

## **Introduction of Erika Wardlow**

Erika Wardlow was an East Coast transplant, growing up in the Washington, D.C. suburbs and moved to Kentucky in 1988. Her husband, two-year-old daughter and she found a home just on the Jefferson County / Oldham County line where they lived for about 14 years before moving to her current home in Crestwood.

She is retired from the Oldham County School system now and happily enjoying her almost full-time hobby of gardening!

Erika is an actor and has worked onstage at Little Colonel Players in Pewee Valley and at Shelby County Community Theatre. She has done some film and commercial work; but really prefers the live action of stage and interactive improv acting. She supports the Little Colonel Players, Oldham County's only community theater by serving on the Board of Directors and when not onstage, works behind the scenes with renovations to the historic theater, stage managing and costume and prop acquisition.

As a costumed interpreter for the Oldham County History Center, she has performed as Delia Webster, an important local figure in the Underground Railroad. Her life's work as an Underground Railroad Conductor made an important contribution to the movement of enslaved people from the Kentucky region across the Ohio River to freedom.

She is honored to contribute to the knowledge about such a significant time in our region's and our nation's history.