

Talks by Steve Wiser 12-27-2009

The following are the talks that Steve Wiser can provide to civic groups. Steve can also speak on suggested topics as well. All of Steve's talks are accompanied by a photos and graphics in Power Point visual projection. To contact Steve to schedule a presentation, email him at WiserAIA@Hotmail.com

"Louisville Tapestry: People & Places that helped create America's Most Livable City" Steve provides a visual presentation of his most recent book by the same name.

"Kentucky Tapestry" Daniel Boone, State Parks, Mammoth Cave, and Shaker architecture are some Steve's topics in this fascinating talk on the personalities and landmarks that weave a wonderful composition that is Kentucky.

"Before Olmsted: Inspiration behind Louisville's Olmsted Park System" Prior to Frederick Law Olmsted's arrival in 1891, there was planning and strategy by Louisville's civic leadership to implement the city's wonderful parks system. Find out more of the who, what, when, and why in this fascinating talk.

"Cave Hill Cemetery" This scenic, historic cemetery is featured with an illustrative discussion of the famous people, decorative monuments, and other interesting aspects. Steve is the tour guide at Cave Hill and has been leading tours for over 20 years.

"Legendary Restaurants of Louisville" Kunz's, Cunningham's, and Mike Linnings are all part of the celebrated dining heritage of the city. Many fabulous restaurants are now long since gone but Steve brings these memories back from yesteryear.

"Lost Louisville" Many beautiful landmarks have been demolished. The Rialto, the Old Post Office, and the Columbia Building have all been removed. Revisit these distinctive structures and find out why they were razed and what replaced them.

"Unbuilt Louisville" Since Louisville was founded, projects have been proposed but never built for one reason or another. Flying duck over the river, numerous high-rises, and towering sculptures: learn about some of the major unrealized dreams of the city.

"Legends of Louisville" Col. Harlan Sanders, the Hill Sisters, and Muhammad Ali are several of the fascinating personalities that make up Louisville lore. Who lived where and did what in this historical bio talk.

"Lincoln's Louisville: Local Influences that Altered American History" While Abraham Lincoln only spent 3 weeks in Louisville during 1841, there are numerous connections to him throughout the city. Many little known local facts as well as notable Louisville friends of Lincoln are highlighted.

"Louisville 2035" How will our city change over the next 25 years? Find out Steve's view in this fast paced illustrative talk.

"Why is First Street the FIRST street? History of Louisville's street names" Jefferson, Guthrie, Preston, etc., are several of the famous names on Louisville streets. This presentation will bring to life the personalities of our road names.

"Thomas Jefferson in Jefferson County" There are 26 Jefferson Counties in the U. S., but only Jefferson County, Kentucky has more references to our 2nd President and is more than just a name. Find out these local connections to Thomas Jefferson in this pictorial journey around town.

"Louisville Development History" How did Louisville evolve into the city in which it now is? This pictorial journey will start at the beginning and provide a photo description of steamboats, railroads, cars, airplanes and more!

"Green Future from the Past" Why saving and renovating historic buildings is a sustainable, energy-efficient, and economically beneficial design and construction process for cities.

"Tips for Weight Loss" Steve has lost 30 pounds in a year and is a KOPS in the TOPS organization. Learn his weight loss tips along with what is a KOPS & TOPS in this healthy lifestyle program.

"Tips to Enjoy Hiking" One of Steve's fun things to do is hike within Kentucky and southern Indiana's scenic parks and environments. While he is no pro, he can share his approach to getting the most from your hiking experience. This talk will explore the type of gear to use and the beautiful trails to hike, among other tidbits.