways to spread the love of reading, encouraging growth in education to all ages, and showcasing what our community has to offer. We partner with the Mason County Library, the Fleming County Library, The Historic Russell Theatre, nine high schools and 2 Community Colleges.

This year's book is *Everything I Never Told You*, by Celeste Ng. This book was a *New York Times Book Review* Editor's Choice and Amazon #1 Best Book of 2014; winner of the American Library Association's Alex Award and the Asian/Pacific American Award for Fiction; and

named a best book of the year by more than a dozen publications, including National Public Radio, *Entertainment Weekly*, *School Library Journal*, and *The Huffington Post*. A gripping page-turner and striking family portrait, the novel follows a Chinese American family in 1970s small-town Ohio as they try to understand the death of the oldest daughter, Lydia. It explores "alienation, achievement, race, gender, family, and identity—as the police must unravel what has happened to Lydia, the Lee family must uncover the sister and daughter that they hardly knew.... Achingly, precisely, and sensitively written." Ng chose to set the novel in the 1970s because it was "a time when the issues the Lees wrestle with were all thrown into relief", including the hardships mothers faced in wanting careers, the lack of acceptance of interracial marriages, deflection and family

dynamics. Free books are available at all events or you may come pick one up at your community library or KYGMC.

The museum and libraries will provide activities that expand on the book's many themes. Many of the topics are hard for us to talk about as individuals, but if we have an introduction to how to address them, we can help ourselves and perhaps help others. It may also be a catalyst to remind us all to appreciate each and every day with the people we love. Throughout the month of October, we hope that you will attend all these "free to the public" events that encourage you to learn how to understand people's cultures, learn about your own, promote engagement with others, and build upon our strong diverse community.

The Pogue Distillery has a deeply involved and personal history with George Remus from the early days of Prohibition through Repeal of the Volstead Act, much of which is chronicled in Bob Batchelor's new book.

Come hear a discussion about George Remus, his life, his rise to bootlegging fame, his connection to Maysville and the Pogue Distillery, purchase a copy of Mr. Batchelor's new book and have your copy personally signed by the author.

If you would like to register for the Bob Batchelor discussion and book signing, please call KYGMC to RSVP.

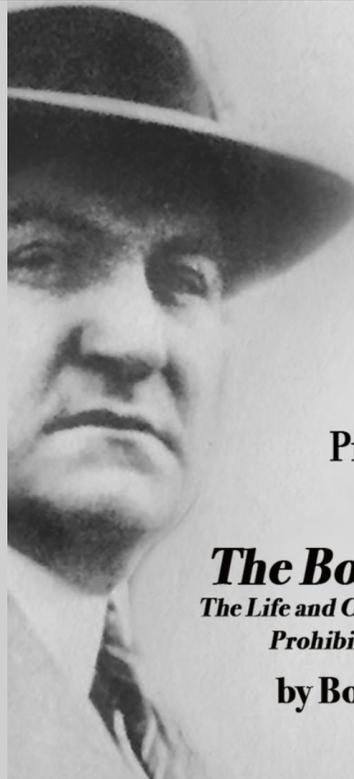
This event is being held in conjunction with the annual Pogue Bourbon release. Calling to RSVP does **NOT** guarantee you a case of Bourbon. It is book signing event registration only.

The Old Pogue Distillery and the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center - Old Pogue Experience are proud to present acclaimed author Bob Batchelor to discuss his new book:

The Bourbon King: The life and crimes of George Remus, Prohibition's Evil Genius

Event will be held at The KYGMC Limestone Building - Old Pogue Experience
102 West 2nd Street, Maysville, KY 41056

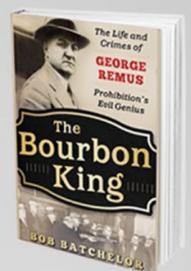
5:00 PM on October 12th, 2019



Love. Murder.
Mountains of cash.
Rivers of bourbon.
A grand spectacle
like few before it.

The tale of George Remus
will take readers
into the dark heart of
Prohibition's "Bourbon Trail."

The Bourbon King
*The Life and Crimes of George Remus,
Prohibition's Evil Genius*
by Bob Batchelor



The event is free but is limited to the first 100 people to register.

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NEA BIG READ: KYGMC MAYSVILLE 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are free and open to the public. Dates and locations of events subject to change

For the second year in a row KYGMC is one of the recipients of the NEA Big Read Grant. Thanks to this grant and our sponsors, October will be a month full of events, discussions, movies, and fun centered around this year's book selection, "Everything I Never Told You."

Check our website and follow us on facebook for updates on events.

October 1 thru November 10: Kentucky Gateway Museum Center
Exhibit: Dreamers & Doers: Contributions of Cultures in America featuring the contributions Immigrant/Americans have made to our country and will include hands on activities.

October 1 thru October 31: Fleming County Public Library
Chinese Culture Art Show featuring Fleming County High School Students.

October 1 thru October 31: Fleming County Public Library
Community Scavenger Hunt- As we dig into our past, our culture and our heritage, enjoy a community scavenger hunt that will take you around Fleming County and see things as you may not have seen them before. Pick up your copy of the hunt and watch for clues on FB.

October 3, 6:30PM: MCTC Field Auditorium
Kick Off: Shuling Fister's Dance group will teach the Chinese Fan Dance, give a performance and then Keynote Speaker, Dr. Shanshan Li -Chinese Language and culture educator; performance. All ages

October 4, 5:00PM-6:00PM: Mason County Public Library
Book Party and Chinese Calligraphy Class. All ages

October 5, 10:30AM: Kentucky Gateway Museum Center
Seminar: Genealogy and Historical Research Library- How to Utilize the Library to find your Genealogy, Cay Chamness/Librarian & Charlotte Allison/ research genealogist. Young adult-adult

October 5, 10:00AM-Noon: Fleming County Public Library
Seminar: Genealogy and How to Use Your Library. Come visit the Genealogy room and learn how microfiche, our filing system, records and resources can help you connect to the past.

October 5, Noon-4:00PM: Fleming County Covered Bridge Museum
Continue digging into the past! Family Bibles, pictures, records, old scrapbooks that have obituaries and wedding announcements, the 1884 Bath Fleming Atlas, school annuals and more to look through.

October 8, 7:00PM-8:30PM: Kentucky Gateway Museum Center
Seminar: Baby Jane Doe; Tressa Graham. Tressa was the baby found at Norton's Children's Hospital in Louisville, KY and was adopted by a family in Maysville. She will tell her story of finding her birth mother through the use of DNA. Discussion: Using DNA sequencing for genealogy makes the questions about self and identity even more pressing. Young adult-adult

October 10, 4:00pm-6:00pm: Fleming County Public Library
"My Heritage" at your fingertips. Let us show you how this free, valuable resource works. Not limited to regional areas, the world now opens with genealogical records.

October 11, 5:00PM-6:00PM: Mason County Public Library
Tai Chi Demonstration; All

October 12, 2:00PM: KYGMC Wormald Building
Documentary: "Three Identical Strangers" about a set of triplets separated at birth and reunited as adults. It deals with the issue of nature v. nurture; All ages

October 15, 6:00PM-7:00PM: Fleming County Public Library
Chinese Culture Night. Enjoy food, learn about traditions, art, music and books of the Chinese culture.

October 15, 6:30PM: Kentucky Gateway Museum Center
International Tea, Chinese Tea Ceremony performed by Shuling Fister. International teas and cuisine. (Limited to 40 people; RSVP at Museum by 10/9/19).

October 17, 6:30PM: Kentucky Gateway Museum Center
Jeff Drury/Comprehend: Work Life Balance; at different ages we are faced with different work/life balance issues.

October 17, 5:00PM-6:00PM Mason County Public Library
Folk Music and Traditional Instruments (Guzheng)

October 18, 7:00PM: Russell Theatre
Movie- "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner", Young Adults-Adult

Oct. 19, 10:30AM: Kentucky Gateway Museum Center
Seminar: Jeff Drury, practicing Psychiatry Dr. at Comprehend; Dealing With Suicide. Young adult-adult

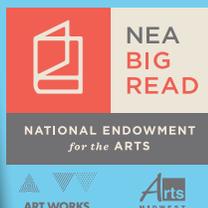
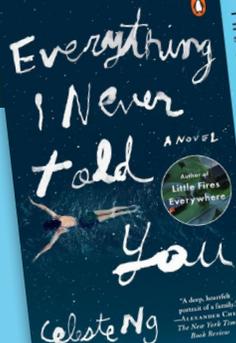
October 19, 1:00PM-3:30PM: Kentucky Gateway Museum Center
Family Kite Day come make kites, learn the science it takes to go up in the air and observe some great Kite demonstrations.

October 21-25: Fleming County Public Library
CSI Murder Mystery Dinner, Interactive evening. Patrons will assume an identity and try to solve the crime through use of evidence, deductions and sleuthing skills. Times vary, please contact library to reserve a time slot.

October 24, 5:00PM-6:00PM: Mason County Public Library
Middle School Book Club discussion about the book "Front Desk" by Kelly Yang.

October 25, 9:30AM: Mason County High School Field House
Carmen Mitzi Sinnott brings Celeste Ng's themes to life telling her personal story about interracial love, war, mental illness, and redemption on three continents, as she guides us through an exploration of identity and personal narratives with her interactive keynote performance "What's in a Label?" High School-Adult

October 25, 7:00PM: Russell Theatre Movie
"Five People You Meet in Heaven" All Ages



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MAKING AN
IMPACT
ONE BOOK AT A TIME

MINIATURES CORNER

By Kaye Browning



I'm proud to announce that visitors to the gallery this upcoming holiday season will not only be treated to our Thanksgiving and Christmas exhibits, but will also be greeted with a newly designed entrance to the KSB Miniatures Collection. While most of you are familiar with my passionate pursuit of miniatures, the purpose of the foyer redesign was geared toward the increasing numbers of tourists who are visiting the collection from across the United States and beyond. The new space is comprised of five areas meant to serve as an introduction to miniatures.

The *Huge World of Miniatures* section features noteworthy individual pieces and will eventually include biographical information and portraits of select artisans, as well as insight



to their inspiration.

The *Oh the Stories They Tell* corner features many miniatures which tell stories relating to my youth. Others were selected in the hopes they will evoke personal memories for our visitors. Also included is

the piece I consider my first miniature. The tiny spool bed is displayed with a copy of Tasha Tudor's *A is for Annabelle*, the book that started my fascination with the art form.

The *Study the Details* wall will become an interactive display once we install the magnifying glasses to examine extremely detailed miniatures with intricate inlay and carvings or working parts like those of the

1/12th-scale Swiss Army knife. I see this section as not only one that will be fun for children, but one that will entice visitors to further explore the art of fine-scale miniatures.

The *Featured Miniatures* section completes the educational introduc-

tion with cases holding items representing different periods of furniture and other items. These exhibits will be changed on a regular basis to give onlookers the opportunity to see a variety of miniatures up close and personal.

I think the new foyer design provides a welcoming invitation into the world of miniatures and gives visitors a real introduction to the scope and quality of the KSB Miniatures Collection. I'm excited to hear your thoughts on the new addi-



tions, as well. If you make it to the gallery in the coming months, be sure to check out our new holiday displays and items from *Scaled to Perfection* that we've placed throughout the museum. You'll find the *Lincoln Herndon Law Office* now located in the atrium overlook of the Hixon Lobby, the *Tanzanian Wildlife Refuge* on the second floor elevator landing of the Wormold Building, *Winter Observatory* in the upstairs hallway and *G. Roberts & Son* in the conference room. I hope you enjoy all the new additions!

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Important November Dates:

November 9, 10am-4pm
Christmas Open House

November 26
International Nativity Exhibit Opens

November 30, 10am-4pm
Small Business Saturday

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OCTOBER 26, 2019

NOON- 2PM

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