

Hopewell Museum Honored for Paris City School's Exhibit "150 years of Academic Excellence"

Historic Paris/Bourbon County Hopewell Museum was honored Friday night at the Annual Kentucky History Awards in Frankfort. The Museum was recognized for the 2015 exhibit entitled "Paris City Schools: 150 years of Academic Excellence." The event took place at the Old State Capitol, one of KY's most venerated historic buildings.

Doris McFarland, Curatorial Chair of the Museum (and retired librarian at Paris) and Paris Superintendent Ken Bicknell accepted the award. Retired Superintendent Gary Wiseman was heavily involved in sponsoring and creating the exhibit but was unable to attend. Several other members from the community attended as well.

The Paris exhibit drew on the resources of the entire community, which was extraordinarily generous in lending and donating items. Everything from photos of long past teachers and administrators, to report cards, a majorette uniform, athletic paraphernalia, academic awards, and alumni recognition trophies. All were brought in, cataloged, and tagged for how they were to be displayed. The exhibit was well attended, as many visitors signed the guest register for the first time to catch the display. At the opening reception, Paris graduates wore the school colors of orange and black.

The current exhibit at the Museum is "Creative Harvest 2016," a display of work by local artists.