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# First, the obligatory Cat Pictures



**STORM**



**PEPPER**

# Where to start...

**Look at PLACE** - your community/locale. Do you have historic buildings? Do you have a site connected to a historic event? What is your main street like? Your business district? What about schools and churches? Is there a food, beverage, or crop that is famous in your area?

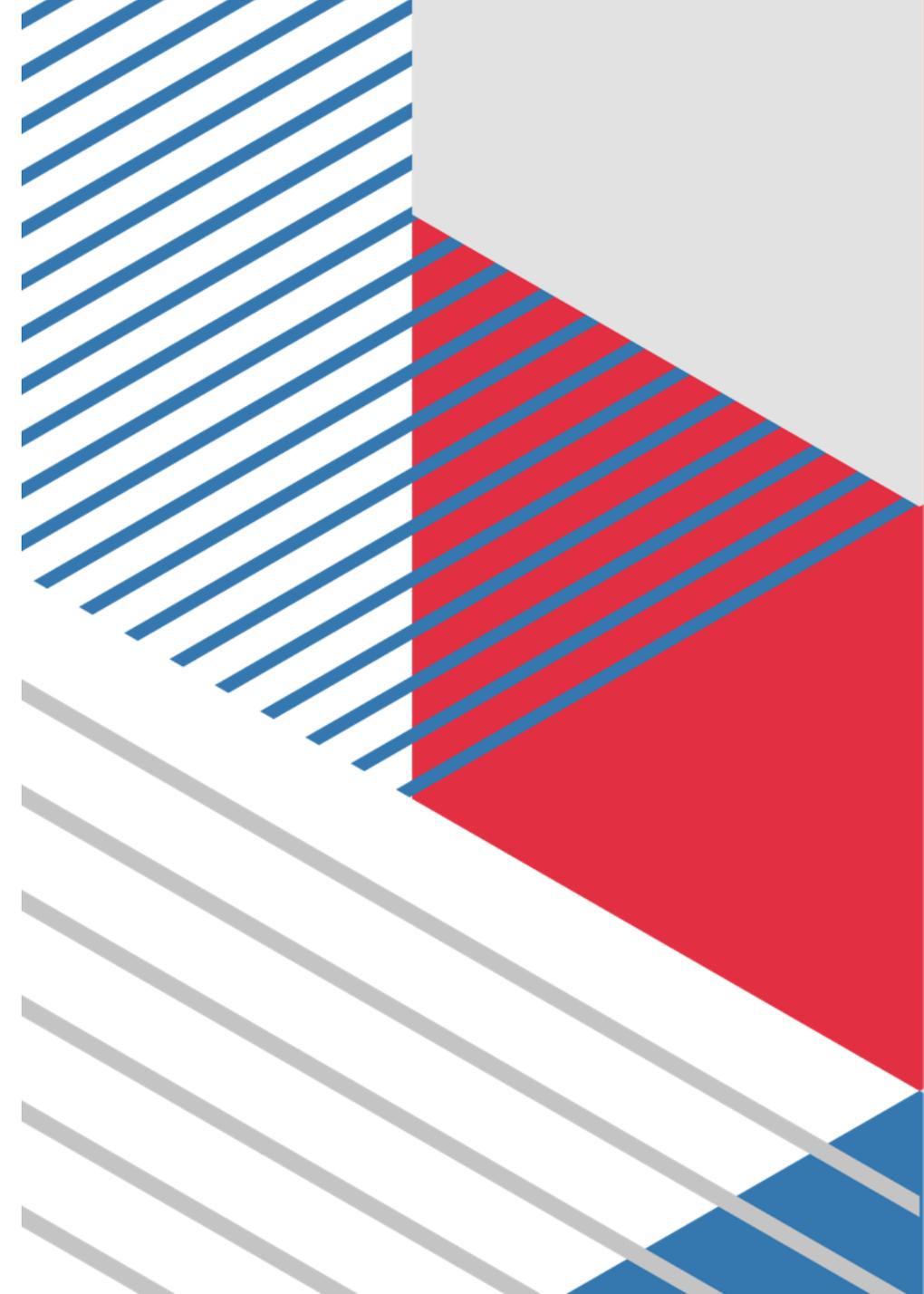
**Look at TIME** – dates on the calendar that connect to your community. Was there a certain event that happened there? Were there people in your community who were touched by a historic occasion?

**Look at PAST PROGRAMS.** Have you done something in the past that could be duplicated or tweaked slightly to work for this?

**PARTNERS.** Choose local businesses and institutions to work with you on this project, even if just in an advisory role.

# Connecting to PLACE

- **Walking tour of downtown**
- **Driving tour of historic churches/cemeteries**
- **Historic highway marker “hunt”**
- **Presentation on a local historic site with a pass to visit added to circulating collection**



# Connecting to TIME

**Check [history.com](https://www.history.com) "this day in history" for possible program content**

- **Antique Roadshow type programs for free appraisals of family heirlooms**
- **Grandma's Attic: bring in unusual artifacts from bygone days and explain their usage (this is great for tweens and teens too)**
- **Inter-generational programs: Something that connects old and young.**



# Connecting to PARTNERS

**Kentucky Historical Society**

**Local historic sites**

**Chamber of Commerce**

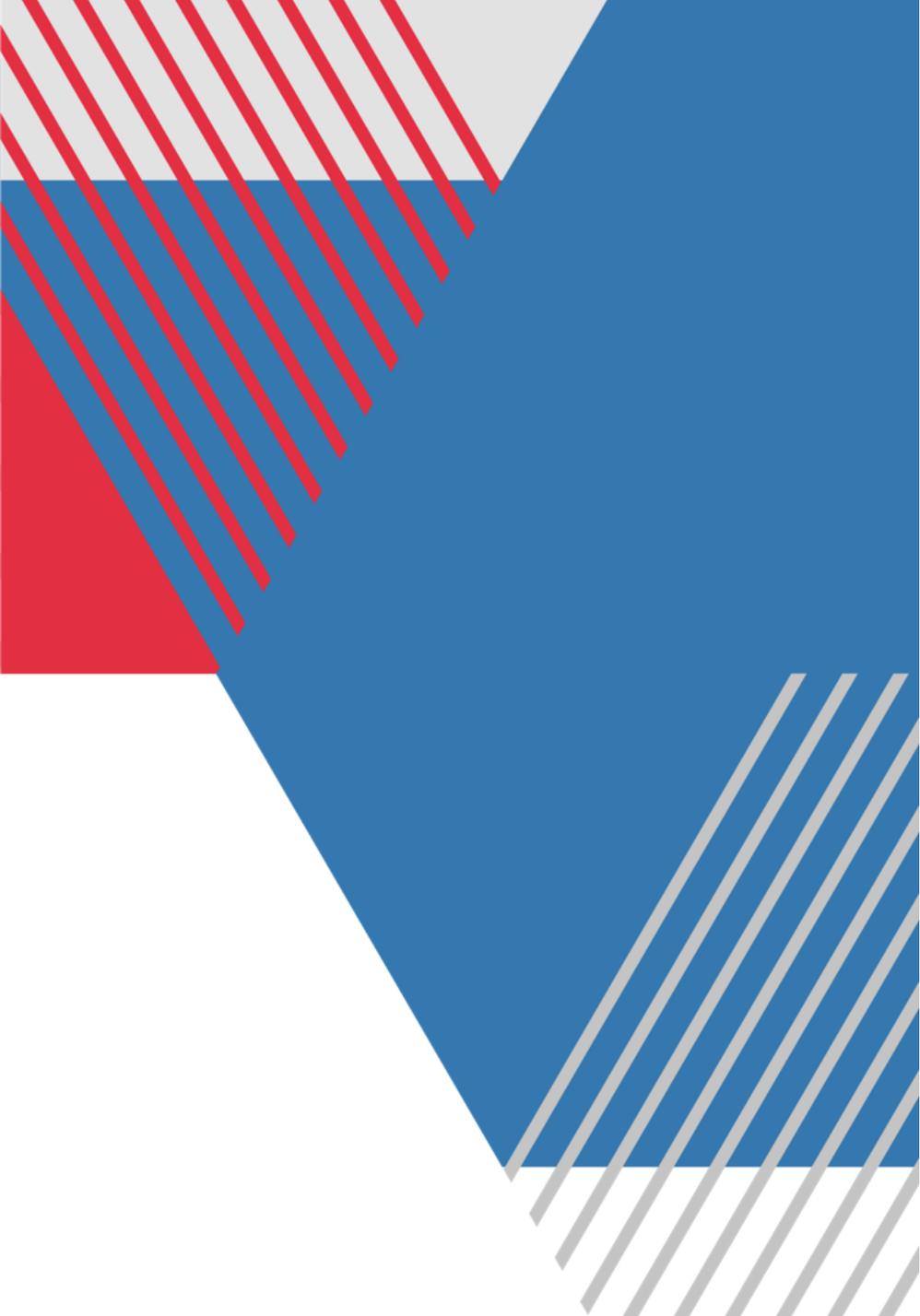
**Tourism**

**KDLA**

**Historic churches, schools, institutions**

**Neighboring libraries – often they have local presenters  
who are willing to come to you!**

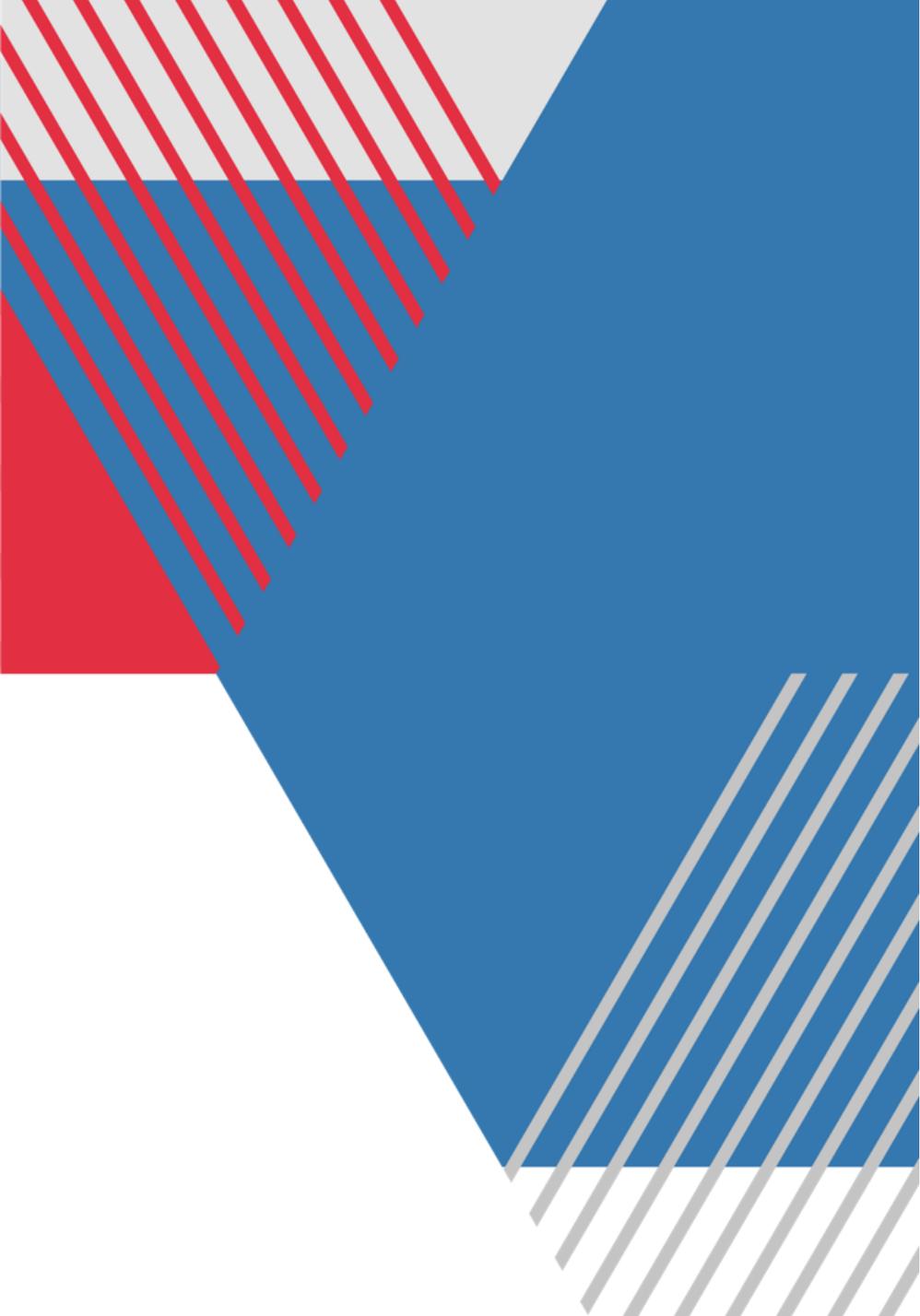




# What We Have Done

## General Lafayette's Visit:

- **LaFayette: Hero of Two Worlds** - Presentation by Dale Henley.
- **Mystic Wind: Choctaw Social Dances and Drum Circle Performance** – America 250 Grant funded program. In recognition of the Choctaw Academy in Georgetown, KY
- **The ABCs of Bourbon** – Mary Myles presented the history and details of Bourbon distilling
- **The Heart of the Turf: Racing's Black Pioneers** – traveling exhibit and lecture series from the Keeneland Library



# What We Are Planning

**Antique American Weapons**

**Historic Springhouses/Caves**

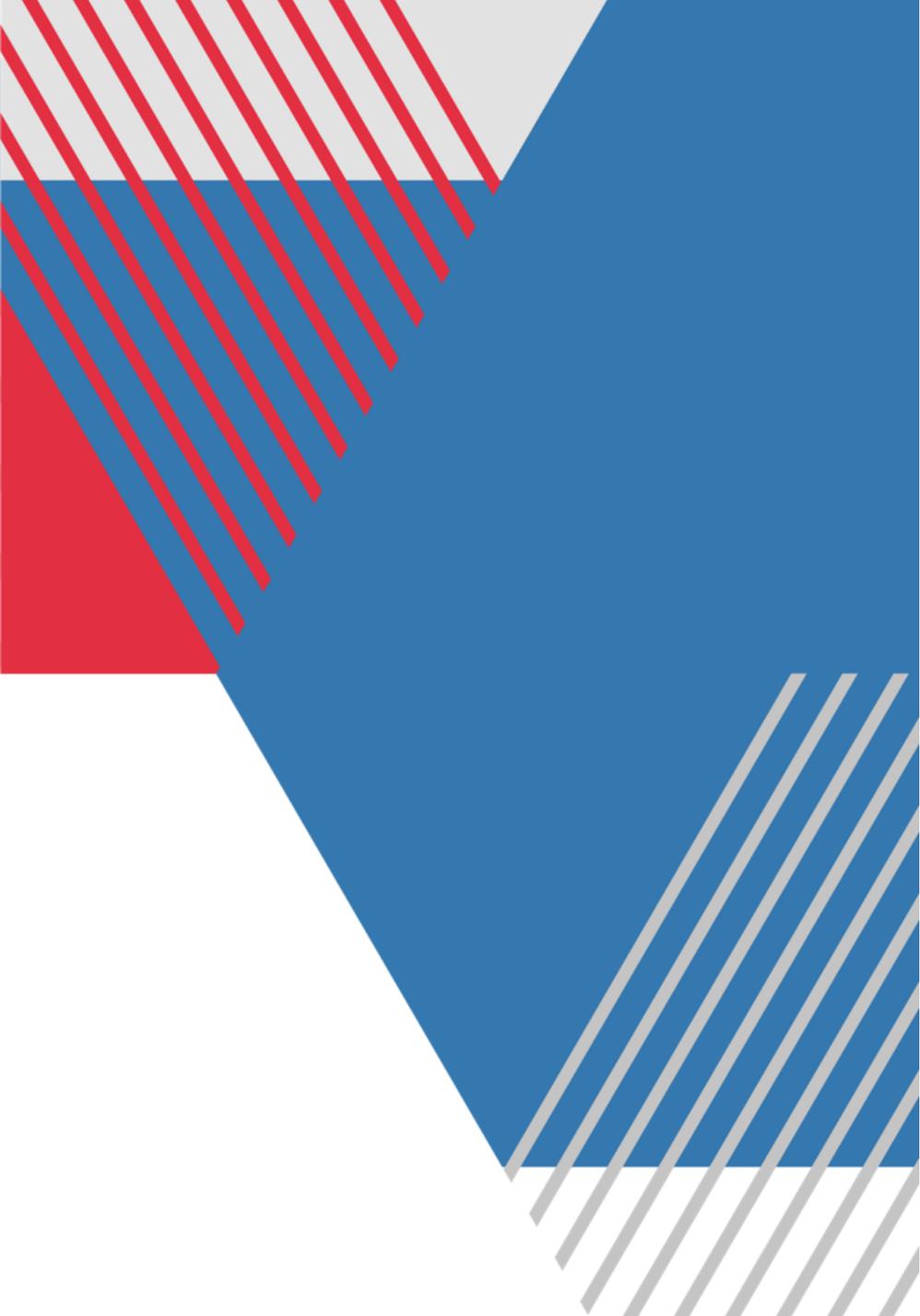
**Cleaning Gravestones**

**Preserving Family Artifacts** (clothing, scrapbooks, photos)

**Collecting Family Stories**

**Chautauqua Presenters** (various)

**Book Discussion – *Great Crossings: Indians, Settlers, and Slaves in the Age of Jackson***



# Resources

- <https://history.ky.gov/>
- <https://history.ky.gov/participate/america250ky>
- <https://kdla.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

# Questions & answers

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