

Boone County Historical Society



November-December, 2014

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITS

HISTORIC BURLINGTON CHRISTMAS EVENT ...

MUSEUM OPEN Dec. 5&6, (Friday 6-8pm and Saturday 10-4):

The County, Historic Burlington Business Assn., and the BCHS join in Christmas celebration. We'll exhibit Steve's mid-'50s

American Flyer, vintage dolls and old-time toys *borrowed from your attic!* Do you have

an old-time dolly or toy you cherished as a child or vintage Christmas decorations that we

could display? *If so, please*

call Virginia Lainhart 689-

7240, Pat Yannarella 835-

2435, or Betsy Conrad 371-

5882. Friday evening brings

hot chocolate at the gazebo

with live music (Bowman

Music School), Santa arrives

at 6pm to light the big tree at

6:30. See KY Farm Bureau's

Lionel Trains, B.C. Animal

Shelter's Pet Parade, visit

shops and restaurants, special

events at Dinsmore, etc.

**MARY SUE RUDICILL, SANDRA ROUSE AND DENNIS RICH
7 PM THURSDAY, NOV. 20 AT THE
BOONE CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY**

NOVEMBER 20: Mary Sue Rudicill, along with Dennis Rich, and Sandra Rouse, will present a well-researched program and extensive collection of memorabilia from the old Citizens' Deposit Bank which was located in Belleview, and Boone State Bank, the financial institution that purchased the old bank. This will be the second in a series of informative programs on the history of banking in Boone County.



Citizens' Deposit Bank of Grant, KY, organized in 1909, building erected in 1927.



Mary Sue Rudicill, Dinsmore Board Member, and enthusiastic preserver of Boone County's historic past!

The program begins at 7pm Thursday, **November 20, 2014** at the **Main Library**, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky. The public is invited, so bring interested friends and neighbors.

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO DR. BARBARA BARDES

The Historic Dinsmore Foundation's Immediate Past President, Dr. Barbara Bardes, generously gave eight tickets for the recent Dinsmore Gala to the Boone County Historical Society. What a wonderful gift! Our members who benefited from that gift were BCHS Boardmember Wilma McMillian and her husband, Don; BCHS Boardmember Betty Poole and her son Mark; Woody and Cindy Schuster; Pattie Purnell, and Mary Alice Markesbery. (See photos on page 3.)

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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.

7pm Thursday, MARCH 19, 2015 at the Main Library: To be announced.

7pm Thursday, MAY 21, 2015 at the Main Library: JIM DUVALL and Friends reminisce about high school sports in Boone County.

HISTORIC MARKER APPLICATIONS

Applications for two historic markers have been submitted to KY Historical Society; approval is anticipated in early December.



The first relates to the Petersburg Distillery/Loder House and would be erected in the Petersburg Riverfront Park (above); the other relates to Dr. George Sperti Sperti (Sperti Park is off East Bend Rd.)



FITZGERALD INVENTORY

The Fitzgerald Collection is currently being inventoried by Historical Society members. Collected by the late William and Ann Fitzgerald over the course of their lives, the items were digitized by the Boone County Public Library's Local History Dept., and the originals were assigned to BCHS. If you'd be interested in assisting with this project, contact Betsy Conrad.



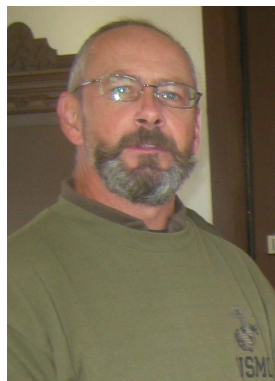
These are just a portion of the cartons. So many boxes, so little time!

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.

THANKS TO OUR VETERANS WHO PROVIDED VETERANS DAY EXHIBIT ON NOV. 8



J.L. Foster brought his Air Force Uniform.



For the 100-year anniversary of World War I, BCHS member **Martin O'Madden** displayed an exhibit of four of his family members who fought in "the Great War."

BE A PART
OF SOMETHING



MAMMOTH

An invitation to all Boone County Historical Society members:

Come join the **Friends of Big Bone (FOBB)**, the Museum Center, and Big Bone Lick personnel for an **Open House from Noon to 4pm Saturday, Nov. 22**. See how the revitalization of the Visitor Center will look and learn about Big Bone's historical and scientific significance. The event will be at **Big Bone Lick State Historic Site, 3380 Beaver Road, Union, KY 41091 (859/384-3522)**.

In June 2014, **FOBB** was awarded a \$70,000 grant from the RC Durr Foundation, and in addition, it presented FOBB with a unique challenge — for every dollar donated by the public, the Durr Foundation will match it up to \$70,000 thru Dec. 2015.

With the initial grant, the revitalization of the Visitor's Center has begun and the redesigning of the thematic cases will be completed by May 2015. The cost of the entire project is \$206,500.

Our region is fortunate to have an historical gem in the form of Boone County's Big Bone Lick State Historic Site. BBL has been designated the birthplace of American Vertebrate Paleontology, but a lack of resources has prevented the effective display of the large fossil bones that have given the park its name.

FOBB and Big Bone State personnel have developed a partnership with the Cincinnati Museum Center which has brought energy and expertise to the project. KY State Parks has agreed to the revitalization and will assume all maintenance and operating costs going forward.

You may donate online at www.FriendsOfBigBone.org or by mail to Friends of Big Bone, P.O. Box 675, Union, KY 41090. FOBB is a 501(c) (3) Corporation, thus donations are tax exempt.

DINSMORE GALA PHOTOS



BCHS Members **Cindy and Woody Schuster** were Dinsmore Gala guests of Dr. Barbara Bardes.



BCHS Board Member **Wilma McMillian** and her husband **Don** enjoy the Gala for the Dinsmore Foundation.

You're Invited . . .

CITY OF FLORENCE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING, 6-8pm Tuesday, Dec. 2 at the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Blvd. Steve and Betsy will represent the Boone County Historical Society with the display of Steve's 1950's American Flyer Train. This huge holiday event is free and open to the public, so bring the grandchildren!

THE BCHS MUSEUM

Boone County Historical Society expresses appreciation to the Boone County Judge/Executive and Fiscal Court Commissioners for permission to use the Old County Clerk's Office as a repository for items of historical significance to Boone County's heritage.

Directions: I-71/75 Exit 181

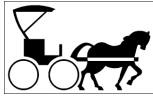
(KY 18 Burlington Pk). Proceed westbound 4.6 miles, turn right at the first traffic signal (Bullittsville -Burlington Road aka Garrard St.); turn left into the Boone County Administration Building parking lot. The Museum is the small white brick building marked "County Court Clerk's Office...1853" The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

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