

Boone County Historical Society



January-February, 2016

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS

March 17: Historian Tom Schiffer will present an illustrated program on the 1937 flood and its effect on the towns and people in Boone County.

March 19: Northern Kentucky Regional History Day at NKU (see article inside).

May 19: Mary Unterreiner, Executive Director of the Boone Conservancy, will present “Preserving the Past and Present for the Future.”

July 9: Boone County Heritage Day and Chalkfest

July 21: Annual “Out-and-About” meeting location to be determined.

September 15: Terry W. Lehmann, author of *The Green Line*, will tell us about the buses we rode from the Smith Street (Florence) turn-around to downtown when we were young.

November 17: (to be determined)

December 2-4: Historic Burlington Christmas

River Cities Retrospective: Music and Musicians...

John Schlipp, Presenter

7pm Thursday, January 21



The Boone County Historical Society will have a short business meeting followed by the program titled **River Cities Retrospective: Music and Musicians featured in Gateway City — Covington.**

The presenter is **John Schlipp**, Associate Professor Librarian, NKU/Steely Library. He will present the development of the region’s music and musicians and how their works resonate yet today. From the early days of riverboat melodies, ragtime, and blues to mid-century country & western, bluegrass, and rhythm & blues, the Tri-State’s music still influences contemporary sounds such as Hip-Hop, Country and Jazz. Presentation background is from content John contributed for the comprehensive books **Gateway City: Covington**



Kentucky, 1815-2015 and The Encyclopedia of Northern Kentucky.

The event is open to the public and cosponsored by the Boone County Public Library.

Invite your friends — **7pm Thursday, January 21st, in the Boone County Public Library**, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington.

KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HONORS BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S LOCAL HISTORY DEPARTMENT

The Local History Department of the Boone County Public Library received the Thomas D. Clark Award of Excellence which recognizes an institution for outstanding achievements and for raising the relevance and visibility of history in its community.

The award was given at the KHS annual membership meeting and history awards presentation Nov. 6 in Frankfort. The KHS cited the BCPL staff for: serving as a genealogical and local history resource for researchers, providing important history-related community programming, creating a digital archive of more than 12,000 items including photographs, oral histories, videos and primary source materials — most of which are accessible online, developing and maintaining the online encyclopedia *Chronicles of Boone County*, and researching and analyzing Boone County's role with the Underground Railroad which has led to tours, field trips, classroom visits, online exhibits and digital toolkits for teachers.



Boone County Public Library's Local History Department receiving the Thomas D. Clark Award of Excellence. To right: Robin Edwards, Hillary Delaney, Bridget Striker, Michael Hammons (KHS Governing Board president), and Kaitlin Barber.

The Boone County Local History Department was created in 2005. At the presentation, KHS noted that its projects and programs have successfully used volunteers and that it has developed important partnerships that have helped to sustain its work. KHS commended the department for “showing how a small staff can make great waves in the field of public history.”

Editor's note: *The Boone County Historical Society adds its “CONGRATULATIONS” to the kudos Bridget Striker and her very capable staff have already received. We are proud to be one of their partners, and grateful for all the research and assistance they have provided to us.*

Current BCHS Board Member **Wilma McMillian** has advised she cannot accept a re-nomination for Board Member when her 3-year term concludes in January 2016. Therefore another BCHS member will be sought to fill this position. If you are currently a member and have interest in serving on our Board, please advise one of the current officers or board members. We express our deep appreciation to Wilma for her service on the Board.



Betsy, Pat and Wilma ready to hand out bookmarks to students at Burlington Elementary's Halloween Costume Parade.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Kenton County Historical Society hosts a program entitled "Touring the Floodwall Murals Without an Overcoat" given by **Karl Lietzenmayer**, Senior Editor of *Northern Kentucky Heritage* at **10:30 am Saturday, January 16th at Erlanger Library**. Survey the incredible history of Northern Kentucky as depicted in Robert Dafford's beautiful murals. From pre-European times through the early pioneer settlement and into the 20th century, events discussed in detail will include the Roebling Bridge, artists Frank Duveneck and Henry Farney, and escape of Margaret Garner. Doors open at 10am. Free of charge.

Behringer-Crawford Museum's Brown Bag Lunch Series features The Hills of Kentucky Dulcimers in a mid-day concert at **11:30 am, February 25**. Bring your own lunch; drinks and dessert provided. \$5 for museum members and \$13 for future members. RSVP to 859/491-4003.

REGIONAL HISTORY DAY AT NKU SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016



Northern Kentucky Regional History Day at Northern Kentucky University will be held 9am to 2pm, Saturday, March 19, 2016. As always, Boone County Historical Society will have a display.

This is the 23rd annual event which includes a variety of related displays, seminars and the possibility of discovering more about your particular interests than you ever thought possible! The opening address will be presented by Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, whose topic will be "John A. Roebling and His Suspension Bridge on the Ohio River." Previously Dr. Tolzmann served as curator of the German-American Collection and Director of the German-American Studies Program at the University of Cincinnati.

This year's workshop speakers will include Steve Oldfield, Don Rightmeyer, Eric Jackson, Bob Webster, Elaine Kuhn, and others (the entire schedule is still being determined.) Tickets are \$8 in advance, or \$10 at the door. Car-pooling is recommended. Contact Steve, Betsy or Pat if you're interested.

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.



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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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