# **CONSTITUTION SQUARE IN 1792**

Visitors, young and old, are fascinated by the detailed, historically accurate, and whimsical depiction of the Square and areas North of the Square in Louise Dearborn's work commissioned for the 200th anniversary of statehood. The piece is a

wonderful conversation starter for visitors and local residents. Children especially like the role animals play in the activity and the comical prisoner being escorted to the iail.





The Arts Commission of Danville 

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# **Changes in the Park**

Constitution Square is more than the location of the Arts Commission office! It is the actual historic home of the State of Kentucky. The Constitution was written here and Statehood was aranted in 1792.

Constitution Square was part of the Kentucky State Park system from 1937 to 2012. In 1942, the 150th anniversary of statehood, the Park was dedicated and named the John G. Weisiger Memorial State Park. At some

point it became known as Constitution Square State Shrine and later Constitution Square State Historic Site. The name was finally changed to Constitution Square Historic Site when the State turned over control of the Park to Boyle County. The Park continues to attract visitors from all over the country. Yet, its importance in the daily life of the County is significant. Besides the Arts Commission, the Park also houses the

**Open Studio Tour** 

Six local artists in Boyle County will open their studios to visitors on October 26th and 27th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The free tour will offer an opportunity for visitors to meet with artists to discuss their work and see demonstrations in the artists' work spaces.

The artists' and studios included are: Katherine White and David Farmer at the Art Center of the Bluegrass, 409 W. Main St., Connie Estes Beale at CAMP Store, 135 N. 3rd St.,

Joseph Eastham and Paul Muth at home, Logan Ave., Russ Barragan at home, 2225 Crystal Springs Rd.

Additional information is available at tour@russbarragan.com

# **News & Notes**

The 2024-2025 Youth Arts Exhibit season begins in October with Boyle County Middle School and Boyle County High School at Sherwin Williams and Raymond James

> Final 1st Thursday Concert Oct. 3rd, 6:00 Constitution Square Stage Featuring Danville Parks and Recreation Dance Program

Support the Danville Children's Choir Trip to Cincinnati Festival June 2025 Donations accepted by Arts Commission 105 E. Walnut, Danville, KY 40422

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#### **CONTINUED FROM FRONT**

offices of the Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Foundation, the Economic Development offices, and Destination Danville. Our newest neighbor is the Boyle County Public Library's brand new Story Center.

The Arts Commission's office is in what we affectionately call the

# **GRAYSON'S TAVERN**

This painting, by A. Jack May, hung in the Tavern for a number of years. However, it had slipped down in the frame and the artist's signature was not visible. With permission from Judge Executive, Trille Bottom, the painting was professionally removed from the frame and the signature was discovered. It has been properly reframed and hangs in the

Schoolhouse Gallery.

sessions.

It tells a great story of how we imagine the Tavern may have looked in the early days, especially the picket fence. For most of the past decades, a large hedge has been in place of the pictured fence. The shrubbery was a source of many conversations about its historical place, and it hid the Kitchen Garden from view.

Brick Schoolhouse, because that is

what it was, a schoolhouse, when

it was built c. 1820. The building

is officially named the Craddock

tions with offices in the Park use

the space for meetings and work

The building also serves as

Conference Center. The organiza-



SOMEONE LEFT A SURPRISE

Just days before the shrubs

were removed, this delightful pastel was taped to the front

door of the Schoolhouse. It

now is part of the permanent

collection in the Gallery. We

are grateful to the artist and

wish he or she would stop by

for a visit.

a small gallery of local art. Visi-

tors come in and enjoy the various

cally and are also for sale. Recently,

several additions have been made

to the permanent collection which

are of special interest.

pieces of art which rotate periodi-

### UNTIL TWO WEEKS AGO

The County has removed the oversized shrubbery in preparation for the possibility of a picket fence next year! Finally, the Mary Ákin Garden get's its due in the life of the Park.



## **THE JAIL**

There are three buildings in the Park which are reconstructions. Of these, the Jail is the only one of which there is a record detailing exactly what the early lawmakers required. This pen and ink watercolor by Joe Forgacs was donated to the collection anonymously by a former resident.

So often, historic sites are static and overlooked as important in the modern life of a community. Constitution

Square Park has been a part of this community for as long as most residents can remember. Today, the park is the working home of multiple organizations, as well as a place for visitors to wander. It is a pleasure to see the Park coming back to life as a center for events such as the Constitution Square Festival, Farmers' Market, and as the home of the new Library Story Center



- a program which will gather stories of Boyle county life to be shared by all.

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