

## Lexington, Kentucky Tour

Celebrate preservation month by trotting off to Blue Grass country on Progress Through Preservation's motor coach trip to Lexington, Kentucky, May 28-30, 2008. We will be staying in restored 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings, with private baths added, at the Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, America's largest restored Shaker community with 34 restored buildings on 2,900 acres. This National Historic Landmark features costumed interpreters, craft demonstrations, exhibits and music. After our special tour by Susan Hughes, their nationally known Interpretation and Educational Manager, we will cruise the Kentucky River on the authentic stern-wheeler, the Dixie Belle Riverboat. Ending the first day at the village inn, we will be shown true southern hospitality at a candlelit dinner of Kentucky food and Shaker specialties.

On day two after a hearty Shaker breakfast at the village, we have a full day ahead of us in Lexington. Our first stop is at a Blue Grass Trust property. We will learn of the work of the trust and take a tour of Pope Villa, designed in 1810-1811 by Benjamin Latrobe, the "Father of American Architecture". Latrobe's fusion of classical sources and Picturesque theory places the Pope Villa among the most important buildings of Federal America. Next we are off to the Henry Clay Estate, Ashland, home of Clay from about 1806 to 1852, which is a National Historic Landmark. After our box lunch here, we will drive down the street to the Mary Todd Lincoln House, built from 1803 to 1806 as an inn. In 1977 this was the first site restored to honor a First Lady. Next, my cousin Terry Green, former director of Ashland and long time resident of Lexington, will give us a special bus tour of Historic Downtown Lexington. Topping off our second day we will enjoy drinks and dinner at Dudley's Restaurant in an adaptively reused 1881 schoolhouse, which is a Blue Grass Building.

On our final day, we are off to see two out of three of the Blue Grass Country's vices, bourbon and horses. We won't touch upon the tobacco! We will tour yet another National Historic Landmark, Woodford Reserve Distillery, makers of Labrot & Graham Bourbon. Yes, we will be offered a sip and have the opportunity to shop in their lovely store. Near by, the owners of Holly Hill Inn, which is on the National Register, will have prepared for us a delicious lunch made from local produces. Here too we will hear the story of the house and its preservation. We cannot come to Lexington without a tour of the horse farms, so my cousin Terry is arranging a real treat for you.

The cost for this incredible tour is \$325 for PTP members and \$355 for non-members. Add \$60 for single occupancy. *Membership application forms can be downloaded from the PTP website for those who want to become members.* The tour price includes all transportation, accommodations, meals (except the fast food stops driving to and from Lexington), admissions, tours and tips.