

Fenwick Lecture Series

Each November, the Louisville Historical League is proud to host the Fenwick Lecture Series. This series has been presented since 2003. Provided below is information on Jason Fenwick and this Lecture Series. Jason McCool Fenwick, in whose memory this annual lecture is held, died in March of 2000, at the age of 53. Jason was a native of Kosciusko Mississippi. The Commonwealth of Kentucky was his adopted state.

After receiving a BA in Anthropology from the University of Mississippi in 1970, he attended the University of Kentucky where he was awarded his MA in Anthropology. Early professional pursuits included fieldwork in archaeology in both Mississippi and in England. While employed by the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works in Great Britain, he worked on archaeological restoration projects as diverse as Iron Age hill forts, Roman Villages, and Medieval buildings.

In 1977, Jason returned to the United States and joined the staff of the KY Heritage Commission, now known as the KY Heritage Council, as staff archeologist.



As the years progressed, Jason became increasingly interested in the restoration of historic structures.

From 1981 to 1983, Jason served as state curator and coordinated the restoration and rehabilitation of the KY Executive Mansion for Governor John Y. Brown and First Lady Phyllis George Brown. He was so proud of his work on the Governor's Mansion and relished all of the detailed work it took to restore a Kentucky landmark.

When Jason died in 2000, after a short but valiant battle with liver disease, he was working for the National Parks Service in Washington DC where he worked with the historic tax credit program as an architectural historian.



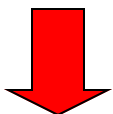
Jason was a remarkable individual, known as much for his impeccable taste, love of champagne, his great Christmas parties and for his wonderful collection of Kentucky art. He was also known to be opinionated, cantankerous and a bit cranky, especially when someone dared to violate the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.



He certainly had an uncanny ability to reinvent himself: after all, Jason started his professional career as a pre-historic archeologist but went on to become a self taught architectural historian. Jason's memory is honored every year through the Jason M. Fenwick Lecture in Historic Preservation.

Previous Lecture Speakers and Topics are as follows:

- 2017 Scott Erbes, Curator, Decorative Arts & Design at Speed Museum: "Art & Mystery of Kentucky Antiques" at Calvary Episcopal Church, 821 S. Fourth Street
- 2016 Tom Owen, Ph D: "Taking Stock: Forty-one Years as a Local History Practitioner" at J B Speed Art Museum
- 2015 Janie Rice-Brother: "From the Bluegrass to Britain and Back Again: Lessons of the English Country House" at Chao Auditorium
- 2014 Carolyn Brooks: "Distillery History of Louisville" at Brown Forman Distillery
- 2013 Daniel Vivian, Assistant Professor of History: "Rethinking Historic Preservation for a New Age" at the Old Marcus Lindsey church
- 2012 Daniel Carey, Executive Director of Historic Savannah Foundation: "Historic Preservation in the 21st Century: Not Your Grandmother's Movement (...but maybe it should be)", at Gardencourt
- 2011: **Mark Hewitt, FAIA:** 'Preserving the Country House for the 21st Century' at Gardencourt
- 2010: Sam Thomas and Gwynne Potts: Interior restoration of historic Locust Grove
- 2009: Donovan Rypkema: "Historic Preservation: The Core of Sustainable Development" at the Glassworks.
- 2008: Jay Stottman: "Privy to History: Public Health and Sanitation of Louisville" at the Old Medical School, First and Chestnut Streets
- 2007: Winfrey Blackburn and R. Scott Gill: "The Kentucky Houses of Stratton Hammon" at Gardencourt
- 2006: Rex Lyons on "Historic Interiors" at the Henry Clay
- 2005: Ken Von Roenn, Architect and Stained Glass Sculptor at Calvary Episcopal Church
- 2004: Prof. Patrick Snadon on "Kentucky's Contribution to Neo-classical Interiors in America" at the Scottish Rite Temple
- 2002: Historic Interior panel discussion at Speed Art Museum



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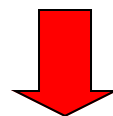
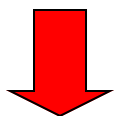
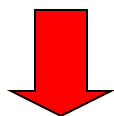
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Below Right Janice Rice-Brother, 2015

Below: 2015 audience at Chao Auditorium



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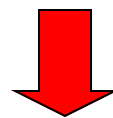
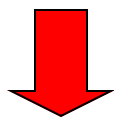
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Lower Right Corner: Daniel Vivian, 2013



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Below is info on the initial Fenwick Lecture series that was held on October 19th 2002 at the Speed Art Museum. This article provides details on who spoke and their topics.

LOUISVILLE HISTORICAL LEAGUE PRESENTS JASON M. FENWICK MEMORIAL LECTURE

Former Old Louisville resident, Jason M. Fenwick, will be honored on Saturday, October 19th, at the Speed Art Museum, with an all day symposium on the restoration of early nineteenth century interiors.

The Louisville Historical League, in conjunction with Farmington Historic Home, will host the event. The keynote speech will be the first annual Jason M. Fenwick Memorial Lecture in Historic Preservation.

The lecture will be given by Elisabeth Donaghy Garrett, noted authority on American social history and decorative arts and author of "At Home: the American Family 1750-1870." Ms. Garrett's illustrated talk will focus on design, domesticity and the details of daily life at home in the South in the early 19th century. Decoration and design, the pace and cycle of days, concerns for comfort, household management imperatives, seasonal adjustments, family pleasures and sources of sorrow will be explored.

Mansion with noted architect, William Seale, and first lady, Phyllis George Brown. He also served on the City of Louisville Landmarks Commission and as an Historic Preservation Coordinator for the state. In 1997 Mr. Fenwick moved to Washinton,D.C., to become an Architectural Historian with the National Park Service.

In addition to Ms. Garrett's opening lecture, there will be lectures given by Carolyn Brooks, Director of Farmington; Matthew Mosca, nationally-noted paint analyst, who is best known for his work at Mt. Vernon; Chris Ohrstrom, expert on historical wallpapers; Patrick Snadon, expert on Federal architecture and interiors; Rabbit Goody, textile historian and museum consultant, and Marianne Ramsey, a specialist on Kentucky furniture and 19th century interiors.

Invitations and registration forms are available at the Old Louisville Information Center.