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THE VIEW FROM SECOND AND SUTTON

Great News! Our Museum is reopening following our closure period due to COVID-19 emergency and we are very excited to welcome everyone back to your Museum. From all of our staff and members of the Board of Trustees, we have been anxiously awaiting the opportunity to have our members, visitors and staff back in the Museum Center.

The Wormald Collectors Series features a new exhibit, *Maysville Stoneware: "Beautiful, Rare, Expensive and Collectible"*, from the collection of Bill and Charlene Boggs. From the *KSB Miniature Gallery's* collection of miniatures to the historical exhibit of *The Lifestyles of the Rich and Shameless ... A Portrait of the Roar 20's*, and the bourbon history galleries of *The Old Pogue Experience* we have many opportunities for our guests to enjoy, learn and reflect on the history and beauty of our Museum.



The Museum Center's closure to the public allowed several members of our staff to continue working with numerous special projects and activities supporting the mission of the Museum. Staff members have been working both at their homes and in their offices on the development of numerous exhibits, research activities, education programs along with many hours of writing grants and preparing for this reopening period.

The Research Library is available to assist both members and visitors with the genealogy and historical reports. Both the Atrium Gift Shop and Still Room have numerous new titles in our historical and bourbon book sections along with numerous new items from *Grandville Pottery's Maysville and Mason County* designs and beautiful *Blinko* glassware.

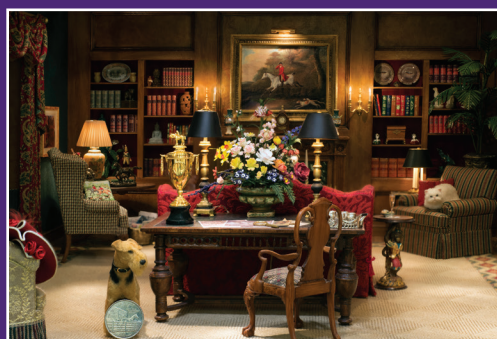
We thank you for your membership renewals and the financial support during our closure period. We thank you for stepping up with your support during this difficult time to make sure our services will be available for our community.

See you soon at the Museum!

C.J. Hunter IV
Executive Director



KSB Miniatures Collection's *Chessington Plaza*. Thimble for scale.



KSB Miniatures Collection's Kentucky Horse Farm Library. Note the Kentucky quarter!



KSB Miniatures Collection's Savage & Sons jewelry shop by Mulvany & Rogers.


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MARLA'S MUSINGS

By Marla Toncray

I had no idea there were so many hat styles until I curated our Hats, Purses and Parasols exhibit, now on display on the second floor of the Wormald Gallery.

Juliette Caps, Whimsie, Mushroom, Pillbox, Cloche, Bowler (Derby) and Top Hats are just a few of the hat styles that have been popular since the late 1800s and into the 1900s.

As you may have guessed, we have these styles and more on display now through Thanksgiving. The really great thing about this exhibit is every item comes from our collection, which means they have been donated by people like you to our institution over the years. Thank You!

Many of these hat styles have been popular from one decade to the other, even though clothing styles kept changing.

Take the Cloche style for example. It is traditionally thought of as a hat style just from the 1920s, when in fact, the Cloche has been a staple in the hat wardrobe even in today's time.

As far as men's hat wear, the Derby, or bowler hat style was in vogue into the 20th century.

The bowler hat is also known as a billycock, bob hat, bombin (Spanish) or derby (U.S.). It's a hard felt hat with a rounded crown, created by London hat-makers Thomas and William Bowler in 1849. The bowler was popular with working classes in America, Britain and Ireland during the second half of the 1800s. It would later become popular with the middle and upper classes in the United Kingdom, Ireland and the east coast of the United States.

Here are a few well-known men who donned the Derby hat:

Winston Churchill, Bing Crosby, Charlie Chaplin and the comedic team of Laurel and Hardy.

One of the my favorite pieces in the exhibit it an 1860's era bonnet made of grey silk. It has a 13 inch back overhand, 13 rows of wire with gathered pleats, a bow and streamer of the nape of the neck. In my imagination I see a mother or wife of a Civil War soldier wearing this as part of their morning attire. It's just lovely.



And speaking of the Civil War, there is a Confederate States of America (south) forage, or kepi cap and a United States of America (north) forage cap in the display. These flank a parade dress hat from the United States Military Academy at West Point. There are also military hats dating to World War I in the exhibit.

Then there are the feathered hats! One in particular has three small birds perched upon the crown of the hat, all of which are made of feathers.

To round out the display, we have added a selection of purses and parasols that are just as interesting as the hats.

In addition to showcasing these fabulous pieces of art, we are also paying homage to James Wormald, who owned a haberdashery store in Maysville. He was known for his hats! Wormald is the gentleman who created the city's first public library and the Mason County Scientific, Historical and Library Association, today's Kentucky Gateway Museum Center.

Please come on by and "Hang Your Hat" at the Wormald for a while.

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During this difficult time, we hope you're staying safe and healthy while enjoying this extra time with your family. Time is a commodity that we will never get back, and while this is an inconvenience, it has allowed us some extra time with our families and given us all the chance to slow down a bit in such a hurried world. While we are all adjusting to our new normal, we are excited to once again welcome you and your family back to the museum.



REOPENING

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

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