

MUSEUM MUSINGS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JEFFERSONTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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EXHIBIT: Our current exhibit is titled *Working in the Light of the Kiln: Archaeological Discoveries at the Conrad Pottery*, and is the work of Kathryn McGrath, Vice President of Operations at Corn Island Archaeology. For those of you who may not be aware, Valentine Conrad operated a pottery at what is now referred to as the Conrad-Seaton House on the town square, just down from City Hall. Corn Island Archaeology currently occupies the building, and archaeologist Anne Bader has done some excavation on the property, locating the site of Conrad's kiln and quite a few small artifacts. Conrad's pottery was not limited to its sale in Jeffersontown, however; Conrad is known to have shipped his wares as far south as New Orleans, and Bader is finding sherds of his red ware pottery all over Louisville. Many of the artifacts currently on display at the museum are from various locations throughout Jefferson County, including from several houses owned by the Conrad family.

We plan to renovate the museum starting near the end of June, so no exhibits are planned for the near future.

NEW FROM THE ARTS PROGRAM IN JEFFERSONTOWN: Happy Spring! The Arts program is blossoming like our spring flowers. It is so exciting to envision visual and performing arts in Jeffersontown. Events coming to our city include; Louisville Orchestra, KY Shakespeare, Children's Art Camps, Ghost Stories and more. Event details are available on the City of Jeffersontown webpage, City of Jeffersontown Facebook page or shoot me your email address to get event emails @ rrowland@jeffersontownky.gov Please tell your family and friends and join us in Jeffersontown for these wonderful cultural events.

Hope to see you soon!
Rowland

Rhonda
Arts Program Manager

DONATIONS: Tyler Taylor donated a bonnet. Linda Wilson, the niece of James Wilson, founder of Skyview Park, donated quite a bit of family information, including photographs and paperwork. Among the items donated by Ms. Wilson are several photos, diplomas, and other paperwork regarding the Jeffersontown Colored School, before it was even housed in the building which would later be known as Alexander-Ingram School. We are extremely grateful to Ms. Wilson for her generosity, and we encourage all residents with roots in Jeffersontown to do the same. If you do not wish to donate such items, we have the capability to scan documents up to 8.5" x 11" and return them to you. The history of Jeffersontown is, of course, of the utmost importance to the museum, and we rely on those of you who have local historical photos and information to add to our knowledge base. If you have photos and/or documents pertaining to historic buildings or businesses in Jeffersontown, or if you have family history you would care to share with the museum, we would be delighted to add them to our collection.

Happy Spring!

