


<p style="text-align: center;">Press Release No. 1 July 1, 2009</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">59th National Square Dance Convention® Louisville, Kentucky June 23-26, 2010 Kentucky Exposition Center “Louisville Again in 2010”</p>	
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WHY LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY?

You can find great Square Dancing (including Rounds, Lines, Contra, etc) and callers, cuers and instructors all around the world. There are great dance Festivals, Conventions, and local club Specials everywhere. So, why come to Louisville, Kentucky to dance when you have it all elsewhere? Well, we have all of the above, plus some things you may not be aware of.

Our Social & Special Events Chairmen, Ives & Carol Pruett, have put together an array of tours of Louisville and surrounding area attractions, locations and events that many of you may never have the opportunity to experience again. We have added a web link relating to each tour attraction/area to assist you in finding out more info about an attraction and/or the location. Also, be sure you don't miss the Wednesday Night (June 23rd) Special Attraction information which follows the listing of tours below. If you have any questions about tours and attractions you can contact Ives & Carol Pruett at social@59thnsdc.com.

59th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION® AVAILABLE TOURS

Five (5) full day tours and five (5) half day tours will be offered during the convention. Additionally, one three (3) day tour and one two (2) day tour will be offered prior to the convention.

FULL DAY TOURS

SHAKERTOWN 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Wednesday – Saturday

Pleasant Hill was founded in 1805 by the Shakers, a celibate religious communal sect who believed in the simplicity and separation from the world. These 2700 acres, a National Landmark, beckons “outsiders” to 27 restored buildings, craft demonstrations and Shaker furniture. A beautiful lunch will be served in the **Trustee House** and then your guide to this world of the past will complete your perfect day by escorting you to a program of Shaker Music in the Meeting House. <http://www.shakervillageky.org> .

FORT KNOX AND PATTON MUSEUM 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Tuesday - Saturday

Just a short ride Southwest of Louisville is **Fort Knox**, best known as America's Gold Vault, which you will view from a distance as required. This US Gold Depository contains a great part of our country's gold bullion reserve in standard mint bars of almost pure gold or melted coin gold. You will be allowed to tour the very interesting **Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor**, containing the development of cavalry and armored weapons, uniforms and equipment from the Revolution War to present and some personal effects of World War II General George S. Patton, Jr. Then you will travel through the unrestricted areas of the huge and active army post. Lunch will be served at Doe Run Inn, an historic gristmill that has been converted into a country inn. <http://www.generalpatton.org> .

AMISH COUNTRY TOUR 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Wednesday – Friday

The Amish Country Tour will travel the beautiful country-side of Southern Indiana to the Gasthof Amish Village. The Der Heuboden Shop has a wonderful assortment of handcrafted items, Amish-made furniture and crafts, candy and gifts. There is an enclosed Flea Market. Lunch will be with an authentic Amish family on their farm where you will be able to see this simple life and ask questions of your hosts. <http://www.gasthofamishvillage.com> .

FULL DAY TOURS (cont.)

BARDSTOWN AND THE MAKERS MARK DISTILLERY 9:00 am – 3:30 pm Tuesday – Friday

Relive the romance and legends of our Commonwealth's earliest history, a trip to gracious **Bardstown**. This is an absolute must. There really is such a place as "My Old Kentucky Home" and you will tour the actual Georgian style mansion that inspired Stephen Foster's immortal ballad. From there, you'll travel by coach to tiny Loretto and it's National Historic Landmark, Makers Mark Distillery. Still greeting guests as it did nearly a century ago, Makers Mark's activities are mostly accomplished by hand and you'll be personally shown each step, including the careful hand dipping of each bottle into red sealing wax. Lunch included on this tour. <http://www.makersmark.com/Lpa.aspx> , <http://www.visitbardstown.com/tourism/things2do.html> .

WOODFORD RESERVE DISTILLERY AND THE KENTUCKY HORSE PARK 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Tue – Fri

The Woodford Reserve Distillery is located at the historic Labrot & Graham Distillery, the Bourbon Home Place. The natural process used today to make the Bourbon remains virtually unchanged from the process used by Elijah Pepper in 1812. During your visit you'll come to understand the colorful history behind Bourbon whiskey. You will learn about the making of whiskey and the people who began the rich tradition in Kentucky. After a short ride through Kentucky Horse country you will arrive at **Lexington**, the horse capitol of the world. You'll visit the Kentucky Horse Park, the only facility of it's type in the nation. It includes a 1032 acre working horse farm that features more than 30 breeds performing in the Parade of Breeds show, actual racing greats stabled at the Hall of Champions and a spectacular film presentation. You will travel about the park either by foot on horse drawn carriages, visiting the blacksmiths, harness maker, International Museum of the Horse, Calumet Farm Trophy Exhibit and gift shop. Lunch at the park is included. <http://www.lexingtonattractions.com> .

HALF DAY TOURS: Wednesday – Saturday

TOUR OF CHAMPIONS: BACKSIDE TOUR OF CHURCHILL DOWNS AND THE KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM 7:30 am – 11:30 am

As the horses breeze by on their morning workouts, your guide will explain the training process that transforms a young horse into a racing legend. You'll rub elbows with trainers, jockeys and exercise riders as you enjoy a delicious country style breakfast in the track kitchen. Walking through the shed rows allows you to see a thoroughbred up close. You will tour the Kentucky Derby Museum where you will experience Kentucky Derby exhibits and 360 degree multi-image show depicting the panorama of Derby Day. Naturally you will visit the gift shop as well in the museum. <http://www.derbymuseum.org> .

HISTORIC LOUISVILLE 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

You'll view from your coach the nationally renowned perseveration districts of **West Main Street** and **Victorian Old Louisville**, the **University of Louisville**, the **J.B. Speed Art Museum** and the home of the Kentucky Derby, **Churchill Downs**. You will stop at 55 acre **Locust Grove**, the remaining acres of General George Rogers Clark's Georgian style plantation. Clark was the founder of Louisville and legendary war hero, best known for his expeditions in the Northwest Territory. <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/Visitors>

BELLE OF LOUISVILLE LUNCH CRUISE 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

The Steamer **BELLE OF LOUISVILLE**, a National Historic Landmark serves as the Western anchor of Louisville's award winning Waterfront Park in downtown Louisville. With the playing of the calliope, the Belle, now in her 93rd year, continues to beckon one and all to join her on a journey back to the time when she carried passengers and goods to ports all along the beautiful Ohio River. <http://www.belleoflouisville.org> .

BASEBALL BATS AND GLASSWORKS 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

This tour includes a visit to the **Louisville Slugger Museum**, where you can experience the thrill of baseball history and the players who made history. Next you'll see artisans performing their crafts at the **Louisville Stoneware & Glassworks**. <http://www.sluggermuseum.org> , <http://www.louisvillestoneware.com> , <http://www.louisvilleglassworks.com>

HALF DAY TOURS: Wednesday – Saturday (cont.)

THE FALLS OF THE OHIO INTERPRETIVE CENTER, HOWARD STEAMBOAT MUSEUM AND SCHIMPFF'S CONFECTIONERY 1:00 – 5:00 pm (not available on Saturday)

The **Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center** offers you the opportunity to walk down to one of the best preserved fossil beds of the Devonian era. Next is a stop at **The Howard Steamboat Museum**, Victorian home of the Howard family, founders of Jeffboat ship building company and exhibiting more than 1000 pieces of memorabilia. The final stop is at **Schimpff's Confectionery**, one of the oldest continuously operated family candy businesses in the United States. <http://www.falloftheohio.org> , <http://www.steamboatmuseum.org> , <http://www.schimpffs.com> .

PRE-CONVENTION TOURS

KENTUCKY CRAFTED 3 DAYS, 2 NIGHTS 10:00 am June 20th – 5:30 pm June 22nd
2 nights lodging, seven meals, all admissions to attractions, professional guide and an air conditioned bus.

Tour stops:

The Kentucky Horse Park, a one of a kind state park; attend the Parade of Breeds; tour the museum; visit the Hall of Champions and enjoy a lunch. <http://www.kyhorsepark.com> .

Renfro Valley, enjoy a delicious all you can eat buffet; attend a wonderful show similar to the Grand Ole Opry; next morning, awaken to a delicious country breakfast; visit the many shops in the area, then head off to the **Kentucky Music Hall of Fame**. <http://www.renfrovalley.com/index.php> , <http://www.kentuckymusicmuseum.com/default.htm>

Berea, the craft capitol of Kentucky, enjoy a luncheon at the historic Boone Tavern. After lunch, take time to visit the many shops of the local artisans. <http://www.berea.com> .

Shakertown at Pleasant Hill, founded in 1805 by the Shakers, a celibate religious communal sect who believed in simplicity and separation from the world. This is a 2700 acre National Landmark which beckons you to the 27 restored buildings with craft demonstrations and Shaker furniture exhibits. You will spend the night at Shakertown and have dinner and breakfast in the Trustee House. You will tour the village, then off to **Holly Hill**, a charming restaurant in the heart of Bluegrass Horse Country. The Inn, built in 1845, offers fine dining in a historic country setting. <http://www.shakervillageky.org> .

Woodford Distillery—The Bourbon Home Place

This distillery crafts the finest hand-made Bourbon available today. The process remains virtually unchanged from the process used by Elijah Pepper in 1812. You will come to understand the colorful history behind Bourbon making accompanied by the rich tradition in Kentucky. You will have time to stop in the gift shop (a must) which specializes in Kentucky made products. <http://www.woodfordreserve.com/age.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fDefault.aspx>

MAMMOTH CAVE, NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM, GRAND OLE OPRY AND TOUR OF NASHVILLE
2 days, 1 night -- 9:00 am June 21 to 5:00 pm June 22. One night lodging, 4 meals, all admissions to attractions, professional guide, air conditioned coach.

Tour stops:

Mammoth Cave Park preserves the cave system and a part of Green River valley and hilly country of South Central Kentucky. This cave system has more than 365 miles explored. See amazing formations on the Niagara Tour. You will see Frozen Niagara Entrance, Rainbow Dome, Crystal Lake, Frozen Niagara flowstone formation and Drapery Room. <http://www.nps.gov/macac> .

The National Corvette Museum; the largest and most comprehensive nonprofit museum ever dedicated to a single automobile nameplate – Corvette. Tour the assembly plant where you will watch the fascinating assembly process of America's favorite sports car. Restrictions: no open toe shoes; no cameras; no backpacks; no purses; no fanny packs or other packages may be brought into the plant. Children must be seven or older. Lunch will be at **Mariah's**, standing since 1818, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Mariah Moore House is the oldest standing brick structure in Bowling Green, Kentucky. <http://www.corvettemuseum.com> ,

PRE-CONVENTION TOURS (cont.)

Grand Ole Opry - No trip to Nashville would be complete without experiencing the phenomenon of the world-famous **Grand Ole Opry**. Get set for an unforgettable evening of non-stop entertainment as the world's longest-running radio show which showcases the best in country, bluegrass music and more. Dinner will be at the **White Horse Saloon** prior to the show. Visit the **Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum** which has been the home of America's music since 1967. The museum opened in a \$37 million landmark new building in 2001, and is located just a short distance from the Ryman Auditorium and the honky tonks of Lower Broadway in downtown Nashville's entertainment district.
<http://www.countrymusichalloffame.com/site/explore-history-opry.aspx>

The Hermitage Mansion Tour---begins at the Jackson Visitor Center. **Andrew Jackson Visitor Center** – You will watch a 15 minute introductory film on Andrew Jackson and The Hermitage and view exhibits. Leaving the Center, you will walk about 300 yards to the Hermitage Mansion. The Hermitage Mansion has been meticulously restored to its 1837 appearance and looks today as it did when Andrew Jackson returned to it after finishing his second term as President. Costumed historical interpreters greet you and prepare you for your tour. They will also be stationed inside the house to tell you about Jackson, his family and his home and answer any questions you have. The tour lasts approximately 20 minutes.
http://www.thehermitage.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=67 .

59th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION® - WEDNESDAY NIGHT SHOW AND DINNER

BLAIR CARMAN AND THE BELLEVIEW BOYS

From Cincinnati, Ohio, the Rockin', Honky Tonkin' Piano Pumpin' Blair Carman has been singing and performing since the age of 12. He and the Belleview Boys are considered as "Midwest's Hottest Piano Pumping Rockabilly Band". Blair has the hands of Jerry Lee Lewis and the look of Elvis Presley. Blair's talent and professionalism has given him the opportunity to open for artists such as Trace Adkins, Marty Stuart and Hank Williams Jr's Bama Band. Blair has recorded at the legendary Sun Records Studio in Memphis, TN. He has shared the same bill with legends such as Jerry Lee Lewis and Charlie Daniels. He has performed in a wide variety of atmospheres and locations such as The Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., U.K. Grand Center Ballroom in Lexington, KY, Clarendon Ballroom in Arlington, VA, Gibson Guitar Showcase Theater in Nashville, TN, Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park, Washington D.C., International Rockabilly Hall of Fame in Jackson, TN, Beale on Broadway in St. Louis, IL and the Little Nashville Opry in Nashville, IN.

Our Wednesday evening dinner/show will start at 5:30 pm (or immediately following the opening ceremony) with a Southern Picnic Style Fried Chicken buffet. The Blair Carman and the Belleview Boys show will start at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be available for dinner and show or the show only. Tickets for dinner/show must be purchased no later than June 3rd. Show only tickets will be available via registration or at the ticket office. Blair will make you feel like dancing, so for the young and the young at heart, a dance area will be provided.

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Registration/Housing information: Contact the 59th NSDC Housing/Registration Chairman at: 59th National Square Dance Convention®, P.O. Box 128, Milton, KY 40045-0128. Phone: (502) 732-0979. Fax: (502) 732-4600. You can also download a 59th NSDC Registration Form and find other useful information about the 59th NSDC at our Web Site:
<http://www.59thnsdc.com>