

Boone County Historical Society



March—April, 2017

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS for 2017

May 18: *(to be determined)*

July 8 (Saturday) Boone County Heritage Day & Chalkfest. Along with the Historic Burlington Business Association, BCHS will celebrate **Kentucky's 225th Anniversary** during this event in the spacious area behind the Boone County Administration Building. This event includes a vintage auto display, refreshment vendors, and displays by Boone County Visual Arts Association members.

July 20: Our annual "Out-and-About" — We'll celebrate **Kentucky's 225th Anniversary** "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 fascinating presentation on the **Roebling Suspension Bridge**.

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

Ed VonEye presents Covington's Flood Wall Murals, 7pm Thursday, March 16, 2017 at the Main Library

The Boone County Historical Society is pleased to welcome **Ed VonEye**, a faithful and longtime member of our Society, as our presenter this month. Ed has prepared a fascinating Power Point presentation of the beautiful murals that have been painted on the Floodwalls in Covington.



The event will be held at the Boone County Public Library on KY 18, and is free and open to the public.

Invite your friends — **7 pm Thursday, March 16, at the Main Library.**

DEDICATION OF HISTORIC MARKER FOR WALTON'S CCC CAMP SCHEDULED MAY 4

During the late 1930s, one of the Civilian Conservation Corps' encampments occupied the current site of Walton-Verona Middle School (the corner of Alta Vista and School Road). We are grateful for the assistance of Matt Becher in creating the text for this Historic Highway Marker that has been approved by the Kentucky Historical Society. Boone County's Historic Marker Chairman **Dennis Vesper**, along with W-V School Superintendent **Robert Storer** and a KY Transportation Cabinet representative will assist BCHS's **Steve Conrad** in determining the exact location to place the marker.

The dedication ceremony is being planned for **1pm Thursday, May 4th**, and everyone is invited to attend. (Volunteers needed to serve cookies and punch at the conclusion of the ceremony.)

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 three most recent BCHS newsletters (Sept.-Oct. 2016, Nov.-Dec. 2016, and Jan.-Feb. 2017) as well as in the President's comments during the Nov. 2016 and Jan. 2017 meetings, 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. Likewise, **Kathy Meyers** sent a letter indicating her interest in serving on the Board. All three are dues-paying members of this Society, Boone County residents, and genuinely interested in local history.

After the call was issued and no one expressed interest in the Presidency, more than one member urged 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 By-law changes were approved by the membership, and if, of course, she were re-elected by the membership.

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, the election was rescheduled to the MARCH 16, 2017 meeting rather than the January Annual Meeting. Until the election, current Board Members have continued 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-yr term): **Betsy Conrad** or _____
 VicePresident (2-yr term): **Tom Schiffer** or _____
 Treasurer (2-yr term): **Steve Conrad** or _____
 Secretary (2-yr term): **Pat Yannarella** or _____
 Director (3-yr 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 AT BOONE'S MAIN LIBRARY SATURDAY, MAR. 25

The annual Northern KY History Day will be held 8am-1pm Saturday, Mar. 25, 2017, at the Boone Co. Public Library's Main Library (not NKU). Registration 8am. *Free parking! Doorprizes!*

Vendor and Sessions info available online at bcpl.org.

Volunteers needed — Call **Bridget Striker** 342-2665 ext 8131.

Cost: \$8 per person in advance; \$10 per person at the door. . . Send your check to Kenton Co. Historical Society, P.O. Box 641, Covington, KY 41012

NORTHERN KY HISTORY DAY PROGRAMS:

Keynote speaker 9am: **Dr. Paul Tenkotte**, author of *Cradle of the Arts: Mother of God Catholic Church*.

First Session 10:30—11:30: *Beverly Hills Supper Club* — **Robert Webster**; *Civil War Battles of Cynthiana and Harrison County* — **Bill Penn**; *Gold Star Mothers* — **John Graham**; *Freedom Seekers* — **Dr. Eric Jackson**; *Ft. Thomas' 150th Anniversary* — **Debbie Buckley**.

Second Session Noon—1pm: *Orphanages in Campbell & Kenton* — **Dave Schroeder**; *King Cholera in Covington 1832-1873* — **Arnold Taylor**; *Researching Kentucky Records* — **Don Rightmyer**; *Underground Railroad in Boone County's Borderland* — **Hillary Delaney**; *James Dinsmore, Society and Culture in Boone County 1842-1872* — **Cathy Collopy**.

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

BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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2017 Membership Fees (\$15 per household) are now due.

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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:

President: Betsy R. Conrad
Vice President: open
Secretary: Pat Yannarella
Treasurer: Steve Conrad
Board Members: Betty Poole
Ron Buckley
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