

The Amphitheater

Groundbreaking

September 12, 2011, 4:00pm



Thank You



for **SETTING the STAGE** for **HISTORY, CULTURE & NATURE**
TO PERFORM TOGETHER *in our OWN BACKYARD.*



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Welcome

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Preble County Historical Society, I welcome you to:

The Amphitheater Project: Setting the Stage for History, Culture & Nature to Perform Together in our Own Backyard.

Imagine an evening of arts overlooking a dramatic landscape of natural wetlands and forest on the grounds of the Preble County Historical Society.

Imagine a community endeavor to provide a permanent and accessible outdoor educational facility for historical, cultural, environmental, and special event programming.

Imagine a summer season that will expand the cultural, arts, and educational opportunities for the community.

Imagine how a fully accessible, outdoor venue with a wide-reaching schedule of events would put the Historical Society and Preble County on the summer destination map for residents and tourists alike.

That is the vision we are here to celebrate today. Today we break ground to celebrate the beginning of the construction of our amphitheater venue.

I thank you for your commitment to this project.

Greg Arnett

Preble County Historical Society President

Program

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Greg Arnett

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Introduction of Executive Director Jane Lightner

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Introduction of Special Guests

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Jean Fitzwater Bussell

Remarks

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The Ground Breaks!

Harold Bussell

Donated and borrowed shovels represent items from the PCHS Collection as well as friends and neighbors.

Closing

Greg Arnett

Please join us for refreshments following the groundbreaking.

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There are still opportunities to play a vital role in the Amphitheater project A community enhancement project to further develop and sustain educational and cultural programming. We firmly believe in an organization in which every member and friend contributes financially to each fundraising campaign to the extent that he or she is able. Such a commitment is critical to the continued success of PCHS, its master plan for the Swartsel historic farm, and to the amphitheater project.

We ask for your continued financial support.

Your help can make a difference!

R.S.V.P.

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Thank you for supporting The Amphitheater project!

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PCHS UPCOMING EVENTS

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**October 1 & 2**

**Fall Gathering & Auction**  
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October 16

Barn Tour and Dinner

Limited seating, reservations required

& Plein Air Art Competition

**Co-Sponsored by Preble County Historical
Society & Preble County Art Association**
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**October 29**

**NEW EVENT THIS YEAR!**

***All Hallows Eve Festivities***

**Children's Activities**

**1860'S era Sayler-Swartzel House**

**LIVE PARANORMAL TOUR**  
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November 5

Dinner & Bourbon Tasting

All proceeds benefit The Amphitheater Project

Limited seating, reservations required
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**December 2, 3 & 4**

**Festive Holiday Dinners**

*Limited seating, reservations required*

**For more information: 937-787-4256**

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