

PET PERSONALS



JEBB

My name is Jebb, and I'm a one-year-old Border Collie/English Coonhound Mix, and I've been lookin' for love in all the wrong places. There's nothing I enjoy more than a chilled toilet bowl to drink from and propping my feet up after a hard day's work. Am looking for a companion who enjoys outdoor adventures without too many diagnosed neuroses. Outgoing is a must! Visit Jebb at the Woodford Humane Society's Adoption Center today! To adopt, call 859.873.5491 or visit woodfordhumanesociety.org.



MISS NUBIA

Are you the one for me? My name is Miss Nubia, and I'm a two-year-old domestic short-hair black cat lookin' for a good time. A perfect evening for me is dinner and dancing with that special someone. Full figured families are fine by me. We're all beautiful in our own way. Take me home, and let's see if we jive. To adopt, call 859.873.5491 or visit woodfordhumanesociety.org.



WHISKA

I'm so new to this! My name is Whiska, and I'm a dainty tabby and white female domestic short-hair cat. I'm really looking for the strong, silent type who can take care of me, but also show their sensitive side. Also, if you make a great salmon mousse, my heart is yours! To adopt, call 859.873.5491 or visit woodfordhumanesociety.org.



KODIAK

Me: a male brown and white Husky mix who loves the outdoors and whippin' up some good old-fashioned country cookin'. You: a like-minded individual (or family) who knows how to have a good time, but also knows when to get serious. Life goals are important to me, and they will be to you if we are to connect. To adopt, call 859.873.5491 or visit woodfordhumanesociety.org.



MEET A BURRITO BROTHER

Hi! I'm Burrito, and I'm an 8-year-old TWD-SHC (tabby white domestic short-hair cat) ISO a loving partner to enjoy moonlit strolls and reruns of A Prairie Home Companion with. Hope to hear from you soon! To adopt, call 859.873.5491 or visit woodfordhumanesociety.org.

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Deserving Design

Vern Yip hits town
for Woodford Humane's
Freedom Fest
By Cappy Tosetti

Freedom Fest is Woodford Humane Society's annual fundraising event at Darley's Gainsborough Farm where top designers ranging from Jon Carloftis to the team from L.V. Harkness will transform the stallion stalls into elegant dining rooms and nooks. The two-day event offers dining and dancing, guided farm tours, live and silent auctions, and *Scenes of Gainsborough: Act II*, an exhibit of original artwork.

Starting off the festivities on Friday is **Bone Appetit Day**. It begins with breakfast in the morning with HGTV's Vern Yip, designer "Meet & Greet" visits throughout the day, the silent auction, tours of the farm, and a catered luncheon. Some of the adoptive dogs from WHS will be there to mingle and hopefully find a prospective home. (No feeding them from the table please.)

This year's breakfast speaker is Vern Yip of *Deserving Design*; he also serves as a Judge (and gets to sit next to Cynthia Rowley) on HGTV *Design Star*. That's where he gets to use words like "nauseous." Yip will share design tips and a behind-the-scenes look at HGTV.

Midway neighbor and friend, Frank Gardner, retired Senior Vice President of E.W. Scripps Company and Chairman, Scripps Networks, first thought about having guest speakers travel to the event, such as his good buddy, Kenneth W. Lowe, who founded and launched Home & Garden Television (HGTV), The Food Network and Fine Living. The first breakfast speaker in 2005 was Kentucky native and renowned garden designer/author, Jon Carloftis, who shared his passion for serendipity and creativity in the garden.

Each presenter from HGTV approaches FreedomFest from their perspective as animal lovers first.

Yip is proud to have four rescue dogs, Bob, Scooter, Hank, and Schmo. When invited to travel to the Bluegrass, Yip immediately said Yes after learning more about Woodford Humane Society and the unique concept of designers creating spaces in the stallion barns. He can't wait to see their work.

Vern is literally hopping a plane smack-dab in the middle of a busy shooting schedule in Atlanta for an upcoming episode of *Deserving Design*, arriving late Thursday evening and returning to work after the breakfast on Friday.

"I have a soft spot in my heart for homeless animals," Yip said in-between camera takes, "Helping spread the word about adopting these wonderful dogs and cats is truly an honor, and it will be a delight being part of Freedom Fest."

"Having Vern as a guest speaker is so exciting," says Freedom Fest co-chair, Debbie Graviss. "We know just how busy he is, and we're so grateful for the time he's taking to be here."

On HGTV's current lineup, Yip is front and center as a judge for *Design Star* (he refuses to reveal any front-runners; check local listings for the Sunday night schedule).

Fans of *Deserving Design* have come to appreciate his sense of style and compassion. That's the main concept of the show – featuring families and individuals who go the extra mile in helping and inspiring others.



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Designing interiors and working in television is a dream-come-true career for Vern, who was born in Hong Kong and moved to the United States with his family as a young boy. He actually thought at one time of becoming a doctor and graduated pre-med from the University of Virginia, but followed his passion for working in architecture. He switched majors and finished his studies with a Bachelor of Arts in economics and a Bachelor of Science in chemistry, then earned an M.B.A. and Master of Architecture from The Georgia Institute of Technology.

In addition to television production, Yip runs a design company in Atlanta, Vern Yip Designs, with an international client list that includes projects designing homes, restaurants and parties.

How does he stay on track? He laughs and explains his body has no blood; instead his veins "are filled with Diet Coke!" ■

Freedom Fest info, www.woodfordhumanesociety.org 859.873.5491.

Bone Appetit Day at Darley's Gainsborough Farm, Friday, July 18

9am - 10:30am — Catered breakfast with guest speaker Vern Yip, \$50, which includes all the events excluding the lunch.

10:30am - 12:30am — Designer Meet and Greet Tours of the design stalls, tables and nooks, as well as meeting the designers who created them

10:30am - 1pm — Silent Auction, including Scenes of Gainsborough: Act II Silent Art Auction

11am - 2pm — Guided Tours of Darley's Gainsborough Farm

12pm - 1:30pm — Catered luncheon featuring signature dishes by local caterers and restaurants, emceed by Channel 36's Michelle Rauch and Megan Newquist (SOLD OUT)

FreedomFest event at Darley's Gainsborough Farm, Saturday, July 19

Doors open at 6pm; catered buffet dinner, a cash bar, designer dining stalls; a Woodford Reserve tasting table, both silent and live auctions with music by Catch 22, in addition to tours of the Gainsborough Farm. The event is being emceed by Channel 36's Michelle Rauch and 630 WLAP's Leland Conway. The silent auction will include items such as tickets to the Ryder Cup in September, and local artist Marilyn Sadler's signature painting for the event. The cost is \$125 for general admission, and \$1,100 for a designer table for 10.

You can get tickets by calling the Woodford Humane Society at 859.873.5491 or visiting www.woodfordhumanesociety.org before 6pm on Thursday, July 17. Advance tickets only please!

The Stall Designers include:

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