



BLACKACRE

Our mission is threefold: Preserve Blackacre's natural and historic features, promote outdoor environmental education, and share Blackacre's cultural heritage with the community.

VisitBlackacre.org

Fall/Winter 2022

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BLACKACRE IS RECIPIENT OF BUFFALO TRACE BOURBON

At the beginning of this year, Buffalo Trace, the oldest continuously operating distillery in the country, decided they wanted to help non-profits raise money for their cause in a unique way. They announced they were donating 2,022 bottles of bourbon to non-profits around the world and invited them to enter a chance to win some of their finest bourbons.



Dennis Craig, second from left, at press conference along with other non-profit Buffalo Trace Bourbon recipients.

Blackacre was one of four environmentally-focused non-profit organizations awarded with bottles from Buffalo Trace's Single Oak Project. "We think it's important to give back to the community, so today's event was two-fold, educating future generations about the importance of trees, which are vital to our industry, and also donating some of our Single Oak Bourbon to four very worthy organizations, who we hope can raise lots of money for their environmental causes," said Master Distiller Harlen Wheatley.

Executive Director, Dennis Craig said, "We're excited to use this opportunity as a way to raise money for Blackacre! As a non-profit organization, it is vital to find creative ways to support our mission of education, preservation and conservation."

About the Single-Oak Project

Blackacre is a recipient of bourbon from Buffalo Trace's Single Oak Project. It's their most inventive and comprehensive experiment yet. It started with 96 individually selected American oak trees that differed according to the number of growth rings per inch and growing location. Each tree was then cut into two parts - top and bottom - yielding 192 unique tree sections. A single barrel was constructed from each section. Prior to construction, the stave seasoning was varied. The 192 barrels were then charred differently. These single oak barrels were then filled with different recipe whiskeys, at various entry proofs and aged in a variety of different warehouse styles.

This experiment allows whiskey connoisseurs to directly compare the impact of seven different critical variables across 192 bottles for a total of 1,396 taste combinations. None of the 192 bottles in the complete set are exactly alike. The Single Oak Project is undoubtedly the most extensive bourbon experiment ever undertaken.

Blackacre received bottles from twelve of their barrels with high score ratings. We are planning events where you will have the opportunity to acquire bottles from this rare collection and support our worthy organization.



VIEW FROM THE 'ACRE by Dennis Craig



**Dennis Craig,
Executive Director**

September is our annual drive to support the Conservancy's mission of conservation, historic preservation, and environmental education. Thank you to all of you who have shown such generous support. It has made a difference!

Many improvements have been completed at the homestead in 2022

- Replaced goat fence and feeding enclosure
- Expanded the garden with more plots and raised beds
- Installed storage shed
- Acquired tools for garden use and homestead upkeep
- Updated the nature education building exterior
- Repair and painted front garage and garden trailer
- Replaced the roof education building and smoke house
- Painted roof of Presley Tyler house
- Multiple enhancements to the trails

We have ambitious initiatives for 2023 including new restrooms, Sunrise Trail improvements, park benches and painting of the barn roof. Enhancing our education programs for schools and community enrichment will also be a focal point.

Membership support and fundraising are vital towards achieving these goals. Anyone who makes a \$500 or above donation will receive a limited-edition bottle of Single Oak Project bourbon made by Buffalo Trace (offer good through September 30th while supplies last). Donations may be sent to 3200 Tucker Station Road, Louisville, KY 40299. For more information, contact the office at 502-266-9802.

Blackacre Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Corporate matching programs can increase the power of your donation. Check your benefits to see if this option is available to you.



Bourbon at Blackacre Fundraising Event

Enjoy a magical night at our Historical homestead! The 1844 Tyler house and 1795 Stone Cottage will set the scene for a great evening of fun, food and bourbon.

Cherry Bounce cordial will be served to honor Blackacre's first homesteader and distiller, Moses Tyler. Moses was recognized for having one of the first legitimate distillery licenses in Kentucky. Docents dressed in 18th century costume add to the historic atmosphere.

Great items will be auctioned to raise money for Blackacre Conservancy. **Plus, we will be raffling a rare collection from Buffalo Trace, The Single Oak Project.**

Tickets \$125 (max. 125 tickets)

October 13th 5:30 - 7:30 pm

On sale at VisitBlackacre.org starting September 5th.

FALL/WINTER PROGRAMS

AUGUST

Saturday Morning Farm Animal Feeding

Join us Saturday mornings for our farm animal feeding. Visitors get to feed the goats, sheep and donkeys in the meadow with grain bowls and learn how we care for them. Afterwards, we invite you to explore the homestead and hike the preserve.

Saturday August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

9:30 - 11:00 am

Donations appreciated

Sunday Sunset Music Series Featuring Kentucky Thumb Picker, Shane Adkins

Kicking off Blackacre's Sunday Sunset Music Series, is Grand Ole Opry performer and international thumb picking winner, Shane Adkins. He has won numerous awards including the International "Home of the Legends" Thumb Picking Contest in Muhlenberg County, KY (where this music style began) and the International Fingerstyle Guitar Championship in Kansas. Shane has opened for Lee Greenwood & Loretta Lynn. Shane's musical approach reflects the legendary Merle Travis, Chet Atkins, and Doc Watson.

Sunday, August 28th

5:30 - 7:30 pm

\$20 per carload; pay at the gate



Grand Ole Opry Performer
Shane Adkins

SEPTEMBER

End of Year Farm Animal Feeding Celebration

Come celebrate the end of summer Saturday Morning Farm Animal Feeding! There will be barrel train rides, refreshments, music, and more!

Saturday, September 3rd

9:30 - 11:00 am

Donations appreciated

Nature Photography Class

Murphy's camera and Blackacre have teamed up to offer a nature photography class. Naturalist Lee Grace will lead you on a guided hike through Blackacre Nature Preserve. You will explore its diverse topography and see the unique beauty of Kentucky's flora and fauna. Murphy's camera photographer instructor, Erica Bishop, will teach you how to capture nature's beauty while making friends.

Saturday, September 10th

See website calendar for times

\$40 per non-members; \$35 for members

Sunday Sunset Music Series Featuring Cornfield Mafia

Cornfield Mafia country band has been considered Americana / neo-traditional country. Cornfield Mafia has shared the stage by opening for fellow artists John Rich, John Michael Montgomery, Confederate Railroad, Keith Anderson, Trick Pony, Jeff Bates, Colt Ford, Phil Vassar, Josh Thompson, Randy Houser and The Kentucky Headhunters. They play a variety of music by artists Johnny Cash, Garth Brooks, Waylon Jennings Luke Combs, Eric Church, Zac Brown Band, Dire Straits, Vince Gill, Old Dominion, and many, many more!

Sunday, September 11th

5:30 - 7:30 pm

\$20 per carload; pay at the gate



Sunday Sunset Music Series Featuring Bluegrass Group Bourbon Revival
 Back by popular demand, Bluegrass group, Bourbon Revival. They are considered Kentucky's #1 rockin' bluegrass band! They perform a mashup of traditional bluegrass music with a mix of country, pop and rock. You will hear songs from many well-known artists from the 70's to the present. These include Bob Seger, Fleetwood Mac, Cheap Trick, Rolling Stones, Keith Urban, Mumford & Sons and Walk the Moon.

Sunday, September 25th
5:30 - 7:30 pm
\$20 per carload; pay at the gate

OCTOBER

Give For Good Louisville- 24 Hour Give-a-thon

The area's most generous day of giving hosted annually by the Community Foundation of Louisville is set to return on Thursday, September 15, 2022.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to help cover the cost to paint the historic barn roof.



Be a part of this force for good and #GiveForGoodLou To donate on the 15th, find us on giveforgoodlouisville.org.

September 15th
Midnight to 11:59 p.m.

Follow Blackacre on social media for donation challenges!

Sunday Sunset Music Series Featuring The Juggernaut Jug Band

The legendary Juggernaut Jug Band will introduce you to music that originated in Louisville and called 20's rock and roll. They play an assortment of wildly interesting instruments including a jug, washboard, kazoo, and more. They have performed around the world including for the Queen of England! They are fun for kids ages 0-109.

Sunday, October 2nd
5:30 - 7:30 pm
\$20 a carload; pay at the gate

Children are invited to come an hour early to enjoy playing instruments with the Juggernaut Jug Band. Homemade instruments will be made with our outdoor learning and play group partner, Leap Outside (ages 0-6).

Introduction to Autumn Foraging Hike

Have you ever wanted to learn about wild edibles commonly found during the autumn season? George Barnett, the founder and educator of The Hungry Forager, will lead a hike to discover all of the seasonal offerings found at Blackacre including plants, tree crops and mushrooms. George will discuss how to gather, process and use many of these wild edibles to further enrich our autumn traditions. He'll discuss proper identification techniques, sustainable harvesting practices, ecological roles and safety of using wild edibles.

Thursday, October 6th
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm
\$30 non-members; \$25 members

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Thursday, October 13th
5:30 - 7:30 pm
\$125 per person (limited tickets)
Registration opens September 5th

FALL/WINTER PROGRAMS (cont.)

Headless Horseman Hayride and Spooky Stories Walking Tour

Experience homestead hauntings in the spookiest of seasons! Stroll around to the different historic buildings to hear legends and tall tale stories followed by the headless horseman hayride. Refreshments served in the 1792 barn.

Saturday, October 22nd

Tour times start every :15 (max. 12 per group): 7:00 - 9:00 pm

\$20 per person

Tickets go on sale October 3rd at VisitBlackacre.org

Length of tour approx. 1.5 hours

NOVEMBER

Full Moon Night Hike

Join us for a night hike just a few days before the harvest moon and hear about Kentucky folklore and superstitions. Fall refreshments served afterwards.

Tuesday, November 8th

7:30 - 8:00 pm

\$20 per person

DECEMBER

Country Christmas (our most popular event!)

Our most popular event of the year - Country Christmas! Activities include, visit with Santa, hayrides, Christmas music, nature crafts by Leap Outside, wood burning activity, story time with Miss Prim, refreshments and holiday house tours. Visit our Gift Shoppe. Price includes a photo with Santa!

Saturday, December 3rd

12:00- 4:00 pm

\$20 per carload

Christmas Hike

Learn about the origins of Christmas traditions and their surprising stories. Find out why Santa is dressed in red and white, and why we kiss under the mistletoe. And more! (Spoiler Alert: Santa's beginnings will be revealed)

Saturday, December 10th

2:00 - 3:30 pm

\$20 per person

Holiday happenings, house tours and Christmas Village will be back this year!

Details coming soon! Check our website or follow us on social media !

FEBRUARY

Valentine Dinner

Enjoy a romantic Valentine's dinner in our gorgeous and historic 1844 Presley Tyler House. Includes a 3-course meal, bottle of wine, strolling violinists, and long-stem rose. Make your reservations early as this has sold out each year!

Saturday, February 11th

Reservation time options: 5:00, 6:15 and 7:30 pm

Reservations open January 11th

\$200 per couple

**November 12th
is our
Big Fall Annual
Clean Up Day**

10:00 - 1:00 pm

It's our biggest clean up day of the year! Come help make Blackacre beautiful to visit.

To volunteer, call
502-266-9802

Thank you for
your help!





OUR SUMMER EXPERIENCE AS AMERICORPS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION LEADERS

by Simon Craig, Will Glass, and Susannah James

This past May, the three of us began as Environmental Education Leaders at Blackacre. It was a wonderful experience in helping the youth learn about the environment that we will never forget.

We helped teachers with Blackacre outdoor nature-based summer camps. Kids really had fun participating in the variety of interactive explorations activities on the 280-acre nature preserve. This included hikes, exploring the different eco-systems, learning how to be good stewards in nature and caring for farm animals and wildlife.

With the help of the teachers that we worked with this past summer, we learned communication, teamwork and leadership make a great work environment.

Blackacre, the Lt. Governor's office and AmeriCorps partnered together to offer an Environmental Enrichment Camp for elementary students. They were eager learners and loved being in nature. It helped us realize the impact we had on the children when they wanted to take sticks, logs and stones home with them as souvenirs. We can't thank Blackacre and AmeriCorps enough for the opportunities that were given to us and will be forever grateful for the experiences!



Highlights from various camp and summer enrichment programs.

BLACKACRE WELCOMES FIVE BABY ANIMALS

In June, our goat Willow, gave birth to Daisy. Two lambs, Freedom and Glory, were born on the 4th of July while Cotton was born on the 5th.

And finally, here she is! After eleven months, Hershey, our mountain horse, gave birth to a filly named Sky on July 21st.

Blackacre is open daily for visitors to come feed the animals carrots and apples along the fence line. Donations appreciated to support our animal care program. Our green donation postal box is located in the barn.



BIRDS OF PREY VISIT BLACKACRE

Interpretive naturalist, Jared Everett, from Hardy Lake Raptor program, showed off four birds of prey to an audience of about 60 people in Blackacre's historic barn.

The birds are permanently injured and serve as educational animals for the raptor center. Hardy Lake Raptor Center is a hospital for sick and injured birds of prey with the goal of releasing them back into the wild.

LOUISVILLE CULTURAL PASS SUCCESS AT BLACKACRE

This year, we expanded the way cultural pass holders experience Blackacre. A record number of cultural pass holders were able to choose between three options: Saturday Morning Farm Feeding, Historic Tours or Miss Prim Story Time program.

During the week, our 18th century story teller Miss Prim led children in stories followed by music, bubbles and ribbon dancing. Over 225 people came out to her 4th of July celebration which included a flag parade and ringing of Blackacre's "liberty" bell.

The historic house tour provided children an opportunity to learn what life was like during pioneer times. "We try to make it an interactive experience for children. They enjoyed trying out a yoke used to carry water pails, churning butter and looking for the hidden staircase," said Susan Speece, Director of Programs and Events.

The Cultural Pass was created in 2011 by Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer's office to promote children's access to museums and other cultural spaces. "One of the pillars of my administration from day one has been to make Louisville a city of lifelong learning," Mayor Greg Fischer said.

"We are glad to be a part of the cultural pass program as it aligns with our mission of education, preservation and conservation. I believe Emmie, Smith, founding member of Blackacre, would be pleased with all the great things happening at the homestead," said Dennis Craig, Executive Director.

You Can Make a Difference

As a non-profit, we rely on community support. There are ways you can help: volunteer, donate, follow us on social media, and spread the word.

We hope you can attend our paid events to help support Blackacre.

Keep up with us on Facebook and Instagram.

Help us grow on social media by asking friends and family to "like" or follow us, too.

Thank you for making a difference!

- Dennis Craig



PHOTOGRAPHER'S CORNER

Blackacre's homestead is spectacular for fall and holiday photo sessions. As a part of your \$100 annual permit, you have access to many backdrops. Thank you for being considerate and taking turns with other photographers.

If you have large or stationary props and wish to reserve space for half or full day sessions, call the office. It's \$100 for four hours. Rental space areas include portions of the fields and by Tyler Trace trail.



HAUNTED STORY TELLERS WANTED

For our October 22nd haunted event, we are looking for story tellers to dish up local history, legends, folklore, or a family ghost stories that's been passed down from generation to generation. If you enjoy the thrill or telling hair-raising or spine-tingling stories, give us a call at 502-266-9802.

BECOME A DOCENT

Blackacre is seeking friendly volunteers with a passion for history. Docents give guided tours of the historic house and share their knowledge about the homestead, its history and upcoming programs. To learn more, give us a call.



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