

# The Kentucky Archivist

Newsletter of the Kentucky Council on Archives



## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Rusty Heckaman, KCA Chair 2023-2024

In my previous letter, I spent time in reflection, reviewing the activities of the last year and the accomplishments of KCA during that time. Now, as my term comes to a close, I find myself looking forward to what the future holds for KCA under the leadership of Carol Street and the support of a Board that makes all the organization's activities possible. I'm excited to see the direction they take the Council and the support for education and professional development they'll continue to ensure is made available to Kentucky's archival community.

Joining KCA so quickly after relocating to the Bluegrass State proved to be a fortuitous opportunity for me. Through KCA I've made connections to colleagues across Kentucky with shared experience. Together they've informed my career progression and impacted KCA activity planning. Participation engendered a sense of community and allowed me to feel at

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR *continued*

home in Kentucky far more quickly than anywhere else I've lived. It is this sense of community that KCA hopes to bring to the Annual Meeting on May 31st at the Loretto Heritage Center in Nerinx.

The Loretto Heritage Center preserves and shares the history of the Loretto Community, a community founded in 1812 as the Congregation of the Sisters of Loretto. Found in their collections are documents relating to the organizational operations of the community as well as the unique stories of the individuals who have committed their lives to the organization. Loretto is but one of the many unique repositories of archival collections to be found across our state.

This year's annual meeting will provide an opportunity for us all to familiarize ourselves with the collections and colleagues that belong to Kentucky's archival community. Together we'll learn what changes have been shaping our colleagues' work, compare our own stories and all walk away with a better idea of the challenges and accomplishments being experienced across our community. I hope this event will serve as a welcome to any new members or those who have recently relocated to our region as well as a refreshing reunion for more tenured members.

It is the hope of the KCA Board that a list of archival repositories can be started as a result of this meeting. This list will improve visibility and illustrate the varied holdings of archival repositories across the state. Through initiatives like these, collaborative meetings among our membership, and partnerships with fellow organizations like the Society of Indiana Archivists there is a lot to look forward to from KCA!

- Rusty

## KCA BOARD

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and Archives*

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[Learn about KCA Governance here.](#)

## KCA BOARD NOMINATIONS

### Vice Chair/Chair-Elect

*The Vice Chair serves for one year on the KCA administrative board assisting the Chair as needed. After one year, the Vice Chair becomes Chair. The Chair leads the Board in conducting the affairs of KCA between business meetings, convenes the administrative board and officers quarterly to conduct business, and presides over all meetings. After one year as Chair, the Chair becomes Past Chair, assisting the Chair as needed. The Vice Chair and Chair are voting members of the Board. The Past Chair is a non-voting member. The Vice Chair/Chair/Past Chair may not serve consecutive terms.*



### **Ida Lucille Mangum (she/her/hers)**

Ida Lucille Mangum is the Processing Archivist and Zine Curator at the Special Collections and Research Center of the University of Kentucky Libraries. She has been a KCA member since 2011 and served on the Board as Secretary from 2017-2019. KCA is the first professional organization Ida joined and the first place she gave a professional presentation. She considers KCA a great and important organization for fostering a supportive archival community across the Commonwealth. Ida appreciates it is for all archivists, no matter their experience, the size of their institution, or the scope of their collection. Her interests include new standards in accessioning, inclusive description, and equity for archival workers.

Ida is also a member of the Midwest Archives Conference and recent Chair of the UK Libraries Staff Advisory.

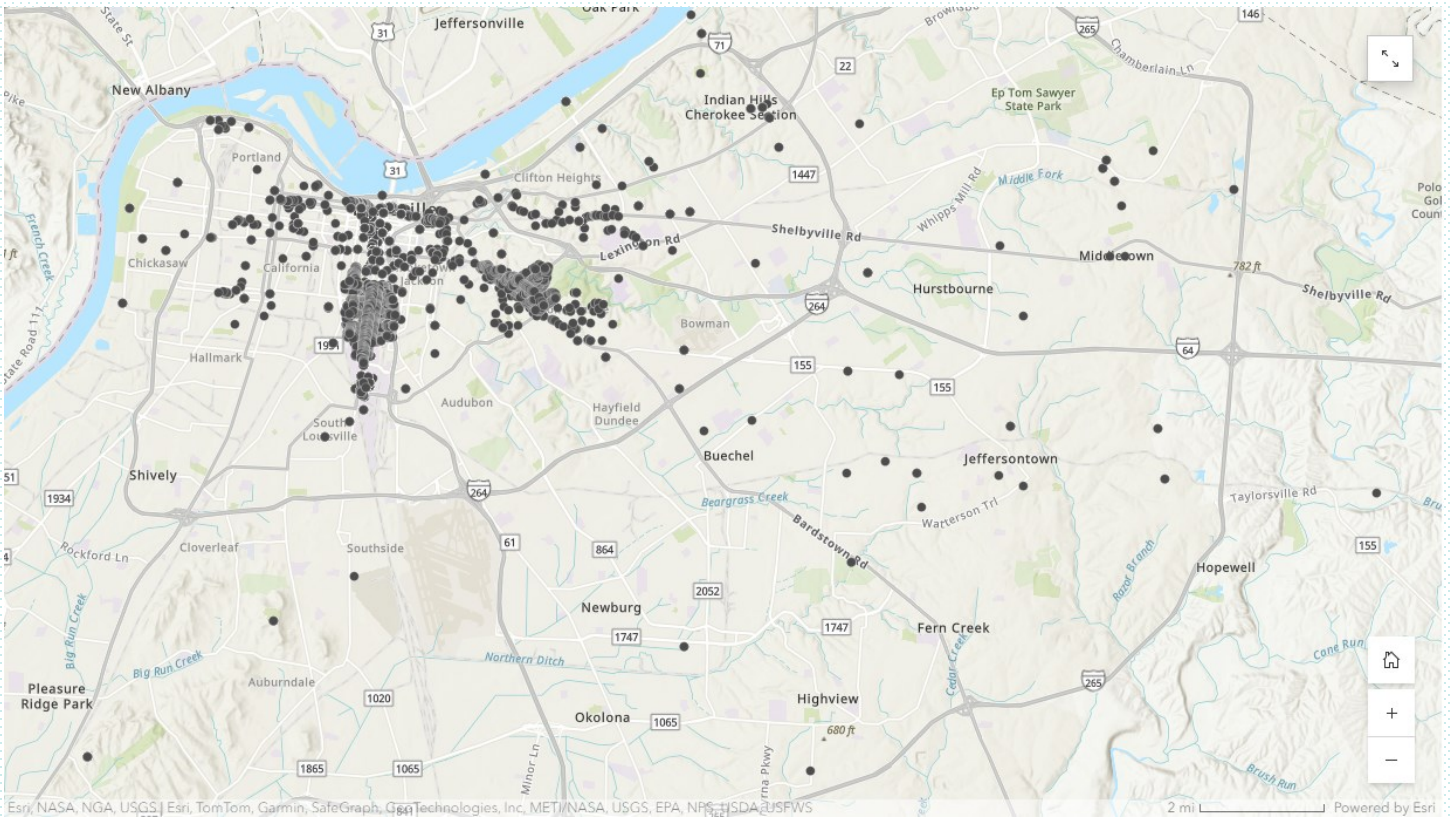
**Members must be present at the Spring Meeting to vote!**



## KCA MEMBERSHIP NEWS

News from the University of Louisville

Submitted by Terri Holtze



The University of Louisville Libraries has released a new interactive story map highlighting images in their Digital Collections that feature buildings on the National Register of Historic Places at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/9f96c9b6e0a346b2b36c63c33fb520be>.

In 1966, the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act allowed for the creation of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under the auspices of the National Park Service. The NRHP is part of national program to protect historic and archaeological sites in the United States.

While the early years of the program focused on individual sites by the early 1990s the NRHP included over 8,000 historic districts - sometimes covering neighborhoods or even entire small towns.

The following map collates thousands of images from the University of Louisville Libraries' Digital Collections featuring buildings within Jefferson County, Kentucky that are on the NRHP. The images include photographs and sketches of both exteriors and interiors of these buildings. While there are other types of structures and locales on the NRHP, for example, bridges and parks, these are not included within the scope of this project.

As of March 11, 2024, this project maps over 5,000 images.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **KCA Spring 2024 Meeting—Save the Date!**

May 31, 2024 | Nerinx, Kentucky

Flock together with your fellow archivists and cultural heritage workers at [Loretto Heritage Center](#).

[Details here!](#)

### **Kentucky Museum and Heritage Alliance Conference**

June 2-4, 2024 | Maysville, Kentucky

The Kentucky Museum and Heritage Alliance Conference is all about the exchange of ideas and learning from our fellow colleagues, so we need your help and input! The 2024 KMHA conference theme is Gateway to Museums and asks you to consider how we ensure that our institutions remain relevant and accessible in an ever-evolving world. [Details here!](#)



### **Arts Disaster & Crisis Preparedness Conference**

September 6, 2024 | Lexington, Kentucky

Join this exchange of best practices in emergency preparedness within the arts and culture sector and the broader community. [Details here!](#)

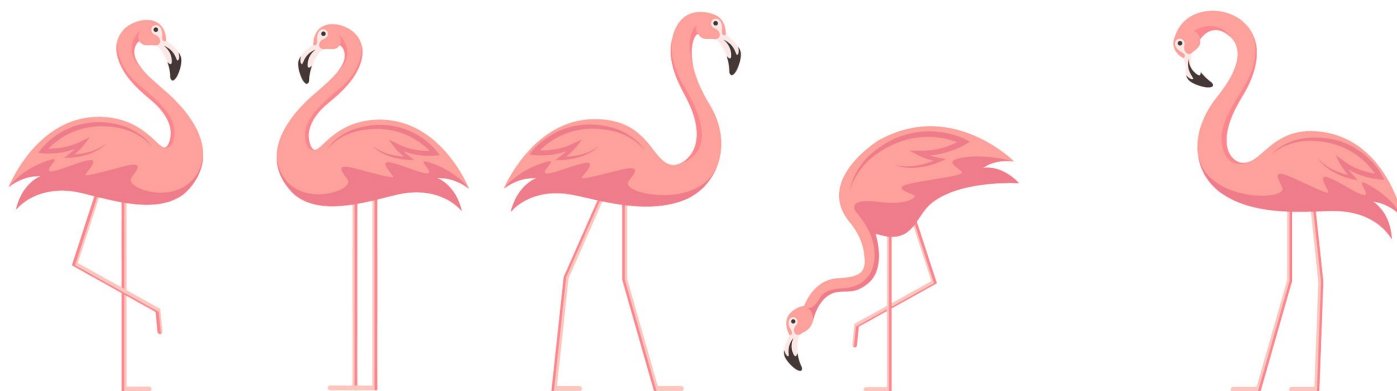


Have an event or know of one that might be of interest? Email [ElishaTaylor@upike.edu](mailto:ElishaTaylor@upike.edu) to include it on the [KCA online events calendar!](#)

# Spring 2024 Meeting

## The Commonwealth's Community of Archives: *Flocking Together*

<b>Registration</b>	8:30 — 9:00 a.m.
<b>Keynote – Pass the Mic</b>	9:00 — 9:30 a.m.
<b>Birds of a Feather Breakout 1</b>	9:45 — 10:45 a.m.
<b>Birds of a Feather Breakout 2</b>	10:45 — 11:45 a.m.
<b>Lunch (Voting)</b>	11:45 a.m. — 12:45 p.m.
<b>Business Meeting</b>	12:45 — 1:15 p.m.
<b>Review of Breakout Sessions</b>	1:15 — 1:45 p.m.
<b>Break</b>	1:45 — 2:00 p.m.
<b>Archival Migrations Panel</b>	2:00 — 3:15 p.m.
<b>Tour</b>	3:30 — 4:30 p.m.



May 31, 2024

Loretto Heritage Center  
Nerinx, KY



## Image Credits

Submit photos to include in the newsletter!

**Front Page:** A group of young adults playing shuffleboard.

Source: *Kentucky State Parks, Kentucky Department of Public Information, Archives and Records Management Division — Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, 1950s-1960s.*

**Page 4:** Screenshot of the interactive story map.

Source: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/9f96c9b6e0a346b2b36c63c33fb520be>

**Page 5:** Photo of the Hearing Room at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. 2021.

Photo by: *Cathrine Giles, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives*

Vector image of museum.

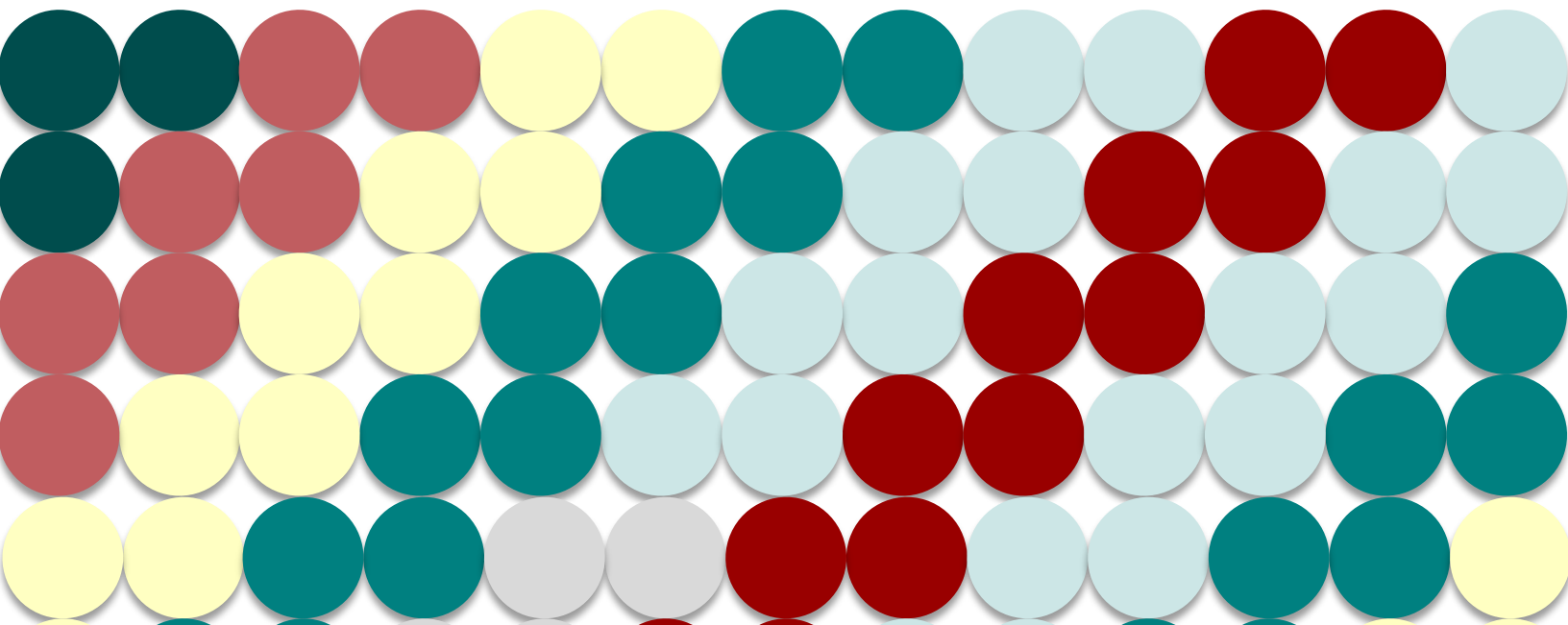
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Stock image of back view of woman holding a meeting.

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**Page 6:** Vector images of flamingos.

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## Membership Form

### KCA Dues

(May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025)

KCA membership cycle goes from May 1-April 30 and is **\$20**.

Please fill out this form as if it were a mailing label to you. You can email the form to the KCA treasurer, Mark C. Meade, at [mmeade@bellarmine.edu](mailto:mmeade@bellarmine.edu), or you can mail it to the address at the bottom of the page.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE PERSONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD NOT WANT ON THE KCA WEBSITE!**

We accept membership dues via PayPal, although there is an additional \$1.50 convenience fee. Please see the membership page of the KCA website to pay your dues electronically. <http://www.kyarchivists.com/membership/>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Include my name and contact information on the KCA website membership directory.

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Send dues checks to:

**Mark C. Meade  
Thomas Merton Center  
Bellarmine University  
2001 Newburg Road  
Louisville, KY 40205**

### Make Checks Payable to: Kentucky Council on Archives

The Kentucky Council on Archives, a professional membership organization, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability and provides, on request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs, and activities. Persons requiring special accommodation or auxiliary aids must notify a member of the KCA board thirty (30) days prior to a meeting so that the proper arrangements can be made.