

# Boone County Historical Society



September-October, 2014

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITS

### VETERANS' DAY EXHIBIT AT THE BCHS MUSEUM 11am—3pm SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014:

Let's honor Boone County's members of the Greatest Generation as well as Boone County Veterans of every era. Share your photos or diaries,



mementos and souvenirs, medals and uniforms, from the Revolutionary War to Afghanistan.

If your family has a flag that was draped over your beloved soldier's casket, whether it's in a triangular flag box or hanging over a hanger, please affix your name and phone to the bottom and bring it for our special display of veterans' flags.

BCHS Member Martin O'Madden will bring items from 4 family members who fought in WWI. We look forward to viewing his exhibit.

## "200 YEARS OLD: THE GAINES TAVERN" BY CONNIE GOINS 7 PM THURSDAY, SEPT. 18 AT THE BOONE CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY

Connie Goins, the most enthusiastic promoter of the Gaines Tavern History Center, will present a program about the historic structure at its 200-year mark.

Connie is Administrative Clerk and Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Walton which currently owns the Gaines Tavern. A life-long resident of Walton, she has been working for the City for 20 years, and is a member of the Gaines Tavern Board of Directors.

This year, visitors from as far away as California to Massachusetts have come to see the historic site. Two of Abner Gaines's Great-Great-Great Grandsons from Texas who had never met



previously came to the Gaines Family Reunion this summer.

Connie's program will include lots of photos as well as interesting facts about the Gaines family and other owners of the building over the years.

The program begins at 7pm Thursday, **September 18, 2014** at the **Main Library**, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky. The public is invited, so bring interested friends and neighbors.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 20:** Mary Sue Rudicil, Dennis Rich, and Sandra Rouse will exhibit their extensive collection of memorabilia from the old Citizens' Bank in the Belleview Bottoms and the Boone State Bank. This will be the second in the series of programs on the history of banking in Boone County. **7pm Thursday, November 20, 2014 at the Main Library.**

**HISTORIC BURLINGTON CHRISTMAS EXHIBIT AT THE BCHS MUSEUM, FRIDAY EVENING and SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 & 6:** In conjunction with Historic Burlington Business Association's Holiday event, we'll exhibit Steve Conrad's mid-'50s American Flyer train, vintage dolls and old-time toys borrowed from your attic! We also need vintage Christmas decorations. *PS: We need a crafty teacher to help youngsters make an old-fashioned toy, or perhaps a pot holder for his mother for Christmas.*

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

\* **200th Anniversary of Gaines Crossroads Tavern** in Walton, Noon-4pm Saturday, Sept. 20.

\* **Annual Boone Woods Arts & Crafts Show** 11-4pm Sunday, Sept. 21.

\* **Dinsmore Harvest Festival**, Noon-5pm Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27-28.

\* **Dinsmore Gala**, 6:30 pm Friday, Oct. 10, Airport Marriott. Reservations required: 586-6117.

**7pm Thursday, JANUARY 15, 2015 at the Main Library:** **RON BUCKLEY** presents the second of his series on the **PIATT FAMILY OF BOONE COUNTY**. This program follows his continuing archaeological exploration and research of Piatt's Landing, the site of Robert Piatt's home (Duke Energy's complex) along Boone County's Ohio River shoreline as well as Federal Hall, Jacob Piatt's property near the Judge Cropper Bridge (I-275) to Indiana.

*If you would like to loan any items relating to any of our Museum exhibits, please call Virginia Lainhart 689-7240, Pat Yannarella 835-2435, or Betsy Conrad 371-5882.*



This Green Line bus dating from the 1950s was exhibited during Boone County Heritage Day and Chalkfest.

*Back copies of selected Northern Kentucky Heritage magazines will be available at our meetings for your donation. Our thanks to KCHS's Karl Lietzenmayer and John Boh for this opportunity.*

## FITZGERALD INVENTORY

The Fitzgerald Collection is currently being inventoried by a team of Historical Society members. The collection consists of materials collected by the late William and Ann Fitzgerald of Florence over the course of their lives.

The materials have been digitized by the Boone County Public Library's Local History Department, and the original items have been assigned to the Boone County Historical Society's keeping. If you would be interested in assisting with this inventory project, please contact Betsy Conrad for further information.

## HISTORIC MARKER APPLICATIONS

At the July meeting, the members of the Boone County Historical Society voted unanimously to apply for two historic markers for the 2015 season. The first proposed marker application will be submitted for placement in the Petersburg Riverside Park with the **Distillery** on one side and the **Loder House** on the other. The second proposed marker is to honor **Dr. Sperti Sperti** and would be located in the Sperti Park in Burlington.

The applications are due at the Kentucky Historical Society's offices on October 1, 2014. **Bridget Striker** and **Matt Becher** are assisting in the documentation and proposed text for the markers.



## BOONE COUNTY HERITAGE DAY AND CHALKFEST



Sien Baker Whitmire in period costume, demonstrates spinning in the BCHS Museum.



The People's Choice Award went to Buck Turner of Florence. The theme for this year's sidewalk chalk art competition was "Music."



Jane McGraw demonstrates caning a chair seat in the BCHS Museum.

Alpacas from Linda Salsbury's Eagle Bend Alpaca Farm were a great hit with the youngsters.



Ray Stallworth is proud of his 1965 Mercury Comet.



Members of the Boone County Visual Arts Association displayed their artwork.



Bobby Engle shows off his 1939 Ford 4-door sedan.

Boone County Heritage Day and Chalkfest is a joint production of the Boone County Historical Society and the Historic Burlington Business Association with assistance from the County of Boone.

## THE BCHS MUSEUM

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Directions: I-71/75 Exit 181

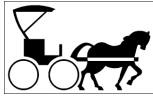
(KY 18 Burlington Pk). Proceed westbound 4.6 miles, turn right at the first traffic signal (Bullittsville -Burlington Road aka Garrard St.); turn left into the Boone County Administration Building parking lot. The Museum is the small white brick building marked "County Court Clerk's Office...1853" The street address is

2965 Gallatin Street, Burlington, KY 41005.



Artwork by Pattie Purnell

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### ABOUT THE BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The **mission** of the Boone County Historical Society is to develop awareness and promote appreciation of the history of Boone County, Kentucky.

The Boone County Historical Society provides program meetings at 7pm on the third Thursday evenings of January, March, May, July, September and November.

Meetings (except for July) are held at the Boone County Public Library, Main Library, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky. July "out-and-about" meetings are held at various locations around the County.

The Society hosts a number of exhibits at the BCHS Museum (*see page 3*) each year. Most items for these exhibits are borrowed on a temporary basis from our members and friends, and do not belong to the Society. We greatly appreciate being entrusted with these loaned items that relate to our exhibits.

Items in our permanent collection have been donated by individuals and families who desire to share with others items of historical significance to Boone County. Their generosity is gratefully appreciated.

Annual membership fee is \$15 per household, due every January. This covers the cost of printing and mailing our newsletters. Checks, payable to the Boone County Historical Society, can be mailed to the Boone County Historical Society, P.O. Box 23, Florence, KY 41022-0023.

The Boone County Historical Society has received a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status — all gifts to the Society are tax deductible.

All programs and exhibits are free and open to the public.

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