

Ongoing Trust Projects

The BGT Plaque Program

The BGT Plaque Program is probably the most visible program of the Trust. The plaque is a visual symbol of civic pride that is meant to signify respect and appreciation for the historic value of the properties. The very familiar BGT plaque calls attention to buildings of architectural or historical significance that are 50 or more years old. The placement of a BGT plaque on a property does not require the owner to open the premises to the public nor does it convey any restriction on making changes to the property. Over 800 plaques have been awarded since the program began in the early 1970s.



Restoration of The Hunt-Morgan House

Built in 1814, the Federal style Hunt-Morgan House has many beautiful architectural features including the Palladian window with fan and sidelights that grace its facade. In 1955, the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation was formed to save the home from impending demolition. The organization restored the home to its Federal appearance and now operates the house as a museum.

Restoration of The Pope Villa

Its plan is unique in American residential architecture: perfect square, with a domed circular rotunda in the center of the second story. The Pope Villa architect, Benjamin Henry Latrobe, called these interior effects "scenery." These elements reflect his reliance on the compositional principles of 18th century Picturesque landscape design. Latrobe's fusion of classical sources and Picturesque theory places the Pope Villa among the most important buildings of Federal America and one of Latrobe's remaining houses.



Stilfield Cabin



Dudley House

As a member, you will receive special benefits including:

Preservation Matters, the Trust's quarterly newsletter. Each issue is filled with current events and stories about historic sites, restoration projects and communities working to save their sense of place.

Advance notice of lectures and special events.

Discounted rental and bookstore rates at the Hunt-Morgan House.

The greatest benefit you will enjoy is knowing that you are helping communities save what is unique to Kentucky.

The Trust's Mission...

THE BLUE GRASS TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION is a private non-profit advocate for historic preservation that strives to protect, revitalize and promote the special historic places in our community to enhance the quality of life for future generations. The properties owned by The Blue Grass Trust are guided by the three tenets of the Trust mission — EDUCATION, SERVICE & ADVOCACY.



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History is in our hands



Hunt-Morgan House prior to restoration

THE BLUE GRASS TRUST was founded in 1955 by a spirited group of Lexington citizens who were determined to save the John Wesley Hunt residence from demolition. The group raised funds to purchase and restore the property, now known as the Hunt-Morgan House, to its original 1814 Federal style appearance. Today, the house stands as a testimonial to the beginning of The Blue Grass Trust and the birth of the preservation movement in Central Kentucky. Over the years, the Trust has helped save many other historic structures such as the Dudley House, Shakertown of Pleasant Hill, the Adam Rankin House, Henry Clay's Law Office, Belle Breezing's Row Houses, the Mary Todd Lincoln House, the Stilfield Log House and the Senator John and Eliza Pope Villa.

Today, the Trust continues to provide valuable leadership and inspiration to the preservation movement in Central Kentucky and throughout the state. As the region's leading preservation organization, the Trust works diligently to fulfill its mission of education, service, and advocacy.

Membership dues help the Trust...

1. **Create** awareness of the importance of historic preservation through special events and educational programs.
2. **Implement** the Heritage Education Program in elementary schools and the Historic Structures Visual Arts Contest for high school students.
3. **Identify** significant historic structures through the BGT Plaque Program.
4. **Foster** partnerships with other organizations concerned with preservation.
5. **Participate** in important community preservation projects and advocacy efforts.
6. **Generate** awareness of endangered historic properties through research and development of an Endangered List.
7. **Continue** restoration and preservation of the Hunt-Morgan House and Latrobe's Pope Villa.
8. **Provide** technical assistance on a variety of preservation issues through seminars, workshops, a resource library, and individual requests for information.



Adam Rankin House



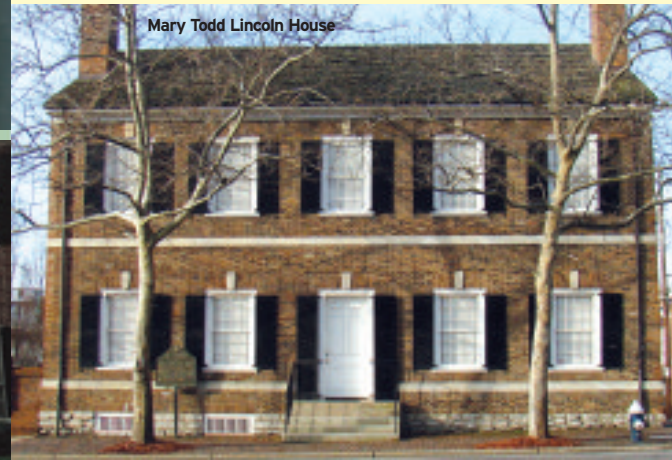
Belle Breezing Row Houses



Gratz Park



Shaker Village



Mary Todd Lincoln House

Become a partner in preservation.

JOIN THE BLUE GRASS TRUST TODAY.

YES! I would like to become a member and support The Blue Grass Trust's mission to preserve the heritage of Central Kentucky!

MEMBERSHIP

- \$25 Student Advocate
- \$50 Individual Preservation Advocate
- \$100 Family Advocate
- \$250 Hunt-Morgan Society
- \$500 Clay Lancaster Society
- \$1000 Carolyn Reading Hammer Society
- _____ Miscellaneous Donation

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I am interested in volunteer opportunities in the following areas:

- Community Preservation
- Fundraising
- Education & Outreach
- Hunt-Morgan House
- Latrobe's Pope Villa
- Membership & Marketing
- Blue Grass Trust Office Projects