

KENTUCKY MUSEUM

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The Kentucky Museum has its origins in the establishment of the Kentucky Building in 1939 as a place for “Kentuckians to know Kentucky.” Today, the Kentucky Museum continues this charge while increasing interdisciplinary knowledge of, appreciation, and respect for a collection representative of South Central Kentucky. As a teaching museum, we conduct research, preservation, and interpretation in a variety of fields, with special emphasis on fine, decorative, and folk arts; clothing and textiles; toys; political memorabilia; and other culturally significant items from our community.

Mission Statement

The Kentucky Museum enhances the academic mission of Western Kentucky University and provides quality educational and cultural experiences for our campus and community.

Vision Statement

The Kentucky Museum is a teaching museum with premier cultural collections utilized to complement, support, and challenge the academic experience. We also provide a gathering place for our campus and community to come to know and celebrate who they are as individuals and Kentuckians in the 21st century.