

RIVERSIDE FARMERS' MARKET

AN INTERVIEW WITH CO-MANAGERS NICOLE MARTIN AND ERIKA SKINNER

In 2025, Riverside will be kicking off the 4th year of its farmers' market. Nicole Martin and Erika Skinner have been our Market Co-Managers since the beginning! We thought it would be interesting for you to hear about the market and their involvement from their perspective. What follows is an interview with Nicole Martin.

What is your background & interest in the Farmers Market? ~ Hello, my name is Nicole, and I am one of the market managers for the Farnsley-Moremén Farmer's Market. I have been the market manager along with my sister Erika for the last 3 years. Besides being a market manager, both Erika and I have booths at the market. In one of our booths, we sell handcrafted Bath, Body, & Home Décor, such as soaps, body butter, beard oils, candles, and wax melts. In the other, we sell natural, organic produce, chemical-free vegetables. Both of our businesses are Kentucky Proud registered.

Tell us about your own market products & how/when you got started with them. ~ Erika and I have started selling as "We 2 Sistas™" "Where Beauty Is Natural" back in March of 2013. We had already been making our bath & body products as well as candles years prior to this as gifts for family and friends. "City Girl With Country Roots" was formed 2011. I started with growing flowers back in 2008 and added vegetables and herbs by 2011. I have always had an appreciation for home-grown vegetables and flowers since I was a child, thanks to my great-grandmother on my mother's maternal side. She was born in Fayetteville, GA back in 1906 and moved to KY 1922. She grew vegetables and flowers in the city. I was also able to go to the family farm in, Elkton, KY as a child on my mother's paternal side, where I still get to appreciate family & fresh foods when I visit.

Why do you think Farmers' Markets are important? ~ The market helps bring to the community fresh produce and goods. With so many food deserts popping up, especially in the areas that our Market services, it gives families a chance to shop local and fresh. The market also helps to support local farmers as well as local small businesses. I find that the market is educational to children and adults alike because they get to see that food doesn't just come from a store and that there are real people who grow & produce the foods they eat. Customers can also experience vegetables that are not found in stores, like the Rosita Eggplant, Grizzly Pumpkin, Pineapple Tomatoes, Sourdough Brownies, Fresh Honey from the farm, etc. They also get a chance to shop and learn goods like soaps, jewelry, bread, etc. can be produced by hand. The market also allows people & families to come to a place not trapped inside of four walls, but with fresh air and beautiful scenery. The atmosphere and shopping experience is just different, which I believe it will teach future generations to take a step back and enjoy the simple things of life.

What is special about our market? ~ The Farnsley-Moremén Landing Farmers' Market is special due to the vendors, size, and customers. Although, we are still a new and young market, our vendors are approachable, friendly, helpful, and want the best experience for our customers. Yes, we are small for now, however, it works for us now as we continue to learn the ropes of what the community expects and likes about the market. The size of the market also makes it easy for returning customers to find their favorite vendors. Parking is never a big issue. However, it would be great to add a few more vendors, especially farmers, bakers, food on hand in the upcoming seasons. We

have some of the best customers and they are very loyal. They look forward to the market every year and many have established relationships with vendors. Many enjoy and are thankful to have the market and what it has to offer.

Riverside Farmers' Market Managers Nicole Martin (left) and her sister Erika Skinner (center) with Riverside Historic Site Manager Patti Linn at the market in 2023.



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FRIDAY, APRIL 11 AND
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MAYOR'S DERBY BRUNCH ON THE RIVER

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025



RIVERSIDE FARMERS' MARKET

EVERY SUNDAY FROM
JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

VISITORS CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT



Renderings of Phase I of the Visitors Center expansion from the exterior and the interior.

As with many ambitious projects, we hit some unexpected bumps in the road with our Visitors Center expansion project. Good news: the project is officially beginning. Finally! Phase I will nearly double the capacity of our largest gathering space. It will open the room up to our incredible setting on the river with more windows and an outdoor patio. A new catering prep space, restrooms, and storage are also part of the project. This is the first major modification of the Visitors Center since it was completed in 1993. KNBA Associates are the architects. Miranda Construction is the general contractor.

Major funding for the \$2.5 million project comes from Louisville Metro Government and the James Graham Brown Foundation, and from private donors, like you.

We expect the construction to impact many of our activities throughout the coming year. However, we are committed to using less-familiar areas of the property (like near the chapel) whenever possible for some of our events. We also expect to be able to use the pavilion once it is completed – even if the visitors center construction affects use of the full property.

Normal activities are going to be somewhat disrupted for most of 2025. However, it will have been worth the disruption and the wait once it is all completed. Please follow our progress through the coming year. We appreciate your understanding and your ongoing support!

FALL 2024 AT RIVERSIDE!

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

On Saturday, October 19, Riverside partnered with the Kentucky Archaeological Survey (KAS) and Living Archaeology Weekend (LAW) with help from the Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Survey (FOAS) to offer a Riverside Archaeology In Action Day. The event featured booths and hands-on activities, talks, and special tours. Families participated in a special “History Detective Quest.” We had a lot of fun!

HALLOWEEN EVENT

On October 23, Riverside partnered with the Dixie Area Business Association (DABA) to offer our annual Trick or Treat event. For the first time since Covid struck, we made it a Walk-thru event rather than a Drive-thru. Thankfully, we had perfect weather for the event!

Left: We had over 750 people attend, and 17 area businesses set up booths. Right: Vickie Wheatley’s family came out in full force to the event!



PAVILION RECONSTRUCTION



As of August of 2024, the reconstruction of the pavilion is underway! Miranda Construction is the general contractor. Once the heavy timbers are on site, the progress on the building will be dramatic. Watch for announcements about the celebration of the return of the pavilion later this spring!

Left: Pavilion enclosure for restrooms in progress.

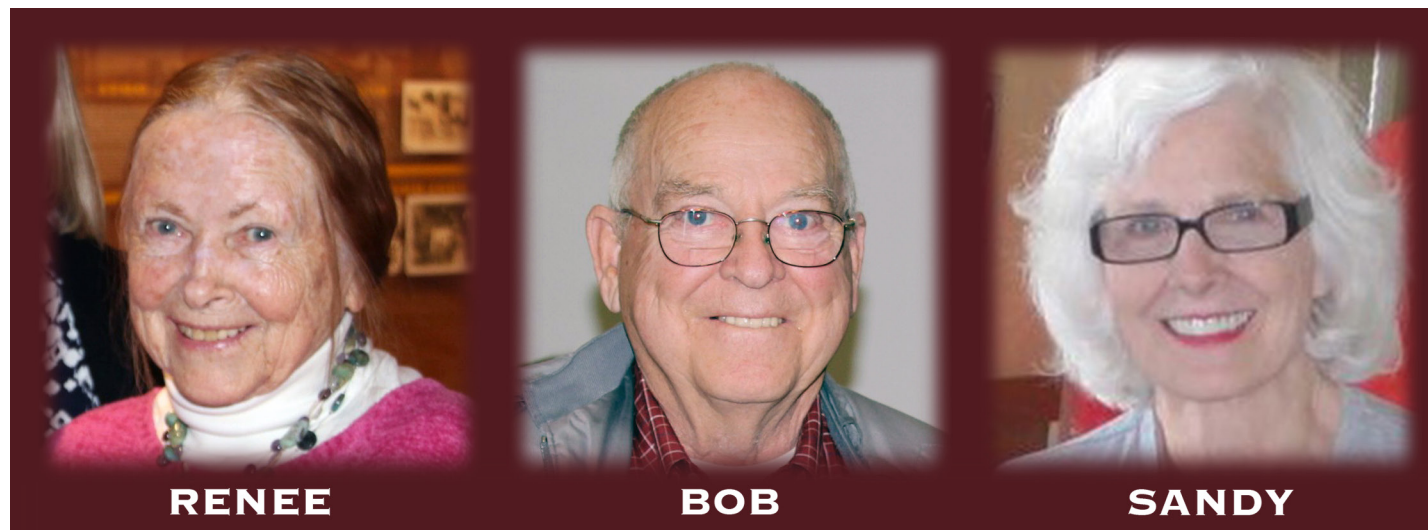
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REMEMBERING IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE RIVERSIDE FAMILY

RENEE BUTTERWORTH ~ Renee Butterworth passed away on February 1, 2024. She was a long-time employee of Riverside who retired in 2018. Renee devoted over 25 years to helping this place—starting as a volunteer when saving the dilapidated Farnsley-Moremén House was a pipe dream. Renee was an unforgettable personality who lived a full and interesting life. Born in war-torn Germany, Renee married a career US Army officer in the 1950s. They lived all over the world before retiring to the home they had purchased in Valley Station where they lived with a menagerie of beloved animals. Over the years, Renee gave tens of thousands of people tours of the Farnsley-Moremén House. Many of those visitors were inspired to send notes back to us commenting on how delightful and charming they found her. She also served as Riverside’s first volunteer coordinator, scheduling, recruiting, and training volunteers. Many of our long-time volunteers became involved because of Renee’s efforts. She thoughtfully organized little birthday gatherings, excursions to other historic sites, and an annual potluck holiday gathering for our volunteers. Renee was involved in many community and environmental groups, but Riverside became a big part of her life. She was unfailingly sunny, even under very challenging circumstances. Riverside Board Chair Carmen Miller put it well when she said, “Renee lived her life with joy and purpose.”

BOB HENDERSON ~ We lost Bob Henderson on August 17, 2024. Bob became involved at Riverside while serving as Louisville Metro Councilman (District 14). He was very instrumental in getting city funds to help move the historic chapel (formerly Bethany United Methodist Church) to Riverside, and then to renovate it. Now the chapel is used for rentals, community events, and programs at its new home. After Bob retired from Metro Council, he became a regular volunteer at Riverside. He even earned the distinction of being Riverside’s “Volunteer of the Year” in 2012! Bob helped at special events and recruited other volunteers. He was a great ambassador for Riverside. We miss seeing his smiling face and hearing his many interesting stories. He had a way with words and kept us amused with the dozens of folksy sayings he had in his back pocket for almost any occasion.

SANDY ALLEN ~ Former Riverside Board member Sandy Allen died in August of 2024. Along with her many accomplishments in a life of service as a teacher and school principal, Sandy can also be credited with coming up with the idea of our “Derby Brunch On the River” event. She proposed the idea to the Board and she faithfully served on the event organizing committee for many years. Her legacy at Riverside continues. In 2025, we are preparing to host our 20th Derby Brunch On the River. We will raise a glass in Sandy’s honor! Until her health required her to resign from our Board, Sandy enjoyed being with her Riverside friends. She was as an enthusiastic, warm, and cheerful member of our team. We miss her.



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