



# The Voice



## East Row Historic Foundation

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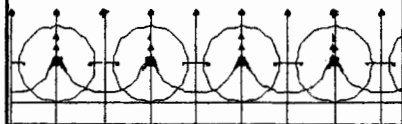
**Next Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 St. Mark Lutheran Church, corner of Monroe & Eighth Streets.**

### East Row Historic Foundation Officers:

**Chair:** Roger Weddle  
**Treasurer:** Jeff Hall  
**Secretary:** Autumn Fischer  
**Gateway Rep:** Julie Smith-Morrow  
**Mansion Hill Rep:** Joyce Chastang

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Thank you.



### New Year in My Home Town Charles Brown the Artist

Now that the holidays are over and the reflections of 2004 are misty memories in our minds and hearts, and our hopes and aspirations for 2005 are yet virgin dreams, I have once again had the privilege of looking at my hometown of Newport in a new and exciting light. The neighborhood Christmas party upstairs at the Washington Platform was a warm and generous experience for all; old friends and new acquaintances- as well as a welcome insight into the spirit of the city- decidedly creative and robustly thriving as I soon found out!!! I talked to Nancy and her husband who have the "Together" shop at 7th & Park; Bev Holiday who has moved the Kentucky Haus Craft guild to 10th and Monroe Street; (a lot of neighbors!!!) Got turned on to Mammouth Coffee on Monmouth- revisited the York Street Cafe, and stopped in the refreshing Seventh Street Gifts as well-impressed and taken aback at the freshness of vision and creative spirit behind alot of what's been going on in Newport lately. I have been an artist in Mansion Hill for the past 25 years-concentrating on home, people, and pet portraits; as well as city and streetscapes in oils. I have sold paintings of Newport's beauty on the worldwide stage, proving it and my artistic universality. Over the Christmas holiday I finished a beautiful 3 x 5' street scene commissioned by a patron in Mt. Adams, sold 3 oil paintings of Grateful Dead Shows from the 1970's, as well as executed a Rembrandesque portrait of two girls from a photograph for another patron. How's that for diversity!!! I have sold paintings of Newport on the worldwide stage, proving it and my artistic universality. It was very refreshing indeed to see that many of my neighbors in the Gateway/Mansion Hill district share both the talent and enthusiasm for the creative process, and realize that the arts and culture of an area reflect its true heart and soul.

Let us all, with the promise of a bold new year ahead of us strive to embrace the allure of a city rich in diversity and expressiveness, and know that the freedom and security and PRIDE that we feel in our own hearts and homes will indeed be shown in the prosperity and enlightenment of the community as a whole!!!

(Charles Browns paintings can be viewed on the internet at <http://home.fuse.net/artistcbrown/>, and you can contact him to commission a work at [artistcbrown@fuse.net](mailto:artistcbrown@fuse.net))

## **Kentucky House Moves To the Monroe**

Bev Holiday, owner of Kentucky Haus Craft Gallery, purchased "The Monroe" building at the corner of 10th and Monroe in late September and moved in mid-October to coincide with the reopening of the 10th Street bridge. She and Peggie Brunyate (her sister and shoppe manager) are quite excited about the new location and want to thank all the East Row residents for their continued support. Kentucky Haus specializes in Kentucky hand-crafted items and items with a Kentucky theme. One of the fastest selling items during the Holiday Season was the new "Images of America—Newport" book by Judy Neff and Peggy Wiedemann Harris. Bev and Peggie enjoyed listening to customers as they viewed the old photos and shared stories about their families and the past. Kentucky Haus is also selling "Syndicate Wife" by Hank Messick that was formerly sold by Books and More, which closed at the end of the year. Shoppe hours: Mon-Sat: 10 am-6 pm, and Sunday 1-5 pm.

The Kentucky Haus phone number is 859-261-4287. Their web address is [www.kentuckyhaus.com](http://www.kentuckyhaus.com) and their email address is [kyhaus@fuse.net](mailto:kyhaus@fuse.net).

## **Annual ERHF Elections**

According to the bylaws of the East Row Historic Foundation, a Nominating Committee for office holders will be formed at the January meeting, the nominees will be slated in February, nominees will be announced in the March ERHF Voice, and voted on at the March meeting by eligible members present.

The Nominating Committee for officers was formed at the January ERHF meeting and consists of myself (Chair), Beverly Simon, and Joyce Chastang.

We hope to provide you with a selection of eligible candidates for each ERHF office. The offices include:

1. Chair
2. Mansion Hill Representative
3. Gateway Representative
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer

Neither Roger Weddle, the current Chair, nor Autumn Fischer, the current Secretary, will seek re-election and Jeff Hall, the current Treasurer, is term-limited. Please refer to the ERHF bylaws (Section VII, Officers) on our website at [www.eastrow.org](http://www.eastrow.org) for officer responsibilities.

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We invite ERHF members to participate in this process and submit nominations for officers. The by-laws provide information about requirements for membership and voting (Section IV. Membership), and officer candidacy (Section VII, Officers). Since the January ERHF meeting, we have received several nominations for officers, but we're hoping to receive additional nominations. The slate will be announced at the February meeting, scheduled for February 1, 7:30 pm, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church (8th and Overton).

It seems we have much on our collective plate now with the proposed expansion of the local historic district, the proposed Hannaford project, lighting and other infrastructure items on the "wish list", the future of fund raising/spending, and development of priorities that were identified at the recent caucus meeting. The officers you select will represent you in the community and will help promote your priorities.

Please submit your nominations to me by January 30, using my personal email address. If you have specific questions, please contact me, Joyce (jinschool@fuse.net) or Beverly (beverlysimon@aol.com).

Thanks! Julie Smith-Morrow

## Newport Branch – February Programs Take Advantage of Great Library Programs

The Newport Branch of the Campbell County Public Library offers wonderful programs for people of all ages, and there is no cost for any of these events.

**Jack Kerley**, a Newport resident and author, will discuss events that led him to write his first novel, *The Hundredth Man*, which has been published in 10 languages and was on the London Times Best Seller List. Talk with him at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, **James Sexton**, a financial planner, will lead a workshop on how important it is for women to start planning now for retirement.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, a special performance will be given by **Pamela Myricks**, a talented Cincinnati writer, poet and storyteller, in recognition of Black History Month. Using family photographs, oral history, and genealogy, Mrs. Myricks will cover a century of her family's history through years of slavery, obstacles, goals and triumphs.

**Attention TEENS:** the Library is offering a chance to make Chinese Lanterns and Scrolls out of rice paper at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9. The popular Manga and Anime Book Club will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, to discuss *Ranma ½*, *Fruits Basket* and other mangas.

The Library also has *weekly programs* especially *for children* that will run through March 22. Although the programs are free, please register your children by calling 572-5035.

**Adventure Club** for children in grades 1-5 will be at 4 p.m. every Tuesday at with a different theme each week. These programs often include games, crafts, snacks or other activities. Storytimes for younger children are Wee Read (ages 0-2) at 10 a.m. Tuesdays; Toddler Storytime (ages 2-3) at 10 a.m. Wednesdays, and Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5) at 10 a.m. Thursdays. There's also a Pajama Storytime for ages 2 and older at 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Anyone who would like to receive a monthly newsletter with calendar of events from the Library should call **Kiki Dreyer Burke**, 781-6166, ext. 11.

***If you have articles for inclusion in THE VOICE, please send them to:***

***eastrowvoice@yahoo.com by the 15th of the month. We prefer word documents sent as an attachment. If you do not have access to a computer, your article may be mailed to our home address 525 Maple Avenue, Thanks! Christopher & Bridget***

## TSUNAMI!!!!

Sitting here in the middle of the night-  
listening to the incessant rain

splattering flatly ; prolonged and expansive  
against the blurry glass window pane-

Dull and heavy- already saturated, the water  
pools and runs rampant; steadily, and

leaving a trace of itself behind with every ripple  
in the ebb and flow of

continuity- your memory overtakes me like  
the distant echo of the earth lapping;

suckling itself as mother nature feeds and  
nurtures through the death and

de- structiveness of it all-forging ahead  
warmly and longingly to simply replant

the future-turn the tide towards the utopia of  
a much needed glimpse of your heavenly

soul- lighting the way intimately from an un-  
seen distance to carry onward the torch of

human desire.....

Well now my dear it is I who speak of the  
floods-

as the memories of the years

flood my saturated heart; mind-and soul-  
carrying along the same corpuscle and  
plasma that fed the dreams of my youth-the  
desires of my manhood, and the wisdom of

mature realization to allow me to differentiate  
between the two-

mother nature now cries at my door-

above my head and beneath my feet on the  
floor-raging and flowing-drizzling and seep-  
ing-

non stop for 48 hours the clock keeps on tick-  
ing-forevermore-not seeking a conclusion,  
but rather flooding for the flood of it.....the  
waters only purpose-not to be drinking-not to  
wash in-or cook with-or to bath in or to be  
baptized in-but to flood.

To saturate; inundate-castrate-

and in effect- to legislate and mandate...

Oh rain, RAIN !!! Fall-fall-run-run-rushing,  
crushing-rushing, and crashing-

CRASHING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Drowning, panicking  
and sickening screaming that heralds an ulti-  
mate silence of the morbid consequence of  
the final undertow of an ungodly power that  
no one escapes from at all-

No, not EVER; breathless in our own eternal  
quest for life beyond mans own redemption  
of humanity. Humanity, HUMANITY!!!!  
Tsunami!!!!!!!!!! TSUNAMI!!!!!!!!!!!!

-Charles Brown-



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