

# Boone County Historical Society



November–December, 2016

## UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS

**December 2 & 3:** Historic Burlington's Christmas at the Museum. Our theme this year is *"Mid-Century Modern Christmas"* so if you have some toys or decorations from the '40s through the '60s, please allow us to borrow them. Steve Conrad will set up his 1950s era *American Flyer train* which always excites the youngsters! And we'll display some toys and dolls from that time along with holiday decorations. Santa will stop by, too! We partner with the Historic Burlington Business Association and the County of Boone for this event.

**January 19, 2017:** Thomas A. Strohfeldt, former Curator of Ohio History Connection. Hear the story of Stephen Ruddell based on his testimony of being captured as a boy in Kentucky and adopted into the Shawnee tribe. Learn about Ruddell's connection with the Tecumseh. Co-sponsored by BCPL.

Upcoming speakers for 2017 include Dr. Richard Crisler of North Bend, Kentucky and BCHS member Ed VonEye.

## Dr. Paul Tenkotte: Germans in Northern Kentucky, 7pm Thursday, November 17

The Boone County Historical Society is pleased to welcome Paul A. Tenkotte, Ph.D, for his presentation entitled *More than Beer, Brats and Polka: Germans in Northern Kentucky*. The event is cosponsored by the Boone Co. Public Library, and is free and open to the public.

Dr. Tenkotte is Professor of History and Director of the Center for Public History at Northern Kentucky University. He is a frequent speaker on regional topics and has co-edited, with colleagues, three recent books including the 450-page *Gateway City: Covington, Kentucky, 1815-2015* (Clerisy Press, 2015), the 250-page *Cincinnati: The Queen City* (Cincinnati Museum Center, 2014), and the 1,048-page *Encyclopedia of Northern Kentucky* (University Press of Kentucky, 2009). He has authored or edited hundreds of newspaper and journal articles, and been a con-



sultant to more than a dozen public television documentaries, including the Regional Emmy-Award-winning *Where the River Bends: A History of Northern Kentucky* (2007) and *Sacred Spaces of Greater Cincinnati* (2008). Here's your opportunity to learn more about those German folkways, traditional foods and polka music.

Invite your friends — **7 pm Thursday, November 17, at the Main Library.**



## ELECTION OF TWO OFFICERS NEEDED IN JANUARY (DUES DUE IN JANUARY)

As 2016 draws to a close, two of our Officers will have completed the terms for which they were elected. **President Betsy Conrad** and **Vice President Virginia Lainhart** are currently serving their second terms, *therefore may not be re-elected to those positions* according to this organization's By-Laws. Those positions must be filled in January 2017.

**Treasurer Steve Conrad** and **Secretary Pat Yannarella**, whose current terms will be completed by our January 2017 meeting, may serve an *unlimited number of two-year terms if re-elected by the membership*. Both have agreed to continue in these posts *should the members concur*. The floor will be opened for nominations from others interested in those two positions prior to the vote. *If you are a member of this Society and would be willing to serve in either of these positions, please contact Betsy at 371-5882 or Pat Yannarella at 342-BOOK.*

Board members may serve an unlimited number of three-year terms if re-elected by the membership. **Betty Poole** and **Brent Johansen** are each currently serving the second year of their three-year terms. **Ron Buckley** is currently serving the first of his three-year term as Board member. Thus no election is required for any Board member position at this time.

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT UPDATE . . .

At our September meeting, those present chose to "pass the basket" to provide a monetary gift toward the expenses of **Eagle Scout Joseph Kiely**. His project was to improve the condition of the Graves-Duncan Cemetery in Hebron. A total of \$144 was collected at that meeting to help Joseph with some of his expenses.

The Boone County Chapter of the D.A.R. and the Simon Kenton Chapter S.A.R. have invited our members to attend a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony honoring Revolutionary War Captain John Graves (Joseph's 6th Great Grandfather), and a celebration of this young man's excellent accomplishments.

The invitation appears at the right. This ancient cemetery happens to be located in the back yard of one of the homes in the Tree Tops Subdivision, and the current owners have



graciously agreed to provide access for the ceremony. If you intend to go, please be aware of the parking limitations.

The Boone County Historical Society will be filming the ceremony and copies of the resulting DVD will be placed in the Boone County Public Library so everyone will be able to view this very special event.

The Boone County Chapter  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
*and*  
The Simon Kenton Chapter Sons of the American Revolution  
*invite you to attend the*  
Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony  
*honoring*  
Captain John Graves, Revolutionary War Soldier  
*and celebration of*  
The completion of the Eagle Scout Project for Joseph Kiely,  
6th great-grandson of Cpt. John Graves  
*and induction of family members into*  
The Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution  
2:00 pm Sunday, November 20, 2016  
Graves-Duncan Cemetery  
1468 Sequoia Drive, Hebron, Kentucky  
*Reception immediately following ceremony*  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary Campus, Burlington, KY*

## PETERSBURG BAPTIST 100TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

The Congregation at **Petersburg Baptist Church** celebrated the Church's 100th Anniversary on Sunday, November 6.

BCHS member **Mary Belle Porter**, whose father was the first pastor of the church, was presented a framed picture of the historic church.

BCHS Officers Steve and Betsy attended the celebration along with several other members of the Historical Society.

We greatly appreciate the congregation's hospitality and the opportunity to learn more about the remarkable history of the Church.

## UPDATE ON HISTORIC MARKER FOR C.C.C. SITE IN WALTON

The application for the historic highway marker for the Civilian Conservation Corps campsite in Walton has been approved by the Kentucky Historical Society!

Our gratitude goes to **Matt Becher** who wrote the application and to **Bridget Striker** who helped gather and verify the documentation needed. Next, **Boone County Historic Marker Chairman Dennis Vesper** and BCBS **Treasurer Steve Conrad** will meet with **W-V School Superintendent Storer** and the KY Department of Highways officials to determine the exact spot for the placement of the marker. The dedication date will then be determined for the Spring of 2017.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM: 6-8PM FRI., DEC. 2 & 9AM – 3PM SAT., DEC. 3



Steve's 1950s American Flyer Trains!!!



Santa himself!



Katie Presnell conducted Children's Crafts last year.

## THE BCBS MUSEUM

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Directions: I-71/75 Exit 181 (KY 18 Burlington Pk). Pro-

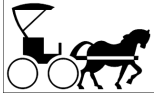
ceed westbound 4.6 miles, turn right at the first traffic signal (Bullittsville-Burlington Road aka Garrard St.); turn left into the Boone County Administration Building parking lot. The Museum is the small white brick building marked "County Court Clerk's Office...1853" The street address is 2965 Gallatin 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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