

Bourbon Sessions

Previous Speakers

Nicolas Laracuente- Bourbon Archaeologist



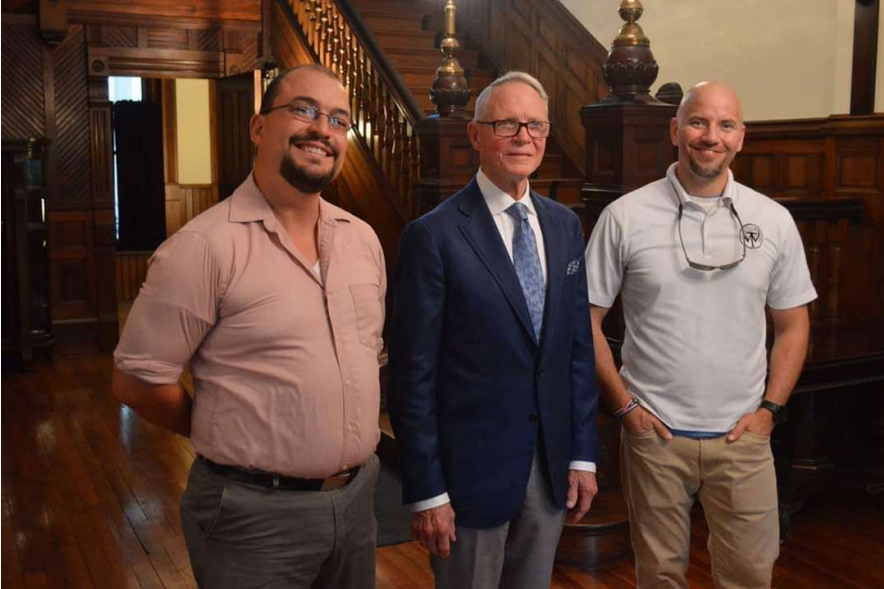
Chad & Sara: It's Bourbon Night



Fred Minnick- Author, Editor, Whiskey Reviewer, Host & Founder of Bourbon & Beyond



Jerod Smith- Wilderness Trail



Freddie Johnson- Buffalo Trace



Joyce & Autumn Nethery- Jephtha Creed



Stephen Beam- Limestone Branch



Upcoming Speakers

Michael Veach



Our next Bourbon Sessions at the Ripy Mansion features hall-of-fame bourbon historian Michael Veach. The focus of this Bourbon Session is the history of the famous distilleries located along the Kentucky River, as well as a tasting of present day Kentucky River bourbons. These tastings will be paired with appetizers and a cash bar is available. As always, a tour of the Ripy mansion is included.

Michael Veach was inducted into the Kentucky Bourbon Hall of Fame in 2006. He's written and contributed to five books and is the foremost authority on bourbon history. In addition to this he is the former Filson Historical Society Bourbon Historian. Michael has provided bourbon history education in many different forms over the years. He owns his own bourbon consulting company, Bourbon Veach LLC.

Price: \$ 25

Place: Ripy Mansion
320 S. Main St
Lawrenceburg

Date: March 21st

Time: 7pm-9pm

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Michael Blowen



It's Derby Time at the Ripy Mansion. Come and celebrate Kentucky's most famous industries-horses and bourbon with us. Our next Bourbon Session will feature Michael Blowen of Old Friends Farm. He is a passionate advocate for retired thoroughbreds and has dedicated his life to their care. We will pay homage to Michael by featuring various horse-themed bourbon tastings. These will be combined with Derby-themed cocktails at the cash bar. Tours of the Ripy Mansion will be conducted by our "old friend," George Geoghegan.

Michael began his career as an educator. After earning a Master's Degree from Boston's Emerson College he was asked to stay on and teach, and he did. "I didn't have to look for a job and I loved it," he says. But Blowen had also long been interested in pursuing a career as a writer.

He got an opportunity to pen an article about director Elia Kazan's film version of F. Scott Fitzgerald's unfinished novel *The Last Tycoon*. The piece was published in an alternative weekly and it garnered the attention of an editor at the

Boston *Globe*. An interview led to a position as a “second-string” critic and then ultimately, as the newspaper's top film reviewer.

When an editor at the *Globe* invited Blown to the race track one day. It sparked a new interest and, eventually, a new career. Blown became an owner with several partners, and, in time, found himself working on the back stretch of Suffolk Downs for trainer Carlos Figueroa to learn more about race horses.

After retiring from the *Globe* in 2000, Blown accepted a position as the Operations Manager for the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation in Kentucky, and soon after, in 2003, he launched Old Friends, the non-profit Thoroughbred Retirement Facility in Georgetown, KY., that now supports over 200 retired horses, including 21 stallions, in six locations.

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