



# DRY STONE conservancy

## FALL 2008 FRIENDS NEWS UPDATE

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*The mission of the Dry Stone Conservancy is to preserve existing drystone structures, and to revive and promote the ancient craft of dry-laid stone masonry.*

### TRAINING & RESTORATION PROGRAM



*Hopewell Furnace*

This fall the Conservancy has been involved in many activities, including site visits to nationally important sites, providing assistance to Kentuckians, and completing



four weeks of training for local high school students, volunteers, and National Park Service staff at **Hopewell Furnace** in Elverson, PA. Other training projects were conducted at the **Bailey Island Cribstone Bridge** in Maine,

where the Conservancy taught bridge contractors and transportation staff how to pin and wedge the bridge's enormous stone supports, and in Kentucky at the **Nancy Hanks Memorial**, an important Lincoln Heritage Site. The Conservancy's **5th Annual National Walling Competition** highlighted the end of summer. 38



*2008 Competition*

masons traveled more than 35,000 miles round trip to compete in this year's event. 15 people from 10 states also took part in the **2008 Mason Certification Exams**. Six people passed their Level 1 exams. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

### WORKSHOPS & TRAINING COURSES

The Conservancy held **General Public Workshops** in Mercer County, KY at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Nelson County, KY at the historic **Maker's Mark** distillery in Loretto, and in Oldham County, KY at **Yew Dell Gardens**. Two national workshops were offered in Dayton, VA and Dayton, OH. Taking a Conservancy workshop is the best



*Yew Dell Gardens*

way to learn first-hand, under the best instructors, how to build drystone structures to the highest international standards. Visit our website often for information on our **2009 Spring Workshop Schedule**. We hope to see you at a workshop very soon!



*Maker's Mark*

### KENTUCKY OUTREACH PROGRAM



*Old Richmond Road Fence*

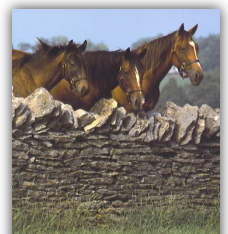
**Volunteer Work Days** help preserve Kentucky's rock fences by pairing damaged fences with a team of volunteers who have taken at least one Conservancy workshop. Volunteers are needed to continue this important program, as work begun this spring is not completed.

### PUBLIC AWARENESS & ADVOCACY

The Conservancy attended the **Kentucky Statewide Preservation Conference** in Bardstown in September and presented an educational session, a poster session, and the workshop at **Maker's Mark Distillery**. Later that month, staff attended the **Stone Foundation Symposium** in Barre, VT, participating in drystone demonstrations and presentations on stone bridges. In October staff presented a talk on Kentucky's rock fences as part of the Smithsonian Institute's traveling exhibit "Between the Fences", appearing at the **South Central Kentucky Cultural Center** in Glasgow, KY.

### VISIT OUR ONLINE STORE

If you haven't done so already, a visit to our online web store offers you all the Conservancy's books and DVD's, including a new book by Carolyn Murray-Wooley. You can also make a donation to the Conservancy, and sign up for regular e-News messages.



**ROCK FENCES OF THE BLUEGRASS**  
CAROLYN MURRAY-WOOLEY and KARL HATZ

### GIVING TO THE CONSERVANCY

A gift in any amount is a way to confirm your support of our mission. We realize that this year of economic ups and downs has been difficult, and appreciate the support that you have given us over the years. In the future, we hope to create more opportunities to connect with our friends and supporters. If you have feedback that you would like to give us, please visit our website and contact us through the online feedback form, or simply pick up the phone.

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