

# Boone County Historical Society



November-December, 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fri. 5-8pm, Dec. 7, 2018:**  
**Boone County's Christmas Tree Lighting event!** BCHS will display old-time Christmas toys and trains in the Ferguson Community Center.

**Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019:** Invited guest speaker **Paul Anderson**, owner of the historic Anderson Ferry in operation since 1817 between Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio.

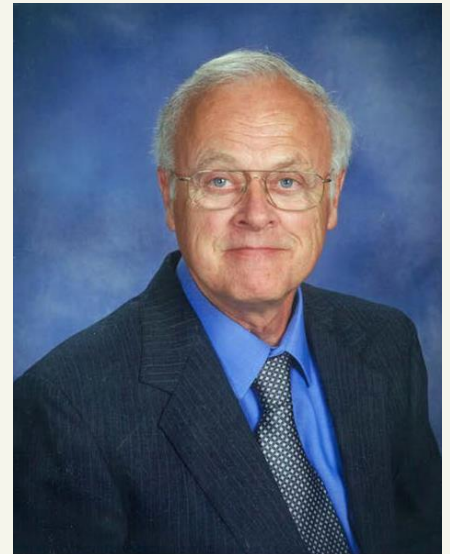
**Thursday, March 21, 2019:** Invited guest speaker **Terry Sawyer** who loves preserving pieces of the past. Where others see a falling down barn, Terry sees a beautiful living room. Where others see a gnarly tree, Terry sees the foundation for a staircase. He turns a dilapidated log home into a home with character. He salvages 200 year old flooring, returning it to its former glory. He epitomizes Historic Preservation.

## ***Ron Buckley presents "Absolom Graves" 7 pm Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018 Boone Co. Main Library***

Mr. Ron Buckley, a member of our Board of Directors, is passionate about archaeology! We are so fortunate to benefit from his extensive work in the most inaccessible sites in Boone County.

**RON** will present the third of his series on the **PIATT FAMILY OF BOONE COUNTY**. The first, presented in January 2014, covered his work on Piatt's Landing, the site of Robert Piatt's home (Duke Energy's complex) along Boone County's shoreline. His second covered his continuing exploration and research on Federal Hall, Robert's brother Jacob Piatt's property near the Judge Cropper Bridge.

This presentation focuses



on Absolom Graves, an important Baptist leader in this area, and the first official Clerk of Court in Boone County. The Graves family arrived in Boone in a flat boat in 1797. The site is thought to have been a Civil War outpost for the North.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Please invite your friends and family members to attend.

## BOONE COUNTY COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING EVENT DEC.7

Here comes Santa Claus! Once again we will celebrate the holiday season with the lighting of Boone County's magnificent tree between the Administration Building and the Ferguson Community Center. Everything kicks off at 5pm and continues through 8pm.

We will have access to the Community Center (formerly the old court house) after 1pm to set up our "old-time Christmas displays" including Steve Conrad's 1950s American Flyer train.

If you have some toys from your childhood, or if you collect antiques that would make a wonderful display, please let us know so we can set up tables for you to set up your items.

We will also need help with setting up and decorating the pre-lit tree that the Conrads provide — we have the ornaments to put on it.

The County will provide light refreshments after Santa Clause makes his grand entrance and proceeds upstairs to the old courtroom to talk with each boy and girl.

Please plan to come early to help us get everything prepared for public viewing!



## HISTORIC MARKER DEDICATION DATE: 3PM SAT., MAY 18

The Historic Marker commemorating Stringtown-on-the-Pike/John Uri Lloyd will be dedicated at 3pm Saturday, May 18, 2019 in the City of Florence's newest park, Crossroads Point Plaza. The location is at the corner of Main Street, Dixie Highway, and Turfway Road. The park's completion was delayed because of the discovery of old gas tanks contaminating the soil — folks of a certain age will remember the gas stations that existed decades ago in that area.



The park, shown here before completion, is now finished, however the turf is still a bit muddy, and winter is rapidly approaching, so we have decided to delay the marker dedication until Spring.

**Please mark your 2019 calendar for  
3pm Saturday, May 18!**

# BEHRINGER-CRAWFORD MUSEUM

Toy trains, Ice-Dancing Dogs and the World of Charles Dickens arrive November 10 at the BCM! Take the kids and grandkids to this fascinating display at 1600 Montague Road, in Devou Park, Covington. Hours Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 1-5pm, closed Mondays.

Phone 859/491-4003;

Website

[www.BCMuseum.org](http://www.BCMuseum.org).



## JUST 3 THROWS REMAINING!

BCHS has already sold all but three of the woven cotton throws ordered last December! The throws feature images of Boone County's iconic sites. The price is \$45 each. If you want to purchase one, email



**Kathy Meyers** kjm99mmm@gmail.com or  
phone 859/282-0104.

## HISTORIC MARKERS COMMITTEE

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we were planning to schedule a meeting of the folks who have expressed interest in being a part of a committee to determine potential marker sites to commemorate Boone County's historical locations, events, and individuals. Unfortunately we have not yet accomplished that task. With the holidays approaching, scheduling the meeting is difficult because there are so many gala events, family gatherings, and shopping excursions to be accomplished.

Therefore we will plan to schedule this committee meeting after the first of the year. Again, if you would be interested in participating in that gathering, please contact Betsy Conrad at 371-5882 or [brconrad@fuse.net](mailto:brconrad@fuse.net).

If you wish to view the data base for all of Kentucky's historic markers, visit this website: <https://history.ky.gov/resources/publications-databases/historical-marker-database/>

## 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  
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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.



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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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