2019 Dutch Cousins Event Speakers

THURSDAY September 12, 2019 Kick off!

6:30 pm: Surprise program to be announced.

FRIDAY: 10:45 am: Dr. Kirk W. Pomper, Director of KSU Land Grant Programs, will speak on "*The Paw-Paw Story*." He directed KYSU's first pawpaw variety release to the public and this variety is being sold by nurseries nationwide. Dr. Pomper received both a B.S. and an M.S. in Horticulture from the University of Minnesota in 1985 and 1989. He received a Ph.D. in Horticulture in 1995 from Oregon State University. Dr. Pomper also serves as a Professor of Horticulture and is Curator of the USDA National Clonal Germplasm Repository for pawpaw species at KSU.





Friday 6:30 pm: Vincent Akers: "The Beargrass Stations, Brook's Spring and the Westerfield Massacre." Our own Vince Akers of Indianapolis, retired after 31 years as head accountant at Cummins Engine Company, serves as our Dutch Cousins financial officer and is the driving force in restoration and preservation of the Old Mud Meetinghouse, as well as foremost historian of the Low Dutch history. Vince will tie in the Low Dutch Station marker, the Brook's Spring, and the Westerfield details, in his inimitable, spellbinding, storytelling way.

Friday 7:00 pm: Dr. Stephen Henry, MD of Louisville, will speak on "The Parklands of Floyd's Fork" introduce the Parklands which we will tour on Saturday. Dr. Henry, a well-known orthopedic surgeon and former Lieutenant Governor, has been instrumental in securing the historical markers. His wife, Heather French Henry, our forever Miss America, is the 2019 Democratic candidate for KY Secretary of State.

SATURDAY: 11:30-5:30 Vince Akers, Steve Henry, and Charles Westerfield will be narrators on the bus trip to dedicate historic roadside markers honoring the Dutch heritage at sites near Louisville.



6:30 pm, Keynote speaker Eddie Price will present, "The Battle of Blue Licks."

A retired history teacher, and author of the award-winning Kentucky historical novel, Widder's Landing, Mr. Price appears in costume and makes you believe he is living the last battle of the American Revolution in 1782. Although none of our Low Dutch were at the battle, some were with the militia that arrived late and stayed around for the gruesome task of burying the dead. His program is complete with colorful slides depicting the western theater of the war and more.

SUNDAY: 2:00 pm: Worship service at the Old Mud Meetinghouse, speaker Russell Gasero. (Gates will open at 1:00 for the group photo.), Mr. Gasero, of New Brunswick, NJ is archivist of the Reformed Churches of America, formerly the Dutch Reformed Church. He will be speaking on Jeremiah 6:16-20 and 2 Timothy 4:9-12. His message will focus on the

strength we have based on our families and our heritage. The worship service will follow the form used at the time of worship at Old Mud.





MONDAY: 10 till 3: Harrodsburg Historical Society Research Library and Dutch Archives under direction of Amalie Preston of Salvisa. Amalie is a board member of Dutch Cousins, and the James Harrod Trust, as well as spearheading the Harrodsburg Historical Society's Old Mud Restoration Committee.