



# Kentucky Spirits: From Grain to Glass Experience

Hosted by the Dames of the Kentucky Chapter

The Kentucky Dames will host a summer experience focused on the ecosystem of distilling bourbon and the businesses that can be built from creating an excellent distilled product and brand. This five-day experience will be tailored to the Awardee and can include:

- A mentorship experience working with bourbon brand founders and executives, master distillers, tasters, and blenders, including pioneering women and Dames in the spirits industry, in agriculture, and in the business of barrels. This will include understanding how a brand meets a need or offers something different, studying grain selection and the mash bill, plus controlling the distillation process, barrel aging (and cooperage), and blending.
- Meeting with brand leaders, including Dame Judith Hollis Jones (founder) and Dame Laura Coomes (VP of Marketing) at [Buzzard's Roost](#), to understand the role of brand management, marketing, and commercial functions in creating a brand and business that will grow and sustain. Learn how brands are nurtured and the work that goes into defining, communicating, and building equity in a brand.
- Building brand experiences around a distillery environment – visitor experiences, tourism, and education. This includes meeting with the leadership of the bourbon visitor experiences to learn what goes into their creation and development, the day-to-day management of the experience, and its impact on sales and brand growth.

Enjoy the hospitality of Dame Maggie Keith at her guest house at [Foxhollow Farm](#).



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*The ideal candidate for this experience is a woman with 4+ years of career experience in food, beverage, or hospitality and is seeking a long-term career path in the distilled spirits industry.*

*Timeline: June or July 2026 preferred and mutually arranged between Awardee and host chapter*

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