

Friendship International

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THE KENTUCKY DERBY

The first Saturday in May is an exciting day in Kentucky! All eyes turn to our neighbors in Louisville, where the world-famous Kentucky Derby is held at Churchill Downs. The main race, when 3-year-old Thoroughbred horses race 1.25 miles, is often called the "Run for the Roses," because the winning horse is draped with a blanket of beautiful red roses. It is also called the "Fastest Two Minutes in Sports" because the race itself is that short!

The Kentucky Derby is not just a race—it is a celebration of Kentucky's long history of horse culture. Horse breeding, training, and racing are a major part of life and the economy here.

People celebrate with Derby Day parties, dressing up in spring dresses and nice suits, and wearing fancy hats. Hats are an important tradition, going back to the very beginning,, and became even more popular when the race started being shown on TV in the 1950s. It turned the event into a kind of national fashion show!

Today, wearing a Derby hat is a beloved Southern tradition. Derby hats for women range from small and elegant to big and extravagant, often decorated with feathers, flowers, and ribbons.

The 151st Kentucky Derby will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, airing live on NBC and streaming on Peacock.

Here in Lexington, you can also experience horse racing at Keeneland in April and October. Did you know that the Keeneland grounds are open to the public every day of the year? [Click here for more.](#)

Join us at Friendship on Friday, May 3rd to learn more about Kentucky's horse culture and this famous event—and don't forget to wear a Derby hat for fun!



UPCOMING DATES

May 2	Horses + Kentucky Program
May 3	Kentucky Derby Day
May 9	Class Show & Tell (last day for programs)
May 11	Mother's Day
May 16	Last Day of Friendship - Indoor Picnic (No Childcare)

Do you have a Star Wars fan in your house?

Sunday May the 4th is "Star Wars Day" and the Lexington Public Library is hosting various events to celebrate. [Click here for a listing of what is going on at the library branches around town on Sunday May the 4th.](#)



Sunday May 11th is Mother's Day In the U.S.

Do you have a special mother or mother-figure in your life you would like to honor? Consider sharing a meal, sending a card or flowers, or simply calling them to say, "I love you!" [Click here for more ideas on how to celebrate Mother's Day.](#)

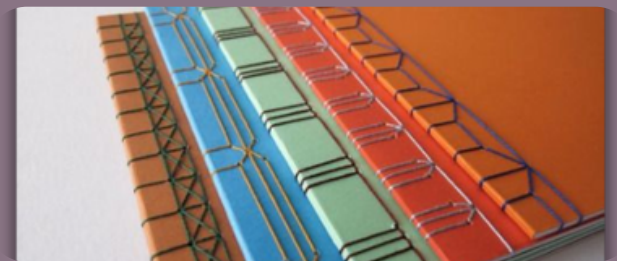
Learn Japanese Stab Binding!

Saturday, May 03

11:00am - 1:00pm

Lexington Library Eastside Branch

[Click here for more](#)



Restaurant Roundup: Meet your new favorite Lexington restaurants

If you like to try out new restaurants, you are in luck! New restaurants are always popping up in the Lexington area. Check out the article at the link below to read about all the new restaurants that have opened in the area in the past few months, plus which ones are opening soon.

[New Lexington Restaurants](#)



[15 MASON JAR GIFT IDEAS FOR MOTHER'S DAY](#)



[MAKE KENTUCKY HOT BROWN SLIDERS FOR DERBY DAY!](#)