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GIVE FOR GOOD TO RIVER FIELDS SEPTEMBER 12



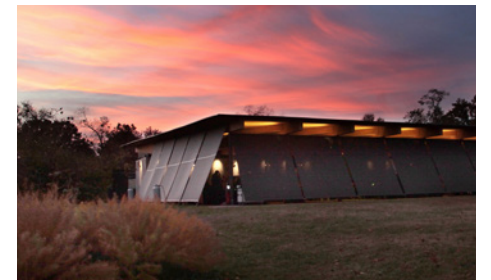
September 12 is Give for Good Louisville, that annual day when the whole community steps up to support its favorite causes. Please show your love for River Fields by visiting our page that day and supporting us to celebrate our 65th anniversary! Visit our page Sept. 12 and show your support!

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TIME TO CELEBRATE!

There are still tables left for our 65th anniversary celebration at Locust Grove on Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. With music by Carly Johnson,

sumptuous local fare from Farm to Fork, and a live auction that includes items like a stay in Aruba, we're celebrating a big birthday



LOCUST GROVE

in style. Tickets are available at: https://riverfields.org/annual_fundraising_event/

If you can't make the event, consider supporting River Fields's work with a donation amount poetically tailored to celebrate our 65th anniversary, whether that's \$65, \$650, or \$6500 – whatever suits your budget. You can donate without purchasing tickets at: Donate - River Fields <https://riverfields.org/donate/>



CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF STEWARDSHIP

65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - OCT. 25



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YOU CAN MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION HERE:
<https://riverfields.org/donate/>



OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Here at River Fields, we're excited about joining two dynamic local alliances. One is the Kentuckiana Underground Railroad Project, an alliance of about 20 local arts and nature organizations working to establish an artist residency to commemorate the Underground Railroad crossing at the Falls of the Ohio. The other partnership we've become a part of is the Ohio River Way, a regional coalition that envisions an Ohio River Valley renowned for its vibrant

communities, opportunities for exploration and recreation, and high quality of life.

This month, River Fields CEO and President Kristin Faurest shared the organization's work with the Louisville chapter of the Sierra Club and with the Louisville Sustainability Council at its Green Drinks event. River Fields also took part in an invitation-only listening session with Congressional representatives Morgan McGarvey

(D-Kentucky) and Erin Houchin (R-Indiana) to discuss the Ohio River Basin Caucus and its federal-level advocacy for the Ohio River.

It's an honor to be invited to collaborate with others doing impactful work in our community in nature protection, river advocacy, cultural programming, and the arts. We believe that together we can accomplish more for our river, its lands, and the people who depend on them.

FALL TREE WALK AT WOLF PEN FARM WITH RENEE FRITH

Follow Renee Frith -- the Director of Horticulture and Sustainable Landscapes at Bernheim Forest and Arboretum and self-proclaimed petter of plants -- as she explores

the biodiverse forest of Wolf Pen Branch Farm. Climate change makes it tricky sometimes to schedule a fall color walk because of the unpredictability of fall weather patterns. But don't worry: you won't just learn about fall color and the science behind it -- you'll learn about how to identify trees, how they heal from injuries, and other fascinating topics.

With Renee, you never walk in the same forest twice -- it's always a new journey. Add to that the experience of exploring gorgeous Wolf Pen Farm, which is not usually open to the public, and you have the perfect recipe for a special experience. Reserve your spot and pay by emailing Kristin Faurest at kristin@riverfields.org. The program is free for River Fields members and



WOLF PEN FARM

Photo: John Nation

\$20 for others; reservations are required. The fall tree walk will be about two hours and participants should wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes, and bring a refillable water bottle and a snack. Restrooms are not available on-site. Photography is encouraged.



RENEE FRITH

GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST



As you know, this year River Fields is celebrating its 65th anniversary. We got curious about what Louisville's waterfront looked like the year our organization was born and discovered these wonderful



images from 1959. They're from the Ivey Watkins Cousins Negative Collection of the Filson Historical Society Digital Projects and are used with permission. Cousins (1897-1973), a native of Danville, Va., retired as a leaf tobacco buyer and dealer in 1944 and moved to Louisville. He ran the Louisville Service Club's hobby shop and taught woodworking, became an assistant curator at the Louisville Free Public Library's museum, and began taking photographs of Louisville scenes. His work is a treasury of many city scenes lost forever to urban renewal,

construction of expressways, and expansion of medical center and hospital complexes. We're grateful to the Filson for sharing these treasures with our community.



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WHAT WE'RE READING

"Conservation that is confined to parks will not preserve species in the long run, because these areas are too small and too separated from one another."

— DOUGLAS W. TALLAMY,
**NATURE'S BEST HOPE: A NEW
APPROACH TO CONSERVATION THAT
STARTS IN YOUR YARD**

If you want to learn about how to

be a better steward of the ecosystem, Doug Tallamy is the author to follow. We value and respect his advocacy for biodiverse, healthy landscapes and treating even our own backyards as if they were national parks.



We recommend his books and YouTube videos for those of you who are lifelong learners who want to be good stewards of the land -- even if that land is just your own humble backyard.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/43212849-nature-s-best-hope>