



THE

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Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Berea & Madison County

Annual meeting features researcher, silent auction

Be sure to attend our annual meeting April 21 at the Seabury Center in Berea to hear special guest Karen Cotton McDaniel talk about lessons learned from women of vision. And take the opportunity to acquire a work of art by one of those visionary women.

LWV will hold a silent auction of poster prints by African-American artist Dr. Margaret Burroughs. The prints were donated to LWV via her friend and Berea resident Evangeline Goss.

Among her many accomplishments as an artist, educator, poet and community organizer, Burroughs was a co-founder of the DuSable Museum of African-American History in Chicago, where she currently lives. Started on the ground floor of her Chicago home, the museum moved to its own buildings in Chicago's Washington Park and has become an internationally recognized resource for African American art.

LWV is honored to have the opportunity to share this art with others in our community. Funds raised from the sale of the prints will support our programs for civic engagement and action here in Madison County.



Faces of my people is one of the poster prints by famed artist Margaret Burroughs. Her work has been featured in exclusive shows at the Corcoran Art Galleries in Washington, D.C., and at the Studio Museum in New York.

The structure of this year's annual meeting allows community members to join us for supper and McDaniel's presentation, so please invite a friends, neighbors and co-workers to the meeting.

Please RSVP to elizabeth@cwvg.org, or by phone at (859) 985-0641 by Friday, April 18 so that we know how many meals to order.

MEETING AGENDA

Monday, April 21

Berea College Seabury Center Trustees Room

5:30 p.m. League business meeting with fiscal year budget and board of directors slate; presentation and discussion of Vision Statement for local government officials; Observer Corps plans

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Directions to the Seabury Center Trustees Room

From I-75 exit 77, proceed toward Berea. Go straight through the stoplight at Ellipse St. (by the Berea Community School). Turn right into the Seabury Center parking lot. Proceed up the stairs into the Seabury Center. The Trustees Room is on the 2nd floor on the NE side of the building.



Turning vision to action

Guest speaker Karen Cotton McDaniel is a visiting scholar at EKU in both African American Studies and Women's Studies programs. She is a 1973 graduate of Berea College and received her master's in library science from UK. Her expertise includes the history of Kentucky African American women's clubs.

Her topic "Transforming Vision to Action" will explore what we can learn from women in major social movements and apply to today's social and political arena.

Members define issues critical to future of county

A group of League members representing a cross-section of Madison County gathered March 25 in the Community Room of Berea City Hall to discuss the League's vision for the future of Madison County. Jeanne Marie Hibberd facilitated the discussion, which she noted was part of the League's multi-year focus on the theme "Madison County 2025."

Hibberd opened by saying the goal of the discussion was to produce ideas that would be honed into a statement of issues critical to the future of Madison County. The statement would be circulated among the group for comment and then presented for adoption at the League's annual meeting in April.

Once approved, the statement will be shared with elected officials and candidates for public office. The idea is: not only do voters need to know where candidates stand on issues, but candidates and elected officials also need to know where voters stand.

The group first discussed who should be the target audience. Members agreed the focus should be on elected officials of local governments in Berea, Richmond and Madison County. Although League members work on many issues at the state



Mary Bell helped record visionary suggestions at the March 25 meeting.

and federal levels, LWVKY and LWVUS typically take the lead on these issues.

Members reviewed areas where the local League has adopted positions or has been active in the past several years. A brainstorm soon revealed some common themes, which the group summarized under the following headings: Planning & Development, Energy & Environment, Governance, Social Justice, Taxation, Education & Youth and Health Care. After nearly two hours of discussion, a list of concerns under each of these areas was created that will serve as the basis for crafting a statement.

Hibberd thanked the members for their work and agreed to take the list of ideas and draft a statement for their review. Once approved by the League, the statement will be released publicly, posted on the League's Web site and sent to candidates and elected officials.

LWV_EVENTS

- 5:30 p.m. April 21
Annual Meeting
Seabury Center
Berea College
- 7 p.m. April 30
Candidate Forum
Richmond City Hall
- Next Board Meeting
May 5, 6 p.m.
- May 20 TBA
Climate Change
Conference

VOTER DEADLINES
May 1 for May Voter

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FitzGerald to speak at state LWV convention

LWVKY meeting will be April 18-19 in Louisville. Friday workshops will include air quality and energy; membership issues; and conducting candidate forums.

That will be followed by a reception, dinner and presentation by Kentucky Resources Council Director Tom FitzGerald, titled: "The Kentucky General Assembly 2008 Session - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly." On Saturday, the business meeting will conclude and the presidents of each local League will give a report on their activities.

Every year there is a silent auction of knick-knacks, books, art and other donated goods.

If you are interested in going to the meeting, contact Elizabeth Crowe. It is a wonderful time to meet League members from other parts of the state to share information and ideas!

The registration fee is \$20 and the Friday dinner fee is \$15.

LWVUS in Portland

National convention will be June 13-17 in Portland, Ore. Details on the convention can be found at http://www.lwv.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ForMembers/Council/conv_preview/Convention2008_Preview.pdf

April/May 2008 MEETING DATES

Check your calendar to attend one or more of these local government meetings. Ask a friend, co-worker or neighbor to join you. If you would like to share a report about the meeting and/or your observations, please e-mail to Voter editor Libby Fraas <libby.fraas@eku.edu>.

Date & Time	Government body	Place
Tuesday, April 22 9:30 a.m.	Madison County Fiscal Court	Madison County Courthouse
Tuesday, May 13 9:30 a.m.		Berea Police & Municipal Bldg.
Tuesday, April 22 Noon	Richmond City Commission	Richmond City Hall Commission Chambers
Tuesday, April 22 6:30 p.m.	Berea Planning & Zoning (business session)	Berea City Hall 212 Chestnut St.
Thursday, May 8 6 p.m.	Madison Co. School Board	Madison Central High School Lecture Lab, Health Bldg.
Tuesday, April 15 6:30 p.m.	Berea City Council	Berea Police & Municipal Bldg. 314 Chestnut St.
Monday, April 17 7 p.m.	Berea School Board	Berea Community School Theater
Tuesday, April 15 6 p.m.	Madison Co. Planning Commission (business session)	Madison Co. Courthouse Fiscal Court Room
Tuesday, May 6 p.m.	Madison Co. Planning Commission (work session)	
Tues. April 15 5:30 p.m.	Richmond P & Z Commission (work session)	Richmond City Hall Conference Room
Wed., April 23 5:30 p.m.	Richmond P & Z Commission (business session)	Richmond City Hall Commission Chambers

HELP WANTED

The White Paper Depot needs a new director to recycle white paper for the community and to oversee a recycling job initiated by Crocker and Joan Peoples.

The job description? Monitor deposits of recyclable white paper at White Paper Depot and transport to Berea College recycle center as needed (bi-monthly).

Location: Berea Fire Station #2, Glades Road, Berea.

Benefits: Knowledge that you have rescued "the champagne of recycled paper" from an ignominious end in Rumpke's landfill.

Skills needed: Dedication to public service and the environment when you don't have much time to spare.

Background: Rumpke's curbside pickup in Berea does not include white paper. The White Paper Depot was established in 2001 to fill this gap. LWV spearheaded the project, raised funds, purchased the storage building, obtained permission to install the building on Berea city property and made the necessary arrangements with the Berea College recycle center.

For additional information contact Joan Peoples 986-9088 or <peoplesjc@roadrunner.com>.

Poster prints auctioned at April 21 mtg.



Riding Together is one of the poster prints by famed Chicago artist Margaret Burroughs available at the annual meeting's silent auction April 21 at the Seabury Center in Berea.

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for 2008-9; Upcoming events.

6:30 Catered supper -- \$10 per person. Please make reservation by April 18.) Begin silent auction of Margaret Burroughs prints***

7 p.m. Karen Cotton McDaniel "Transforming Vision to Action" What we can learn from women in major social movements, and apply to today's social and political arena.

7:45 Silent auction winners announced

April 30 set for City Commission forum

Invitations were mailed to the 11 candidates who have filed for Richmond City Commission for a candidate forum on April 30, which LWV is cosponsoring with the Center for Kentucky History and Politics at Eastern Kentucky University.

The forum will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in Richmond

City Hall and will be cablecast live as well as replayed several times before the election.

The number of candidates requires a run-off election in the May 20 primary. Voters will vote for four of the 11 candidates. Candidates who rank in the top eight in number of votes will then run again

in the November election. So three candidates will not make it to the general election ballot. Only voters who live in the Richmond city limits will be eligible to participate.

Candidates for city commission must have lived in the city for at least one year prior to the election and be at least 21 years of age.

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