

Boone County Historical Society



January—February, 2017

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS

March 16: Our own member, Ed VonEye, will bring a fascinating presentation on the **Floodwall Murals in Covington**. Ed has extensively researched and presented programs about Northern Kentucky's historical assets for many years.

May 18: *(tentative)* **Dr. Richard Crisler** of North Bend, Kentucky.

July 8 (Saturday) Boone County Heritage Day & Chalkfest. BCHS will utilize a tent to present and portray Boone County's rich history during this event in the spacious area behind the Administration Building.

July 20: *(tentative)* Instead of our annual "Out-and-About," we will meet under the dome in the cool Main Library where **Karl and Peggy Lietzenmayer** will perform a musical tribute to Stephen Foster at the recently acquired circa 1867 Square Steinway Grand Piano.

Sept. 21: **Dr. Paul Tenkotte** returns to us with his presentation on the **Roebing Suspension Bridge**.

November 16: **The Lloyd Library** will be present a program about **John Uri Lloyd** and his life works.

According to our Webmaster Jim Duvall, our website has received over 218,000 hits!

Thomas A. Strohfeldt: *Stephen Ruddell & the Shawnee*, 7pm Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017 Main Library

The Boone County Historical Society is pleased to partner with the Boone County Public Library in welcoming **Thomas A. Strohfeldt**, former Curator of the Ohio History Connection (formerly Ohio Historical Society) for his presentation entitled ***Stephen Ruddell & the Shawnee***.

Hear the story of Stephen Ruddell based on his testimony of being captured as a boy in Kentucky and adopted in the Shawnee tribe. Learn about Ruddell's connection to Tecumseh.



The event is cosponsored by the Boone Co. Public Library, and is free and open to the public.

Invite your friends — 7 pm Thursday, January 19, at the Main Library.

THANK YOU

To **Virginia Lainhart**, for her many years of valuable service to the Boone County Historical Society as President and Vice President, as well as her service to the Boone County Bicentennial Book Committee which was the catalyst for the re-organization of this Society. Her husband **Don** also served both the Society and the Bicentennial Committee by Virginia's side. We miss them both so much, and pray for their health and safety.

Likewise, we thank **Wilma McMillian** and **Katie Presnell**, both of whom have served this Society so faithfully and have recently declined to continue on the Board. We enjoy their continued attendance and help with special projects.

OFFICIAL NOTICE: A VOTE TO BE TAKEN 7PM THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017 REGARDING PROPOSED REVISIONS OF BYLAWS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As officially announced in the BCHS newsletters dated Sept.-Oct. 2016 and Nov.-Dec. 2016, as well as in the President's comments during the November 17, 2016 meeting, an election of officers is required by our Bylaws. This is necessary due to the recent resignation of Vice President **Virginia Lainhart** and the conclusion of the second term of President **Betsy Conrad** who may not, according to the *current* Bylaws, be re-elected to that position. Treasurer **Steve Conrad** and Secretary **Pat Yannarella** have agreed to serve another 2-year term in their respective positions, if re-elected. **Betty Poole** and **Brent Johansen** are each currently serving the second of their 3-year terms (through January 2018) as Directors. **Ron Buckley** is currently serving the first of his 3-year term (through January 2019) as Director.

A call was issued for interested members to volunteer as nominees for these open positions. When no eligible volunteers came forward, the Board contacted **Tom Schiffer**, who agreed to serve as Vice President, if elected, and if his wife **Carol Schiffer** could participate, if elected, as a member of the Board. Both are dues-paying members, long-time Boone County residents, well known in the community, and well respected for their expertise in local history, river boat piloting and shooting. The Board did also receive a letter of interest in serving on the Board from **Kathy Meyers**, who became a dues-paying member in January, 2017.

After the adjournment of the November meeting, suggestions were received by the President from more than one member that the organization consider amending the Bylaws to allow the President to continue in that office beyond the two consecutive terms. That suggestion was brought before the Board at their December 15, 2016 meeting, and after discussion, the Board agreed to recommend that certain amendments to this organization's Bylaws be approved to ensure the vacancies on the Board could be filled. Furthermore, **Betsy Conrad** agreed to continue serving as President if the necessary Bylaw changes were approved by the membership, and if, of course, she were re-elected by the membership. Since that meeting, **Kathy Meyers** paid dues and became a member.

The current Board is unanimously recommending an increase of the number of Directors from three to five rather than four because the total number of Officers and Board Members would be nine (9), an odd number, as opposed to an even number. The Board also unanimously recommends lifting the succession restriction for all Board positions. The Bylaws may be amended by a three-fourths vote of those voting, with notice having been given at the previous meeting, and by written notification of the members. The vote will be taken by ballots. Volunteers will be needed to tabulate the ballots — please let Betsy or Pat know if you can help.

The proposed amendments to the BCHS Bylaws are as follows (**text to be eliminated appears in red ink; text to be added is underlined**):

Article Four, Section 1: The officers shall be a President, a Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, each of whom shall be elected for terms of two years, and **three** five Directors, each of whom shall be elected for a term of three years. *(This amendment would increase the number of Directors from three to five.)*

Article Five, Section 4: **With the exception of the Treasurer and the Secretary, a A person who has been elected as an Officer or Director shall not may serve more than two (2) successive terms, and shall not be nominated to the same office unless one (1) year has elapsed between the end of his/her last term and the beginning of the term for which he/she is nominated** an unlimited number of successive terms if re-nominated and re-elected to the position. *(This amendment lifts the succession restriction for all Board positions.)*

Because of the requirement to give previous-meeting notice, as well as provide written notice to all members that the Board is proposing Bylaw amendments in addition to the election of Officers and Directors, we shall re-schedule these official actions to the MARCH 16, 2017 meeting rather than the January Annual Meeting. Until the election, current Board Members will continue in their previously elected positions.

NOMINEES FOR ELECTION ARE:

Election of Officers & Directors will be held during our meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at the Main Library. Assuming the proposed Bylaw amendments are first approved to allow unlimited number of consecutive terms for Board Members and creating two additional positions of Director, the nominees are:

President (2-year term): **Betsy Conrad** or _____

Vice President (2-year term): **Tom Schiffer** or _____

Treasurer (2-year term): **Steve Conrad** or _____

Secretary (2-year term): **Pat Yannarella** or _____

Director (3-year term): **Carol Schiffer** or _____

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Nominations from the floor will be accepted as long as the nominee affirms his willingness to serve. Members will receive printed ballots with the names of nominees, as well as spaces for nominees from the floor, if any.

NORTHERN KY HISTORY DAY

The annual Northern KY History Day will be held 8am-1pm Saturday, Mar. 25, 2017, at the Boone Co. Public Library's Main (not NKU). Key-note speaker (9am) **Dr. Paul Tenkotte**, author of *Cradle of the Arts: Mother of God Catholic Church*. Registration, Vendor and Sessions info on bcpl.org. Free parking! Volunteers needed: 342-2665 ext 8131. Help spread the word about this worthwhile event.!

HISTORIC MARKER FOR WALTON'S CCC CAMP

The Kentucky Historical Society has approved the wording for our historical highway marker commemorating the Civilian Conservation Corps' Camp that once occupied the site where Walton-Verona Middle School is now located (corner of Alta Vista and School Road). The dedication date in the spring will be announced shortly.

BCHS TO RELINQUISH ACCESS TO OLD COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE MUSEUM DURING RESTORATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF HISTORIC COURT HOUSE

The County of Boone has advised the Boone County Historical Society that they will need to use the front part of our Museum (the Old County Clerk's Office) for records storage during the repurposing the historic Boone County Court House which is to be utilized for public gatherings, exhibits, art events, etc. The project is anticipated to be completed at or near the end of 2017. During this coming year we will hold our Board meetings at the Main Library.

"Thank you" to **Judge Gary Moore and the Fiscal Court Commissioners** for preserving that historic Court House, as well as the old County Clerk's Office which we have the privilege of occupying. We appreciate their willingness to preserve these historic structures, and for their support of and interest in the Boone County Historical Society.

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.

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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. We are fortunate to partner with the Boone County Public Library.

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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